Scouting Alumni and Friends,

In Scouting, young people make lasting friends. As your President and Director and with the support of the Boy Scouts of America Alumni and Business Development, we are very proud to share with you this report of the work of Scouting Alumni & Friends. The Scouting Alumni movement is growing, with an impressive committee of volunteers from all around the country in more than 170 council alumni committees with over 250,000 members. Our goal is to include current Scouts, former Scouts, Scouting families, volunteers, chartered partners, donors, educators, and community leaders in the Scouting Alumni & Friends family. If you would like to connect (or reconnect) with Scouting, or help others to do so, this is your organization.

This year’s annual report includes some highlights:

- **Our 2018-2020 Scouting Alumni & Friends Strategic Plan to help build local Scouting Alumni & Friends Committees and to strengthen affiliate groups in councils across our country.**

- **Resources for local Alumni groups, affiliates, and individuals looking to reconnect:** We offer BSA’s online alumni directory of the largest alumni association, with over 50 million living alumni. Scouting Alumni & Friends now provides grants to councils seeking to foster innovative local alumni programs.

- **More Training Opportunities:** In-person training, training sessions in your region, an alumni conference at Philmont. But also on your laptop or your mobile phone. Archived quarterly conference calls designed to enlighten and connect alumni, professional Scouters, and anyone with an interest in Scouting programs. A new topic or best practice drives every call.

To learn more about the above and many other developments, please visit our website: [www.scoutingalumni.org](http://www.scoutingalumni.org) and “Like” us at [facebook.com/ScoutingAlumniFriends/](http://facebook.com/ScoutingAlumniFriends/)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS SCOUTING ALUMNI & FRIENDS?
Scouting Alumni & Friends is an official program of the Boy Scouts of America that engages current and former Scouts and their family members, volunteers (past and present), and the millions of Americans who benefit from Scouting in their communities each day. Scouting Alumni & Friends allows alumni to continue to stay in touch with BSA programs, hear positive stories about the Scouting’s impact on the community, and learn the latest methods provided by Scouting to transform the lives of young men and women through the tenets of leadership, character development, citizenship, and physical fitness. Scouting Alumni & Friends is also an outlet for alumni to network and collaborate with one another under the common banner of Scouting, which may include participating in service to the BSA or other organizations.

AM I A MEMBER?
Were you ever a Scout or a registered volunteer? Did you ever assist with a troop campout, financially support a Scout, or hike with a Scout unit? Are you a community member who has benefited from local Scouting programs or BSA community service? Our definition of Scouting alumni and friends is intentionally broad because Scouting impacts more than just those who have served in official capacities with the BSA. Whether you are returning to Scouting after a hiatus or are joining us for the first time, we welcome you to join the ranks of 50 million living alumni by registering at scoutingalumni.org/join.

WHERE SHOULD I EXPECT TO SEE SCOUTING ALUMNI & FRIENDS?
You can expect to see Scouting Alumni & Friends at such national events as the National Scout Jamboree and the National Order of the Arrow Conference (“NOAC”). Locally, ask your district or council leadership about your council Scouting Alumni & Friends committee.

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE TO BECOME INVOLVED?
The continuum of involvement in the BSA through Scouting Alumni & Friends is rather extensive (and continually expanding). We recognize that many members join to stay up to date about Scouting. Others may wish to take their membership a step further by lending their time through volunteer support or community advocacy, by contributing their talents, or by making a direct financial contribution. Scouting Alumni & Friends can help you become active again by serving in a volunteer capacity or by helping to identify Scouting outlets for your children in your community through www.BeAScout.org.

HOW IS SCOUTING ALUMNI & FRIENDS STRUCTURED?
Scouting Alumni & Friends strongly believes that the most effective place to reengage alumni is at the local (council) level where Scouting’s primary mission of serving young people is fulfilled. While a small group of BSA volunteers at the national level makes high-level decisions about Scouting Alumni & Friends programs, our primary focus is to create tools that support local Scouting alumni efforts.

