

# Boston Minuteman Council

## Boy Scouts of America

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## COUNCIL UPDATE - October 20, 2008

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## Council News

### [New Online Camp Reservations available NOW!](#)

Updated: Mon Sep 1

The ability to make weekend camp reservations for any of the councils camping facilities is now available online. Leaders can view and make reservation 24/7.



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### [Is your Unit participating in this years Scouting for Food?](#)

posted: Mon Oct 6 **NEW**

As an organization, the Boy Scouts of America has made a strong effort to help disadvantaged communities through a food drive called "Scouting for Food". Since 1988, scouts have been participating in this national good turn. Millions of containers of food are collected annually and help provide needed food to local communities to help fight hunger.

All units are encouraged to participate in this important service project.

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### [New Training Requirements for leaders](#)

posted: Mon Oct 13 **NEW**

Upon recommendation of the Council Training Committee, the Council Executive Board approved required training for direct youth contact adult leaders and unit committee chairpersons.

[read more](#)

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## **Why should those youth applications be turned into the Council Office?**

posted: Mon Sep 22

The fall is a great time for recruiting new members. Unfortunately, some unit don't turn in all youth and adult applications in a timely manner. Don't wait until your unit recharter. Get those applications in now!!!

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## **2010 National Jamboree Launches Website**

posted: Sat May 31

The Jamboree Division has proudly announce the launch of the 2010 national jamboree website. During the next two years, the website will be updated and expanded to keep you informed on this exciting event.

We invite you to click on the link and explore the website. [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org)

Have fun and enjoy!

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## **Woodbadge for the 21st Century**

posted: Sat May 31

Wood Badge is a multiple-weekend group training course designed to provide adults with advanced leadership skills and a more dedicated involvement in Scouting. Prerequisites for the course include Fast Start Training, New Leader Essentials, and Job Specific Training. It is also recommended that each attendee complete Outdoor Leader Fundamentals prior to attendance. Typically Wood Badge is offered once per year in the area.

The next Woodbadge Session is in 2009 on April 24th, 25th & 26th and May 15th, 16th & 17th.

[read more](#)

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## [Training Extravaganza](#)

posted: Sun Oct 19 **NEW**

This one day training event will be held at the Massasoit Community College in Canton.

This will be 1 stop training. Yes, you will be able to take New Leader Essentials, Youth Protection Training, Scoutmaster Specific Training, Troop Committee Training, Venturing Leader Specific Training, ALL of the Cub Scout Leader Specific Training - Tiger Leader, Wolf/Bear Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, and Pack Committee.

ALSO for Youth!

Den Chief Training, TLT - Troop Leader Training, and VLSC - Venturing Leader Skills Course for the Youth Leadership of Venturing Crew.

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## [Policy on Scout Participation in Political Events](#)

posted: Thu Sep 11

Since we are in a presidential election year, it is a good time to restate the BSA's long-standing policy regarding the participation of Scouts in political rallies and other political events. [read more](#)

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## [Scout Night at the Boston Bruins](#)

posted: Tue Oct 14 **NEW**

If you're a hockey fan, then your not going to want to miss this opportunity!!! Scout Night at the Boston Bruins is a great chance to see the Boston Bruins. Three dates are available to choose from: [Jan 1](#), [Feb 7](#) & [March 3](#). Bring your family, den, patrol or your whole scout unit. This is always a great activity. Register early because this event will surely sell out fast!!!

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## [Council Announces Membership Incentives](#)

updated: Wed Sep 24

The fall is a great time for scout units to recruit new members! Packs can earn Pinewood Derby Kits and Troops

can earn gift cards to the scout store. The cub scout and boy scout who recruit the most new members will win two tickets to an upcoming Celtics game. Start recruiting NOW!!!

