November 2026 | Upcoming Events

Happy November, LVAC Scouters!
I don't know about you, but I'm STILL coming down off the excitement from a very successful Scout EXPO! It was great to see everyone out there enjoying the weekend and Scouting with fervor. But I need EACH of you to do me a favor, because the suits are breathing down my neck. Can you please make sure your UNIT PIN is up-to-date? We're looking for contact information for leaders; meeting information (when and where you meet), and basically for all the fields to be filled in. We've got some exciting upgrades coming and accurate Unit PINs are essential.
Back to the fun stuff. With the end of EXPO, we come to November. And before you know it, we'll hit the holiday season and the New Year. So RIGHT NOW is the best time to get ready for our favorite season… **UNIT RENEWAL!!!**

Why Unit Renewal Matters: Unit renewal keeps your program active, insured, and ready to deliver the high-quality experiences families expect from Scouting America.
So what can you do NOW to help it go smoothly in the new year?
1. **Check training status** – SYT and other adult leader training are essential to ensure we're providing our youth with the best programs. Every Scout deserves a trained leader, after all!
2. **Confirm your roster** – who's staying, who's not, who's moving to a new role?
3. **Update your contact information** – (*LIKE YOUR UNIT PIN*) make sure everyone can receive communications so you don't have to chase them all down
4. **Communicate early and often** – let your youth and their families know what to expect: deadlines, fees, unit specific requirements.

We've had a great Scouting year so far, and I can't wait to see what we do next year!

Did I mention to update the PIN? – Dee Greene, Council Commissioner



Unit Spotlight

Troop 969 from our Outreach District had a fantastic time at Scout Expo! Scouts put their skills and knowledge to the test during the Scout Competitions, earning awards in both First Aid and Scout History. Congratulations to Troop 969 on their accomplishments!

Veterans Day Patches

Scouts across the valley & in Arizona proudly honored our Veterans by marching in the many Veterans Day Parades. You or your unit have until November 23 to order your Patches.

Buy your Patches Today



Alumni of the Year

Silver Wreath

NOESA

Email Kyle

Alumni Awards

Due November 30, 2026

Nominations are now being accepted for the Alumni of the Year Award, NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA), and Silver Wreath Award. These honors recognize individuals who continue to make a meaningful impact through Scouting, professional achievement, community service, and support of the Scouting movement. Help us recognize deserving alumni and volunteers by submitting a nomination for someone whose service and accomplishments deserve to be celebrated. Submit to Kyle Molldene by November 30, 2026.

Council Awards

Due November 30, 2026

Before you know it, the deadline to nominate deserving leaders for council and district awards will be here. Don't wait to nominate. Follow these links for nomination forms and email them to: Eileen Bevacqua at Eileen.B@Scouting.org

Silver Beaver

Northstar

Visit for Additional Awards

Email Eileen



Roundtable

December 10, 2026

Fossil Trails | 7:00pm - 8:30pm
St. Anthony of Padua RCC
6350 N. Fort Apache Rd.

Neon Trails | 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Council Service Center
7220 S. Paradise Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89119

River Mountain | 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
2170 Havasupai Blvd, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Join us for Your Monthly Roundtable to learn about upcoming events along with helpful skills for your unit.

Learn More

🍿 Jungle Quest Popcorn Sale – The Final Stretch!

Our 2026 Jungle Quest Popcorn Sale has reached an incredible $954,279 in sales toward our $1.15 million council goal! Thanks to the hard work of our Scouts, families, and volunteers, we are now over 82% of the way to our goal, with just $200,221 left to go! The upcoming Holiday Popcorn Sale provides one final opportunity to close that gap and push us across the finish line. As we wrap up another successful season, please remember these important dates: November 16 – Final Returns and Banner Payments Due; November 30 – Show & Sell Final Payment Due; December 18 – Holiday Final Payment Due; and January 23, 2027 – Big Spin Party! Thank you for making Jungle Quest an incredible adventure. Let's finish strong and reach our goal!



Learn More or Register Today



Welcome New Families with a New Member Coordinator

August and September bring many new families into Scouting—and joining is only the beginning! New Member Coordinators play one of the most important roles in a unit by welcoming new families, helping them understand Scouting language and traditions, and connecting them to your unit's culture so they feel like they belong from day one.

The New Member Coordinator is a registered unit position and can be assigned through Organization Manager in my.Scouting.org as part of your unit committee.
Does your unit have a New Member Coordinator? Now is the perfect time to identify someone who can make sure every new family gets a great start in Scouting.

Learn More about the Role and Available Resources

Base Camp Winter STEM Camp
December 21-23, 2026 at 8:30am-3pm
or
December 28-30, 2026 at 8:30am-3pm

Saddle up for a winter break full of discovery and adventure! Campers will explore hands-on STEM activities inspired by the Wild West while building, creating, and solving exciting challenges. Ages 5-11 are welcome to join the fun. Register before November 20, 2026 for Early bird pricing.