DO I NEED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE BSA TO BE A PART OF SCOUTING ALUMNI & FRIENDS?
No, you need not register with the BSA to join (or be a part of) Scouting Alumni & Friends. However, to serve the BSA in any volunteer capacity, you must register, undergo a background check, and meet the BSA’s membership standards.
A Seed From Which Much Can Grow

Over 50 million men and women have actively participated in BSA programs since 1910. Millions more have been positively impacted – directly or indirectly – through the involvement of their family, friends, neighbors, or their own exposure to Scouting programs in schools, religious institutions, or community organizations. In conjunction with the BSA’s Centennial, the BSA determined an alumni association would further perpetuate Scouting’s strong values, engage those who have benefited from Scouting, spread the positive story of Scouting, and continue to assist alumni in their vocational and avocational pursuits.

Formerly known as the Scouting Alumni Association, our mandate as an organization and the composition of our membership has always been broad, making “Scouting Alumni & Friends” a more fitting name. Since our formation, we’ve made considerable progress reconnecting people to Scouting and providing greater resources to foster local alumni efforts.

Our logo is an exemplification of our mission to reconnect millions more to Scouting and to one another.

- The acorn, an established icon of our awards program, symbolizes a seed from which much can grow; it is a call to our membership to spread the word.
- The letter “A,” the initial of alumni in varsity-letter font, represents accomplishment and accompanies the hope of paying forward a legacy of good deeds.
- The central color, Scouting blue, signifies the loyalty inherent in Scouting and the virtue of sticking with our great organization, the BSA.
Scouting Alumni & Friends Affiliates

All Scouting is local, and Scouting Alumni & Friends recognizes that alumni and friends have the greatest affinity for their home unit, summer camp, or staff association. Others hold dear certain national affinity groups with which they have a strong association. The affinities held by our own members have shaped our mission to create resources that promote local alumni efforts. Scouting Alumni & Friends also serves as an umbrella organization for national affinity groups, or affiliates, to foster the development of their own memberships and provide an array of opportunities for the involvement of alumni and friends.

THE AFFILIATE ROUNDTABLE

Since 2015, the national Scouting Alumni & Friends committee has held an “Affiliate Roundtable” at the BSA’s National Annual Meeting, bringing together some of the BSA’s most recognized affiliates (e.g., Order of the Arrow, National Eagle Scout Association, and national high adventure base staff associations, among others). The purpose is to assemble top representatives of these organizations to share ideas, and promote mutual assistance and collaboration. Since that time, participation has grown and Scouting Alumni & Friends has invited additional groups under the umbrella, making the affiliates roundtable event a highly-anticipated annual gathering. The roundtable currently comprises ten affiliates.
Alpha Phi Omega (APO) is a coeducational national service organization developing leadership skills through service projects on college campuses and in communities across the nation. Since its founding in 1925, more than 400,000 students in over 375 chapters have chosen APO in the pursuit of leading through service to others to make the world a better place.

APO members are welcome to serve as chapter officers, plan and execute volunteer projects or social programs, and participate in APO sponsored leadership development programs. Leadership programs are offered to improve members’ skills for work within APO and in their professional lives.

Each year, APO members record more than 750,000 hours of service, and this number continues to grow because of APO’s devoted membership. This equates to an average of 40 hours per active member and around 3,000 hours per chapter. APO continues to provide more service than any other collegiate service organization.

In 2017, Scouting Alumni & Friends created a new and exciting national affiliate group—the American Wood Badge Alumni (AWBA). Recognizing the spirit and enthusiasm of Wood Badgers, it is designed to take us all back to Gilwell—happy land. And, of course, to continue working our ticket, if we can. It is designed to reconnect all who have completed Wood Badge and engage them in activities that benefit local councils through training, service, and communication.

To celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the first Wood Badge courses in the United States, the American Wood Badge Alumni created a special service recognition that can only be earned during the Anniversary year of 2018. Qualifying activities include attending or staffing a Wood Badge training course, participating in an alumni event, recruiting individuals to participate in a Wood Badge course, or contributing or soliciting a contribution to a council Wood Badge scholarship fund. American Wood Badge Alumni will mark the centennial of the first Wood Badge course in England.
The vision of the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) is to support the BSA and fulfill the mission of keeping Eagle Scouts involved in Scouting. This is done through an impressive, all Eagle Scout volunteer group working in 120 local council NESA committees with over registered 140,000 NESA members.

