



Troop 497 2026-2027 Annual Parents Meeting



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Agenda

- Welcome
- 2026 - 2027 Goals
- 2026 - 2027 Program
- 2027 Summer Camp
- Youth Protection
- Communications & Support
- Parents' Commitment & Fundraising
- High Adventure Programs
- Advancement & Leadership
- Questions, Concerns, Feedback





2026 - 2027 Goals

Membership Goal

- Five additional Scouts by Summer Camp

Attendance Goal

- First Year Scouts attend at least 5 of the 10 camping trips





2026 Program



Month	Monthly Theme	Camping Trip	Camping Activity	Special Meeting
September 2026	Brotherhood / Teamwork	Cape Henlopen	Beach Activities	Sky Zone
October	Pinewood Derby	Calvert Cliffs	Biking / Hiking	Court of Honor
November	Fitness	TBD	Backpacking	Thanksgiving
December	Survival	Dan Beard	Senior Surprise	Christmas Party



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2027 Program



Month	Monthly Theme	Camping Trip	Camping Activity	Special Meeting
January 2027	Cinema & Props	Rodney Scout Reservation	Patrol Olympics	Bowling
February	Winter/Wilderness Survival	Camp Ware	Capture the Flag	Open House
March	Cooking	Pine Grove Furnace	Dutch Oven / Cooking over Fires	Pool & Movie Night
April	Search & Rescue	Wye Island	Geocaching	Top Golf
May	Military/Canoeing	<i>Antietam Creek</i>	Canoeing	Nike Base
June	Landscaping	Susquehanna River	Water Weekend	TBD
July	Engineering	Hidden Valley, NH	Summer Camp	Packing Demo



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Other Activities



Fall Court of Honor October 29th

Venture Ski Trip January 29th to 31st





Summer Camp 2027

July 23rd - July 31st

Planning has begun

Help Needed

- Travel Activities
- Travel Logistics

Hidden Valley, NH





Youth Protection

BSA Rules - Safeguarding Youth Training - Due Nov 15th

- *Must be REGISTERED ADULT to camp with the Troop*
- All registered adult leaders must complete training ANNUALLY
- We encourage everyone to take the training

St. Joseph Church Rules

- Virtus Training for every registered adult leader and drivers
- We CANNOT register any adult until the Church approves
- Critical Issue - Cannot re-register you without training!





Youth Protection - Drivers

St. Joseph Church Rules

At least one parent/guardian from **each family** must be Virtus Trained and DMV Background Approved. No Cost for Registration

Reference Check - Three References

Background Check - Minimum 10 Days

Virtus Training - jreedholm@sjpmd.org

Saturday Camping Trip Attendance Encouraged

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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





Communications & Support

- Scout weekly calls
- Website (www.troop497.org)
- Email updates - is your address current?
- Instagram (troop_497)
- Facebook Page (Troop497)
- Tell us if a Scout loses interest - or with any questions





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 - March 12th 2027*
- *Car Wash - June 5th 2027*

Cost to run program over \$500 per Scout
Annual dues have been \$75

Enjoy Scouting with your Sons





How can I become involved?

Troop is blessed with many adults, all are volunteers

We always need more and want to match your interests, strengths, and time availability

Current Needs:

- **Help Running Events**
- **Troop Committee Secretary**
- **Cooking on Trips**
- **Backpack / Canoe Trip Planning**
- **Merit Badge Counselors**

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2027 Bullroast





High Adventure Programs

We have a crew going to Philmont during the Summer of 2027 - **Sign Up Now**

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

Must Complete Eagle SM Conf By Dec
31st to be in Spring COH





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)





TROOP 497 SPECIAL MEETING

AT  SKY ZONE



THURSDAY
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM



LOCATION

Sky Zone Timonium
23 W. Aylesbury Road
Timonium, MD 21093



COST

\$20 per Scout
Guests attend
FREE courtesy of
Troop 497!



WAIVER INFO

A **parent or guardian**
must come into
Sky Zone to
complete and sign
the required waiver
before a Scout or
guest can participate.



BRING A FRIEND!

Scouts are encouraged
to invite a friend who
might enjoy what
Scouting has to offer!
**The troop will cover
the cost for all guests.**



JUMP. TEAMWORK. ADVENTURE.
WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!



PLEASE ARRIVE A FEW MINUTES EARLY TO ALLOW TIME
FOR WAIVER SIGN-IN AND CHECK-IN.



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