Register Today





Sign up Today

River Mountain Scouter Retreat

Join us for the River Mountain Scouters Retreat Winter Campout: Back to Basics – The Spirit of Scouting! Enjoy a weekend filled with fellowship, campfire networking, hands-on outdoor skills, leadership development, and Scouting traditions, with plenty of opportunities for relaxation and inspiration. Kick off the weekend with appetizers provided Friday evening from 5:00–6:00 PM at the restaurant!

Frontier Days of the High Desert

January 29-31, 2027
Mohave Sportsman Club, Arizona

Registration is now live for Frontier Days 2027! Register by December 15, 2026 to take advantage of the $25 Early bird rate, or register by January 11, 2027 at the regular rate of $45. Units can save an additional $5 per person by joining the Frontier Days Committee before December 15, 2026. For committee information contact
Larry Simon, – larry@simonlv.net
Eileen Bevacqua at Eileen.B@scouting.org



Learn More Today



Get your home ready for the holidays while supporting local Scouts! For every digital wreath purchased, $5 is donated to the Las Vegas Area Council, helping provide leadership development, outdoor adventures, and character-building programs for more than 5,000 youth across Southern Nevada and Western Arizona.

Fundraiser: November 8, 2026 – December 11, 2026

Buy Yours Today

2027 National Fee Update

Scouting America's new national membership and unit charter fees take effect January 1, 2027. We know every dollar matters to our families and volunteers, and we're sharing these rates now to help you plan.

The Las Vegas Area Council and our Executive Board strive to keep Scouting as affordable as possible, which is why LVAC does not charge an additional council membership fee. At $96 annually—the equivalent of $8 per month in national membership fees—for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing, Scouting offers year-round opportunities for adventure, friendship, leadership, and service. It's a valuable investment in your child's growth right here in our community. Unit dues and activity costs may apply.

If your membership expires on or before December 31, 2026, renew by year-end to lock in current rates and avoid a lapse in membership. Questions? Contact the Las Vegas Area Council—we're here to help!





Small Treat. BIG Adventure.

Scout leaders give countless hours to help youth learn, grow, and thrive. This holiday season, show your appreciation with a gift from the Las Vegas Area Council Trading Post.

These items will be showcased from November 6th to December 18th. We will also be offering select items at the various November and December round tables.

Shop Today

2027 Blue and Gold celebrations will be right around the corner in February. Contact the Council to reserve your room in our conference center. Rooms are booking fast!



Email Adam



December Merit Badge Clinic

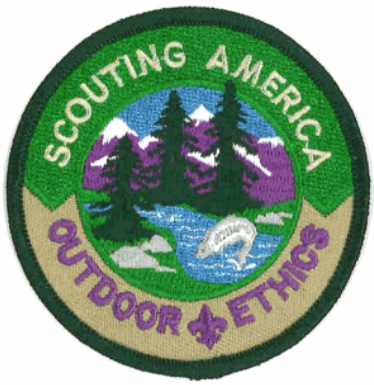
Scouts will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and develop new skills with a variety of merit badges being offered! Available topics include Competitive Gaming, Communication, Public Speaking, Citizenship in the Community, Personal Management, Weather, Safety, and American Heritage. Whether exploring a new interest or working toward advancement, there's something for everyone!

Register Today

Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award Class

Join the Outdoor Ethics Committee for an upcoming class to earn the Scouting America Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. Both youth and adult leaders will learn the core principles of the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly! to become better stewards of our local parks and backcountry.

Register Today



Meet the Las Vegas Area Council Outdoor Ethics Committee

We are proud to introduce our newly formed Outdoor Ethics Committee, comprised of Oliver Romero, Billy



Rainford, Deedee Furmusanu, and Olivia Turner. The committee has already hit the ground running by hosting the Spogomi cleanup competition at the Scout Expo, where we enjoyed connecting with so many Scouts and leaders at our booth. Looking ahead, we are excited to bring new training courses and environmental stewardship opportunities to Las Vegas Area Council Scouting!

Merge Member IDs

The merge ID functionality is now live for members. This functionality was introduced by Scouting America to be able to combine multiple ID's across different councils in my.scouting. Please see the attached document for more information.

Merge Member ID Instructions

Las Vegas Scout Shop

Open 6 days per week!
Monday-Friday 10am-6pm and Saturday 9am-5pm
Open until 7pm for Roundtable and Eagle Board of Review nights!
Phone Number: (702) 968-8148
Email: LasVegasScoutShop@scouting.org
7220 S Paradise Rd Las Vegas, NV 89119



(Events in Blue are linked to registration or information)

18- month Calendar: **https://www.scoutinglvac.org/newsletter/**

November 20-22- Neon Trails Camporee 2026
November 26-27- Scout Office Closure for Thanksgiving
November 30- Council Awards Due
November 30- Alumni Awards Due
December 11-13- River Mountain Scouter Retreat
December 12- Merit Badge Clinic
December 12- Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award Class
December 21-23- Base Camp Winter STEM Camp Session 1
December 24-25- Scout Office Closure for Christmas
December 28-30- Base Camp Winter STEM Camp Session 2
December 31- January 1- Scout Office Closure for New Years
January 29-31- Frontier Days of the High Desert

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