NESA awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors to assist in the pursuit of higher education. In 2017, 141 scholarships worth $575,500 were awarded.

Membership in NESA is soaring—councils are forming active NESA committees, more troops are purchasing NESA memberships for their new Eagle Scouts, and in some cases, councils are purchasing NESA memberships for all their Eagle Scouts. Eagles set goals and achieve them; they go places physically, mentally, and spiritually. These life-changing experiences—and the confidence they provide—form a foundation a Scout can stand on to embrace opportunity and overcome obstacles in life.

The Philmont Staff Association (PSA) is a community of 3,500 men and women who have had life-changing experiences as Philmont staff members that is dedicated to giving the current generation of Philmont staff members the same great an experience. Members are welcome to participate in summer and autumn treks, attend the annual reunion in July at Philmont, or regional reunions held throughout the United States.

In 2017 PSA honored Edward Pease at Mount Vernon, near Washington DC and dedicated its new office building lobby in his name. In October, PSA is hosting a regional event in Tulsa, visiting Philbrook, Philtower & Woolaroc, inviting members to experience the rich history of Waite Phillips & his brother Frank Phillips during their days in the oil business.

The 2017 scholarship program awarded $65,000 to 65 current staff members who are also members of the PSA; another $11,000 was awarded in 2017 trek scholarships to youth pioneering their Philmont experience through a Rayado, ROCS, or STEM trek. PSA has provided funds for several projects including the Staff Dining Hall, The Silver on the Sage Staff Activity Center, Baldy Pavillion, handicap accessible bathrooms at Dining Hall II of the Philmont Training Center, and new camp furniture at backcountry camps. PSA's current 1.5 million dollar Capital Campaign is our “Building HOMe” campaign raising funds for our brand new PSA Office Building (PSA HOMe) and The National Scouting Museum at Philmont. Currently the PSA has raised over 1 million dollars towards this goal.
After more than a century, the principles that have guided the Order of the Arrow (OA) from its founding remain firmly in place, yet have been reenvisioned by a new generation of youth leaders and advisers.

Today, the OA is more dynamic than at any point in its history, allowing members from across the country to connect in real time to share ideas, best practices, and tell the story of their unique OA experience.

The OA instills within its members the concepts of servant leadership to create a lifelong habit of giving to Scouting and to one’s community at large. The Order of the Arrow’s support of local councils, National High Adventure bases, and the National Scout Jamboree continues to increase, in both direct financial support, and in service hours rendered in support of Scouting. Combined, the OA gave $37,298,122 in 2017 in support of Scouting, including 1.4 million man hours worth over $34 million in service to local council projects.

The Summit Bechtel Reserve Staff Association (SBRSA) promotes a continuing interest and support for the vision, mission, and programs at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The association’s membership reached over 1,000 in 2017, comprised of Scouts and Scouters who have staffed SBR’s seasonal, jamboree, shakedown, and training programs.

SBRSA reached an important milestone in summer 2017 by awarding its first ever seasonal staff scholarships to five deserving staff members and supporting Jamboree staff through sponsorship of the Staff Appreciation Show.

Members join the SBRSA to share their enthusiasm for the Summit and its programs with fellow staffers. The wide variety of program opportunities available at the Summit Bechtel Reserve results in a diverse set of members, all of whom are passionate about the property and the special role it plays in the BSA.
The Charles L. Sommers Alumni Association (“SAA”) was founded by former staff members, long-time volunteers, and supporters of Northern Tier. The organization provides a continuing interest in and support for the mission and programs of the Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base and the Northern Tier National High Adventure Program. Members of the SAA have impacted the lives of over 100,000 Scouts and Scouters who have participated in summer canoeing and extreme winter camping adventures. That support ranges from volunteer service hours to financial support, all of which ensure that the mission of “delivering wilderness adventures that last a lifetime” continues for present and future generations of Scouts.