[Cub Scout Pack Incentives](#)

[Boy Scout Troop Incentives](#)

Celtics Recruit & Win Incentive: [Flier](#), [Tracking Sheet](#)

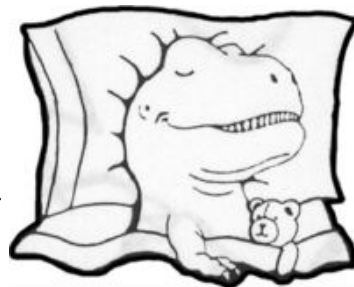
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## Cub Scouting News

### [Museum of Science Camp-in's](#)

posted: Fri Oct 3 **NEW**

A Camp-In at the Museum of Science is a special program that inspires children, to discover science in an entertaining, educational, and interactive way. Campers sleep overnight on the floors of the Museum's Exhibit Halls and participate in activities after the Museum closes and again the next morning. A typical Camp-In includes a variety of hands-on science activities, science demonstrations, a Theater of Electricity Lightning! presentation, a Planetarium show, an Omni film, and time to explore the Museum with chaperones. Camp-In instructors facilitate fun science activities that enhance Museum exhibits.



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### [Putting the Bears to Bed at the Stone Zoo - Nov 2nd](#)

posted: Tue Oct 20 **NEW**

#### **Help put the Bears to Bed for the winter**

Winter is approaching and the Black Bears are ready to slumber. Join us for story time and help us put the bears to bed for the winter. Activities will include a tour of the zoo, scavenger hunt, educational programs and story time with the bears. Please bring a picnic lunch and join us for lots of fun!



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### [Upcoming Cub Leader Training](#)

posted: Sun Sep 14

Come join us and learn what you need to know to be an effective Cub Scout Leader and offer the best program possible for your Cub Scouts!

[Saturday, November 1st - Lexington](#)

[Wednesday, November 19th - Stoneham](#)

Click on the training that interests you for registration and details. All three sessions cover ALL cub leader positions, plus New Leader Essentials.

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader!!

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## **[Massasoit Family Camping Halloween Weekend - October 25th-26th](#)**

posted: Wed Sep 11

Are you looking for a great day or weekend event? Join other cub families for this years Halloween Weekend at Camp Massasoit. Games, prizes, pumkin decorating, costume contest and so much more. Fun for the whole family!!!

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## **[BALOO Training - October 25th](#)**

posted: Wed Oct 1 **NEW**

Learn the skills, procedures and requirements for taking your Cub Scouts on outings and overnight trips.

We'll cover everything from tour permits to campfire fun & safety and more!

You'll even get to cook a ?Tin Foil? meal!!

NOTE: The BSA requires a BALOO-trained adult on all Pack Family Camping tour permit applications, so you'll want to have a leader or parent come to enjoy this fun-filled day!

[more information and to register online](#)

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# **Boy Scouting News**

## [Boy Scout Advancement Requirements Changes - Effective January 1, 2009](#)

posted: Mon Oct 20 **NEW**

The BSA has updated 18 merit badges. The new requirements will become effective on January 1, 2009. The updated merit badge are ArchitectureAuto Mechanics, Cinematography, Coin Collecting, Collections, Drafting, Emergency Preparedness, Engineering, Farm Mechanics, Indian Lore, Insect Study, Landscape Architecture, Lifesaving, Motorboating, Painting, Pottery, Radio and Swimming.

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## [Den Chief Training is available online](#)

posted: Sun Sep 7

Does your troop have any Den Chiefs? If not, you should! Its a great way for cubs and webelos to learn about boy scouting. Talk to the leaders of your community cub scout packs and make sure that your Den Chiefs get trained by taking the online Den Chief Training.



## **Venturing News**

### [Crew Officer Orientation](#)

A new Venturing Crew Officers' Orientation is available online.

<http://www.scouting.org/applications/venturingcoo.aspx>

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### [Venturing Leader Specific Training - Oct 25th](#)

posted: Mon Oct 13 **NEW**

This is a full day of training for leaders, officers or for just those who want to learn about Venturing. During this day long event you will interact with other Venturing leaders to discuss ideas, learn what it takes to run a quality program and become trained in your position. During the day you will also receive Venturing Youth Protection Training for both the Adult and Youth.



# Other Opportunities

## [BC Eagles discounted Tickets available](#)

posted: Mon July 28

Units interested in attending a BC Eagles game can receive discounted tickets. Three game dates are available.

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