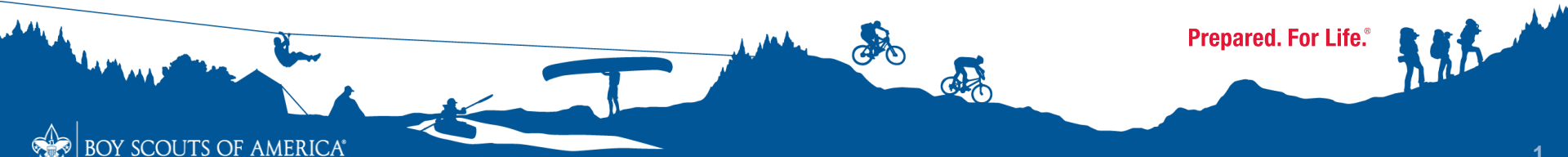




Troop 497 Annual Parents Meeting



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Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **2023 – 2024 Goals**
- **2023 – 2024 Program**
- **2024 Summer Camp – Connecticut**
- **Youth Protection**
- **Communications & Support**
- **Parents' Commitment & Fundraising**
- **High Adventure Programs**
- **Advancement & Leadership**
- **Questions, Concerns, Feedback**

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2023 – 2024 Goals

Membership Goals

86+ Active members

Attendance Goal

70% of scout for troop meetings

60% of scouts on camping trips

Rank Advancement Goal

**90% of Scouts under 1st class
advance one rank this year**

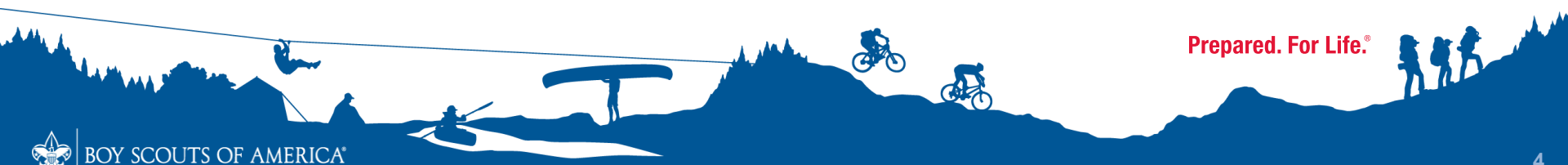
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2023 Program

Month	Monthly Theme	Camping Trip	Camping Activity	Special Meeting
September	Organization	Assateague Island	Beach Fun	Parents Meeting
October	Hiking/Biking	Caledonia	Hiking/Biking at Gettysburg	Court of Honor
November	Backpacking	Appalachian Trail	Backpacking	Thanksgiving
December	Careers	Camp Horseshoe	Senior Surprise	Christmas Party



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2024 Program

Month	Monthly Theme	Camping Trip	Camping Activity	Special Meeting
January	Science / Stem	Camp Tuckahoe	Invention Convention	Troop Elections
February	Shooting Sports	Camp Rodney	Shooting Activities	Open House
March	Wilderness Survival	Calvert Cliffs	Shelter Building	Holy Thursday
April	Carpentry & Wood Working	Elk Neck State Park or Susquehannock	Patrol Olympics	Roller Skating / Ice Skating
May	Small Engine Repair & Maintenance	Canoe Trip & Alternate activity	Canoeing & Kayaking	Canoe Training
June	Fishing	Water Weekend	Water Activities	Outdoor Games / Movie Night
July	Camp Skills & Etiquette	Summer Camp	Summer Camp	Packing Demo
September	Patrol Method	Assateague Island	Beach Fun	Parents Meeting

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Summer Camp 2024

July 18th – July 28th
Planning has begun
Help Needed

Travel Activities

Travel Logistics



June Norcross Webster Scout Reservation Connecticut



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Youth Protection

BSA Rules

NEW -- Must be REGISTERED ADULT to camp with the Troop

72 Hour Training Rule – Parents Included

All registered adult leaders must complete YPT training ANNUALLY

We encourage everyone to take the training

St. Joseph Church Rules

Virtus Training for every registered adult leader

We CANNOT register any adult until the Church approves

Critical Issue - Cannot re-register you without training!

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Youth Protection

Troop Commitment to our Scouts' Safety

Background Checks

Guide to Safe Scouting

Youth Protection Guidelines

Communication with Scouts

Email / Texting Rules

Phone

On-line meetings

Scouts Not Allowed to Drive to Camping Trips

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Communications & Support

- Scout weekly calls
- Website (www.troop497.org)
- Email updates is your email address accurate?
- X formally Twitter Feed (ScoutTroop497)
- Facebook Page (Troop497)
- Please keep us posted if a Scout starts to lose interest or you have any questions or concerns!

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Parents' Commitment & Fundraising

Our Parent's Commitment

Support Son's Advancement & Participation
Transportation – One long or two short trips.

Fundraising efforts – We need your Support!

Bull Roast - November 3rd

Car Wash – June 2024

Enjoy Scouting with your Sons

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High Adventure Programs

We have crews going to two high adventure bases during the Summer of 2024



In years when high adventure trips occur, scouts participating in high adventure **must also attend** summer camp.

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Advancement & Leadership

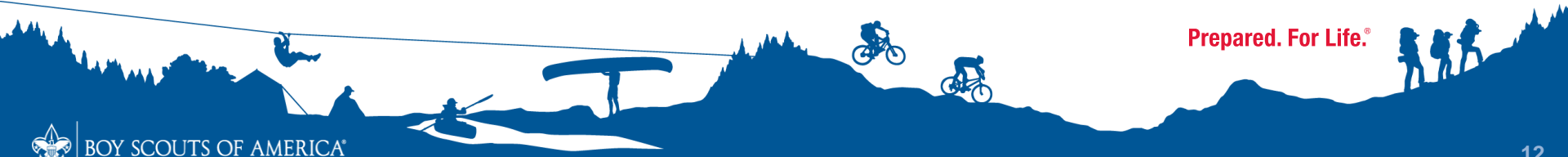
First Thursday to First Class

Camping Trips

Summer Camp

Merit Badge Counselors

Eagle Scout Process - *PLEASE watch deadlines*



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Advancement

Patrol Leaders, Seniors, and Troop Guides may sign off on requirements only through 2nd Class

Take Photos of your Scout's Handbook

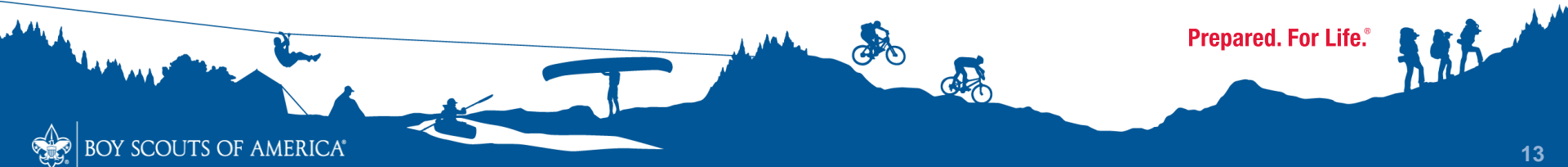
Parent's may not sign off on son's advancement

Scoutbook.com is an online resource used to track your Scout's rank progress

Parents and scouts can enter the rank progress on the site

Certified Leaders can approve after entry

Issues: Adam Spence (adam@spencefirm.com)





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