SAA hosts an annual “Seminar Day” for the benefit of staff education on matters of outdoor and guiding skills, as well as an annual alumni dinner. Seasonal staff members may also apply for a SAA scholarship to subsidize higher education costs up to $3,000. SAA members invest some “sweat equity” during the “Alumni Work Week” to benefit Northern Tier programs and facilities.

The Sea Base Alumni & Friends Association (“SBAFA”) is the staff association of the Florida Sea Base. Its mission is to support the staff and programs at the BSA’s premier High Adventure base for ocean adventures. SBAFA, formed in 2005, welcomes not only the past staff, but also friends of the incredible programs offered at Sea Base. Whether you have spent your summers down on the rocks or you simply long for the taste of saltwater in your snorkel, SBAFA is the place for you.

SBAFA supports Sea Base in a number of ways at the Florida Keys, Bahamas, and Virgin Islands program locations, but also through ambassadorship to the Scouting community.

Members support fundraising campaigns that allow us to provide staff hydration devices, assisting with the Sea Base summer staff training and providing “Bucanneer Boxes” (fun packages with treats to make their home away from home for the summer a little more comfortable) to the all staff program areas. Last fall Hurricane Irma devastated the Keys and the Sea Base Alumni and Friends Association put out a call to all members and friends to come serve again, to help restore Sea Base through generous contributions of labor and treasure.
The National Organization of Sea Scout Alumni ("NOSSA") breathed its first breath in late 2015 at the onset of many requests for a specialized alumni group catering to the specific needs of Sea Scouts. The group was created with the mission to “serve those previously involved in Sea Scouts who still believe in the program, and provide ways for them to stay informed and involved.”

In order to focus on fulfilling the “stay informed” portion of the mission, NOSSA created a social media platform to connect the alumni base. By 2018, NOSSA has connected over 500 alumni. With a fully functioning Job Board, the NOSSA website now has the capability to advertise different roles available to volunteers and alumni who want to stay involved with the program. The NOSSA committee has created a Quartermaster-specific subcommittee focused on catering to the alumni that have earned the Quartermaster Award and provide support much in the way that NESASA provides Eagle recipients with alumni support.

In anticipation of Venturing’s 20th anniversary in 2018, a formal alumni association was established. The goal is to connect every generation of Venturing and provide mentoring, fellowship, and networking opportunities for Venturers young and old! The Venturing Officers’ Association will play an integral role as plans are made to launch this new endeavor.

As Venturing gears up for its 20th Anniversary, all are invited to attend VenturingFest, which will take place at the Summit Bechtel Reserve the week of July 1st-July 7th, 2018! Mark your calendars now as you will not want to miss out on this very special celebration.
2018-2020 Strategic Plan

The 2018-2020 Scouting Alumni & Friends Strategic Plan was developed to help build local Scouting Alumni & Friends Committees and to strengthen affiliate groups in councils across our country.

The Strategic Plan aims to capture initiatives which support the following three pillars for the national level, for local councils, and individual members Scouting Alumni & Friends serves:

a. **Tools and Resources** Provide database management, best practices, and “turn key” kits for events/offerings, and other resources to support BSA affinity groups and councils in fulfilling their mission and intent.

b. **Communication** Provide members and affiliate groups with regular, useful, up-to-date communication about the BSA, interest stories, and more.

c. **Benefits and Services** Offer member benefits by leveraging the BSA brand, group buying power, and strategic BSA partnerships.

The following 2018-2020 Strategic Plan will assist the Scouting Alumni & Friends Committee to maximize opportunities on the National and local council levels in order to reconnect individuals with the Boy Scouts of America.

**Communication**

- Increase awareness of Scouting Alumni & Friends.

- Obtain a better presence on social media and on the web for Scouting Alumni & Friends.

- Increase the brand awareness of Scouting Alumni & Friends.

- Grow number of Facebook followers.

- Promote Scouting Alumni “best practices” to units.

