



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Erie Shores Council

Monthly Field Trip Guide August 2019-August 2020

Den Leaders should use the activities included as suggestions to assist your Scouts with completing their rank advancements. If Scouts and/or Den Leaders are unable to complete the included activities, the pack can use make up meetings to cover missed rank advancement requirements. Each month includes at least one field trip, what requirements can be completed, and suggested steps to assist in completing the advancement.

AUGUST FIELD TRIP & PLANNING MONTH GUIDE

- Den Leaders should plan to attend these important kick-off events. Reach out to your District Professional for details: Council Membership Kick Off Party (August 7, 2019); District Popcorn Kick off; District Membership Kick off
- Den Leaders should attempt to schedule a field trip in advance.
- Focus on scheduling a field trip that is mainly a service project at your Charter Organization's location (primary location or meeting location), that can be described as an act of service for someone else in the community or neighborhood.
- Den Leaders should work with their parent/guardian to ensure that each Scout discusses the service project and how it relates to duty to God. Parents/guardians are required to sign off on this advancement.
- This field trip will cover code requirements for Tiger Scouts, Wolf Scouts, and Arrow of Light Scouts.

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP GUIDE

- Den Leaders should mark their calendar for the Council-wide membership recruitment night (JSN) on September 12, 2019. Reach out to your District professional for a recruitment location and resources.
NEW SCOUT FUN DAY (September 28, 2019)
 - Den Leaders should contact the Council Camp/Program Assistant to request a camping space for rental, either Friday or Saturday night check in, and check out the following day. Consider working with the District Program Chair to ensure that required medical forms are completed. This is a great opportunity for families to camp together for an overnight experience, your pack should work with the District Trainer to assist with completing parent Youth Protection Training beforehand.
 - Scouts that are attending should assist with a shopping list of food, healthy food for the camp trip. Den Leaders should work with parents on these rank requirements (not all activities listed below are for every single rank requirement), so parents should double check beforehand.
 - Camp Meals: (1) Demonstrate, discuss and explain the importance of handwashing, and meal clean up; (2) With a Den Leader, make a good snack and share with the Den; (3) Eat a balance diet, and healthy menu; (4) Prepare balanced meal for Den/Family. If possible, use 1 of these methods for preparation (camp stove, Dutch oven, box oven, solar oven, open campfire, charcoal grill. Demonstrate understanding of food safety while preparing food). *Your pack may want to share the cooking with another experienced Pack or Troop.*
 - This field trip covers code requirements for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, WEBELOS, and Arrow of Light Scouts.
 - Online Resources:
 - **Scoutreach District resources for camping:**
<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/SRcamp>
 - **Bryan on Scouting article about completing BALOO training:**
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/03/28/what-is-baloo-a-quick-look-at-this-crucial-outdoor-training-for-cub-scout-leaders/>

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP GUIDE

- Den Leaders can invite the entire family, charter partner and friends to this fun outdoor family friendly experience. Scouts can add these optional advancement opportunities.
COUNCIL HALLOWEEN PARTY (October 26-27, 2019)
 - Den Leaders should work with the Camp/Program Assistant to ensure that registration is paid in advance. Scouts are encouraged to attend with their families and/or their pack.
 - With Adult use polite language. Shaking hands & introducing self. (This field trip covers code requirements for Tiger Scouts).

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP GUIDE

- Den Leaders should work with Scout families to organize and participate in a parade or assembly that celebrates military veterans and home town heroes. The Scouts should also participate in a patriotic community parade or other civic event that honors our country. (This field trip includes core rank advancement requirements for Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Scouts).
- Online Resources:
 - **Bryan on Scouting: Parade safety tips:**
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/12/04/holiday-parade-safety/>

DECEMBER FIELD TRIP GUIDE

- Den Leaders should work with Scout families to organize a field trip to a sporting event. The event can be elementary, junior high, high-school, college or pro level sport. If one of the Scouts participates in a sport, the Pack could support their fellow Scout at a game.
- Den Leaders may want to determine and organize transportation and cost to attend the game per person or family. (This field trip includes a rank requirement for Tiger Scouts).

JANUARY FIELD TRIP GUIDE

- Den Leaders should work to schedule this visit in advance. Consider asking Scout parents or relatives of your Scouts, and District or Council Committee members if they work for one of these agencies.
- Scouts should visit an agency where heroes are found. Use the discussion from that week's lesson to get a feel for where to take the Scouts for this field trip.
- Suggested locations include: fire station, police station, social workers, teachers, elected officials, faith-based leaders, etc. However, to meet WEBELOS requirement the individual must work as a first responder or health care professional.
- Wolf Scouts that are in attendance should prepare some questions for this hero and complete an interview and share what they learned with their Den. They should be able to share why this person is a hero.
- After the Scouts have visited the agency where heroes are found, they can discuss what they learned with their Den at the next meeting. If that activity is not listed in the lesson.

JANUARY FIELD TRIP GUIDE (continued)

- plan, you may need to add it, to ensure that Scouts share what they learned. (This field trip includes a rank requirement for Wolf and WEBELOS Scouts).

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP GUIDE

- Den Leader should work with Scout families to organize this activity in advance. Den Leaders should visit the Toledo Zoo or another Zoo's website to determine admission price, parking fees, and travel restrictions, and weather concerns. (This field trip includes a rank requirement for Bear Scouts; This field trip can also cover Nature related requirements for Scouts that have not completed those requirements).

MARCH FIELD TRIP GUIDE

- Den Leaders should determine the best opportunity to complete this field trip. Elected officials usually have open office hours or may allow meetings to be scheduled before or after official meetings.
- Scouts and Den Leaders should meet with government/community leader, and during the visit learn about their role in community.
- Arrow of Light Scouts that plan to attend, should prepare in advance to cover a topic or two that discusses issues facing their community (This field trip includes a rank requirement for Arrow of Light Scouts).

APRIL FIELD TRIP GUIDE

- Erie Shores Council provides support materials a service project, contact the Council office to complete a commitment form to receive enough tags (door hangers) to canvass an assigned area to collect non-perishable food items that are delivered to a local pantry. Once service hours are entered, the pack will receive patches.

MAY FIELD TRIP GUIDE

- Erie Shores Council organizes two fun-filled weekends for Parents and their Scouts. Den Leaders should work with the Camp/Program Assistant to ensure that registration forms, registration fees, and medical forms are turned in beforehand. Each weekend provides three outdoor adventure options: daytime adventure only, daytime adventure and tent camping, or daytime adventure and shared-cabin camping.

SUMMER FIELD TRIP GUIDE

- Den Leaders have an activity option.
 - Pack cookout or picnic and/or planning meeting between June and August.
 - Camp Miakonda day camp registration and attendance between June and July.
 - Tiger Scout overnight camping at Camp Miakonda, and WEBELOS overnight camping at Camp Miakonda, Eagle Bay Day camp (Gibsonburg), or Camp Frontier.