- Increase the connectivity between the Scouting Alumni & Friends and other affinity alumni groups.

- Become the central repository for reposting social media content about Scouting success stories.

- Provide members and affiliate groups with regular, useful, up-to-date communication about the BSA, interest stories, and more.

**Membership**

- Develop a Scouting Alumni & Friends support campaign to drive new supporters at all levels; complete the website page to promote new levels of support.
Council Support

- Continue to increase awareness of Scouting Alumni & Friends through creation and promotion of Scouting Alumni “best practices” for units and councils.

- Support and increase the number of council alumni committees.

Awards/Recognition

- Provide recognition to Scouters for their service to Scouting Alumni & Friends.

- Provide financial support, through grant offerings, to expand the reach of council Scouting Alumni and Friends committees.

Finance & Development

- Offer member benefits by leveraging the BSA brand, group buying power, and strategic BSA partnerships.

- Build a financial plan to be self-sustaining.

- Expand the merchandise available through the online Scouting Alumni & Friends Trading Post.

- Creating a donation system to allow the receipt of Scouting memorabilia.

- Create at least one outside partnership with a frequent buyer program.

Affiliates

- Augment the top ten best practices of each national affiliate for the benefit of councils to mimic.

- Obtain “buy-in” from 90% of national affiliates by way of data (contact) sharing.

- Continue to develop the “Scouting Alumni Network” (database), Scouting Alumni & Friends’ greatest tool for national affiliates and councils, based upon relevant feedback for targeted improvement.

- Continue to sustain the success of the Affiliates Roundtable as a much-lauded event during which national affiliates collaborate and share ideas.

- Serve as the foundation for all national affiliates.

- Foster interim discussion, idea-sharing, and communication between Affiliates Roundtables.

- Identify potential opportunities to sell co-branded merchandise and market affiliate-branded merchandise on Scouting Alumni & Friends Trading Post.

- Facilitate cross-collaboration with national affiliates at national events to scale reunions.

- Develop a list of affiliate & council alumni needs (segment by market), then develop the “Scouting Alumni & Friends value proposition” for both groups.

- Implement the “Scouting Alumni & Friends value proposition” with measurable benefits that serve our constituents.

- Consider a pilot program that identifies & engages a specific BSA “affinity group” in order to develop a model that national affiliates (and maybe even councils) can mimic with their own constituents.

- Provide database management, best practices, and “turn-key” kits for events/offerrals, and other resources to support BSA affinity group and councils in fulfilling their mission.
Awards & Recognition

Scouting Alumni & Friends provides opportunities to recognize alumni whose accomplishments further our mission and contribute to the alumni spirit nationwide. These recognitions are provided at three levels of the organization: the local council, regional, and national levels. Council alumni committees are encouraged to develop their own local awards to complement those officially sanctioned by the BSA.

ALUMNI AWARD

The purpose of the Alumni Award is to assist in the recruitment of Scouting alumni. It is presented to an alumnus or alumna who has completed requirements in several areas: alumni identification and promotion, alumni engagement, personal participation, and personal education. A complete list of requirements and a submission form can be found at scoutingalumni.org.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Alumnus of the Year Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed by Scouting Alumni & Friends. The award was established in 2011 to recognize BSA alumni who, over a sustained period, have used the skills and values they learned through their association with Scouting to make significant and long-lasting contributions to our nation through their careers, avocations, and participation in community service, SAF, and council alumni activity. The award is issued at the council, regional, and national levels; the differentiation between the three levels is based upon the sphere of influence and effort put forth by a worthy recipient during their Scouting career.

SCOUTING ALUMNI & FRIENDS LEGACY SOCIETY

Scouting Alumni & Friends established the Legacy Society in 2018 for individuals to make a direct contribution to the national Scouting Alumni & Friends endowment furthering the support of Scouting. The endowment provides direct funding of committee service grants and career networking and encouragement for all Scouting alumni. Fellowship in the Scouting Alumni & Friends Legacy Society is open to any currently registered youth or adult Scouter who has been recognized as a James E. West Fellow.
National Alumnus of the Year
Joseph L. Weingarten

This year’s winner of the National Alumnus of the Year award is Joseph Weingarten of Fishers, Indiana. Mr. Weingarten is a Distinguished Eagle Scout, an author, an entrepreneur and an internationally renowned aerospace engineer with eleven patents. He is also the founder of the Crossroads of America Council National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) committee.

Mr. Weingarten serves on the national Scouting Alumni & Friends committee, has served on five national and two international Scout Jamborees and is the driving force for the Scouting Alumni and NESA online stores. Through his efforts, he has helped Scouting reconnect with the more than 50 million living Scouting alumni to the Scouting program.

PAST RECIPIENTS
2017 Dr. Robert M. Gates, Mount Vernon, WA
2016 Raymond T. Capp, Nashville, TN
2015 The Hon. Edward A. Peasc, Terre Haute, IN
2014 Rick Bragga, Richmond, VA
2013 Dr. David Briscoc, Little Rock, AK
2012 Glenn Adams, Fort Worth, TX
2011 Jack Coughlin, Larchmont, NY

REGIONAL ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Central Region
2018 Dr. Brad L. Epstein, Elgin IL
2017 Todd Plotner, Ann Arbor, MI

Northeast Region
2018 William L. Grogg, Milbrook, NY
2017 Peter Casey, Weston, MA

Southern Region
2018 James Lynch, San Antonio, TX
2017 Rick Bragga, Richmond, VA

Western Region
2018 William C. Larson, Seattle, WA
2017 Rich Brenner, Los Gatos, CA
COUNCIL ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Aloha Council
2018 Helen S. Shiroma-Benevides
2017 Barry K. Taniguchi
2016 Robert Fujimoto

Blue Grass Council
2017 Timothy C. Brown

Blue Ridge Council
2017 A. King Dixon II
2016 Russell H. Smart

Central Florida Council
2016 Barrie Biss

Central North Carolina Council
2017 William C. Cannon, Jr.
2016 Donald P. Schultz

Chattahoochee Council
2017 Ingeborg Wills
2015 Cpt. Frederic M. Sieg

Chickasaw Council
2018 David A. Lucchauer
2016 Buddy Burkett

Cimarron Council
2017 B. Dale Huse

Circle Ten Council
2017 David M. Hamilton

Coastal Carolina
2017 David Allen Coffey

Daniel Boone Council
2018 Richard B. Hurley
2017 Jack C. Cole
2015 Edward A. Pease

East Carolina Council
2017 B. Mayo Boddie, Jr.

Golden Empire Council
2016 Gil Albiani
2015 Kay Albiani

Grand Canyon Council
2017 Gary A. Smith, MD.

Grand Columbia Council
2016 Penny L. Sibley

Great Lakes Field Service Council
2017 Jay S. Botorof

Greater New York Councils
2017 Johannes Knoop

Greater St. Louis Area Council
2017 Dr. Jeanne Sinquefield
2016 Thomas F. George
2015 Richard H. McClure

Greater Tampa Bay Area Council
2017 James L. Ferman, Jr.

Hudson Valley Council
2017 David E. Petrovits
2016 Robert T. Armistead

Longhorn Council
2012 Glenn A. Adams

Mayflower Council
2015 Peter P. Casey

Middle Tennessee Council
2017 Buford L. Reed
2016 U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander
2016 Raymond T. Capp

Mid-Iowa Council
2017 James Wissler II

Minsi Trails Council
2017 Robert Klinger Smith
2016 Edward Cool
2015 Claude E. Kohl, Jr.
2014 Elwood F. Laudenslager

Monmouth Council
2018 Bray B. Barnes
2016 Kurt M. Kalafsky, AIA
2015 Carl M. Marchetti, MD

Nevada Area Council
2017 Edwin A. Ricks

Northwest Texas Council
2015 James T. Hughes

NOMINATIONS FOR ALUMNUS
OF THE YEAR CONSIDER
THE FOLLOWING:

High honor or distinction in
career or avocation;

Significant contribution through
community service to Scouting
or other organizations; and

Demonstrated advancement of BSA
alumni activities at the council, regional,
or national levels that include activities,
leadership, and special accomplishments
or meaningful impact on behalf of
Scouting Alumni & Friends.
COUNCIL ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Pacific Harbors Council**
2018 Michael Moevius
2017 Gary Douglas Stedman
2016 Lesa Leduc
2015 Alan G. Spaulding
2014 Ed Zeiger

**Pathway to Adventure Council**
2017 Donald Harris
2016 Michael Tangen
2015 Dr. Brad L. Epstein
2015 Michael S. LoPresti
2015 Teri L. Ros
2015 David N. Sheppard

**Patriots’ Path Council**
2018 Bill Smith
2017 Lawrence Rosello
2016 Brian R. Haas
2015 John E. Hein

**Pee Dee Area Council**
2017 Diane Bauer

**Potawatomi Area Council**
2017 Lucien Van Elsen

**Quapaw Area Council**
2014 Dr. David L. Briscoe

**Redwood Empire Council**
2016 Richard C. Tallman

**Sequoia Council**
2017 Richard M. Egan

**The Spirit of Adventure Council**
2017 John R. Halsey
2017 Robert L. Wanamaker
2016 Elmer C. Lupton
2014 Marshall M. Sloane

**Three Fires Council**
2018 John W. McKenzie
2017 Jeffrey D. Zavoral

**Trapper Trails Council**
2018 Dennis W. Freeman
2017 Neil Butterfield
2016 Robert K. Petersen
2015 Brent Christensen

**Westchester-Putnam Council**
2011 Jack M. Coughlin

**Western Los Angeles County Council**
2017 Irv Goldring, Esq.
2016 Michael K. Lanning

**Western Massachusetts Council**
2017 Joshua David Hall
2016 John Willemain
2015 Cheryl D. Izyk
2014 Jeffrey W. Glaze
Alumni Service Commemorations

Celebration of the many contributions of volunteers and staff is the aim of the Alumni Service Commemoration.

A very special “thank you” for that Scouter who has served Scouting for 25, 50, or 75 years. Available at bsaalumnistore.com

Grant Program

Scouting Alumni & Friends now awards grants to councils seeking to foster innovative local alumni programs. For more information, contact BSAalumni@scouting.org.

SCOUTING ALUMNI & FRIENDS RECRUITMENT GRANT

Recruitment grants are designed to assist alumni committees in their recruitment of former Scouts and Scouters into their local councils. In most councils, this may simply entail a recruitment event or series of events. The intention of this grant is to offset the cost of such events or a major communication directed at local Scouting alumni. The grant application is straightforward and requires an after-action report.

2018 Recruitment Grant Recipients

- Arbuckle Area Council
- Green Mountain Council
- Mid-Iowa Council
- Old North State
- Tidewater Council
- Far East Council
- Michigan Crossroads Council
- Narragansett Council
- Pacific Harbors Council

SCOUTING ALUMNI & FRIENDS INNOVATION GRANT

Innovation grants encourage council alumni committees to develop highly innovative and creative ideas to attract and recruit Scouting alumni. This is a more sizable grant, the recipients of which shall embody the kinds of best practices that alumni committees throughout the country should seek to replicate. This grant application is more involved, including a more detailed proposal to fund the concept, a budget, and more complete after-action report.

2018 Innovation Grant Recipients

- Alamo Area Council
- Cradle of Liberty
- Lake Erie Council
- Pacific Harbors
- Coastal Carolina Council
- Greater St. Louis Area Council
- Long Beach Area Council
- Patriots’ Path Council
Alumni Resources & Best Practices

In addition to the collaboration among our affiliates, Scouting Alumni & Friends’s primary focus is to develop tools and share resources that council alumni committees can use to host successful alumni events, activities, and reunions, and reconnect more people with Scouting programs. Scouting Alumni & Friends is constantly adding to its resources portal and best practices hub at scoutingalumni.org.

SCOUTING ALUMNI NETWORK

All friends of Scouting and BSA alumni can gain access to the Scouting Alumni Network by registering for membership at scoutingalumni.org. Registered members can view the profiles of other alumni, enabling them to easily network and reconnect. For a preview of this vast network and to update your profile, go to scoutingalumni.org and click the “Alumni Directory” button.

Information about our alumni is available to local councils when SAF members update their profiles. Council professionals can gauge their interest in volunteering, serving a local unit, or enrolling their own children in Scouting programs. The Scouting Alumni Network eliminates the long-standing duplication of alumni records and provides a single database for our members to connect, network, and reconnect with Scouting. The BSA has established a robust acceptable-use policy to protect members’ information.

COUNCIL RESOURCES PORTAL


BEST PRACTICES HUB

Volunteers and professionals alike can use this repository of tools to help alumni find their place in Scouting. From networking events and reunions to building mutually-beneficial relationships with alumni and developing financial resources, this hub provides a one-stop shop to discover, activate, and improve an alumni program: http://bit.ly/SAF-Best-Practices.
Alumni Training

“It’s easier when you know what you are doing!”

If you need training “on demand,” Scouting Alumni & Friends has created online training videos and PowerPoint presentations to help you.

Scouting Alumni & Friends training programs teach how to properly engage alumni and make them feel good about Scouting, which really is the difference in determining whether a council’s alumni relations program is successful or not.

From time to time Scouting Alumni and Friends Training Team will conduct Alumni Training Road Shows in areas around the country. Scouting Alumni & Friends also conducts training sessions in conjunction with national events such as the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), BSA National Annual Meeting, and the National Jamboree.

Alumni Talks “AlTalks”

Sometimes the best ideas come from the least likely of places. While waiting for his wife’s caramel macchiato in a small Washington town’s Starbucks, Bill Larson noticed an invitation to a live “TED Talk.” Bill wondered how the BSA could utilize the latest in webinar and video communications to bring the best ideas of alumni engagement to one another on a regular basis and at no cost. It was then that the concept of Alumni Talks was born.

The AlTalks include a standardized agenda for one-hour talks that give consideration to three time zones and offer simple instructions for joining.

AlTalks are one of many ways that Scouting Alumni & Friends volunteers are creatively and proactively delivering content to fuel local alumni efforts. For more information, listen to AlTalks at [http://bit.ly/SAF-Online-Training](http://bit.ly/SAF-Online-Training). To find out how you can join future AlTalks, contact BSAalumni@scouting.org.
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Membership in Scouting Alumni & Friends

Scouting Alumni & Friends has a critical mission.

In 2010, the BSA adopted a strategic plan to begin the next 100 years of Scouting. Contained within that plan was a greater emphasis on building and expanding the relationship with Scouting alumni with the understanding that a strong alumni program would result in stronger Scouting. Scouting Alumni & Friends was formed to meet that goal as well as engage, inform, and assist its alumni and affiliates - you!

If you think this mission is worth supporting, we invite you to join Scouting Alumni & Friends.

Anyone who registers for Scouting Alumni & Friends at scoutingalumni.org will be considered a supporter, regardless of financial contribution. We welcome the support of everyone impacted by Scouting. Scouting Alumni & Friends aims to build upon this foundation and engage a broader spectrum of alumni and friends who want to make a difference in Scouting through our programs.

HIKER FREE

*Alumni Alive!* quarterly e-magazine
*Scouting Wire - Alumni Edition* bi-monthly newsletter
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PATHFINDER $35

Hiker Perks PLUS
Affiliation card
Pathfinder lapel pin
Luggage tag
Window cling
One year membership to the National Scouting Museum
One-time 10% discount at scoutstuff.org
A subscription to Scouting magazine
Survival Skill of the Month Club
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Pathfinder Perks PLUS
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TRAILBLAZER $540

Climber Perks PLUS
Trailblazer lapel pin
National Park annual pass
Discounts on national Scouting Alumni & Friends trips and events
A portion of every Trailblazer fee goes to the Scouting Alumni & Friends endowment, helping local councils establish and grow their Scouting Alumni & Friends committees.