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NCCS sends the *Catholic Scouting Wire* newsletter to local and regional Catholic Scouting leaders and supporters the second Thursday of every month. **We hope you find it useful! Please share your feedback with us at info@nccs-bsa.org.** Make sure to note *Catholic Scouting Wire* in the subject line. And **please share this email with other Scouters you think would find it valuable** – just forward the email and ask people to subscribe using the **Subscribe to the Catholic Scouting Wire** button at the bottom of this email.

Scout Sunday is February 4, how are you celebrating it?

BSA was founded on February 8, 1910. Scout Sunday is celebrated the Sunday preceding February 8; if February 8 is a Sunday, Scout Sunday is celebrated on February 8.

Scout Sunday helps raise awareness about Scouting among parishioners and highlights all Scouts' Duty to God. This can be a time to invite others in your parish to become involved in Catholic Scouting, either as families of young children, as older children who want to get involved and as adults who want to volunteer with Catholic Scouting. This is also a great time to honor Scouts and adults for their volunteer activities in service of your parish and your broader community.

[View ideas for how to mark this special day in your parish](#)

Now's the time to engage in the National Eucharistic Revival!

The National Eucharistic Revival is a 3-year initiative sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The revival was launched in 2022 and continues until Pentecost in 2025. NCCS encourages all Catholic Scouts to engage in the National Eucharistic Revival in some way.



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During the spring and summer of 2024, Catholic Scouts have multiple opportunities to participate in the revival. From **May 17 to July 16, 2024, Catholics across the country will be engaged in a Eucharistic Pilgrimage.** Local Scouting units are invited to participate on the leg of the pilgrimage that makes sense for them - there are four main routes. Plan now – and find out if Scouts can assist local organizers to make the Eucharistic Pilgrimage a success.

The pilgrimage culminates in a **Eucharistic Congress that will take place from July 17-21 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis**, which all Catholic Scouts and their families are invited to attend.

There are many ways Catholic Scouts can engage in the Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Eucharistic Congress. [Learn more.](#)

All Catholics invited to engage in Eucharistic Revival Activity

NCCS is also offering a Eucharistic Revival Religious Activity to help all Catholics revive their faith and love of Jesus through prayer and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Any Catholic can earn the central patch and surrounding patches by completing activities. [Learn more.](#)

Eucharistic Revival



2024 NCCS Scholarships - encourage promising Scouts to apply now ahead of March 1 deadline

Encourage Scouts who are high school seniors in the 2023-2024 school year, dedicated to service and planning to go on to college to apply now for an NCCS Scholarship.

Eligible applicants must be a practicing Catholic registered and actively involved with a Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship. They must also have earned the Eagle Scout, Summit Award, or Quartermaster Award AND the Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII, or Light is Life (Eastern Rite) Religious Emblem.



The deadline to apply is March 1.

Invite eligible Scouts to [find out more and apply online now.](#)

Register now: 48th Biennial Meeting

Join your fellow Scout Chaplains, Scouters and spouses in Albuquerque, New Mexico April 4-7, 2024 for the 48th Biennial Meeting of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Catholic Scouting.



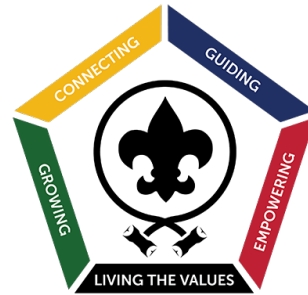
One of the featured speakers confirmed for the meeting is Brad Tillman, the new BSA chair.

Registration is open now. We hope to see you there!

Register now: Catholic Scouting Wood Badge 2024

For the first time ever, NCCS is offering a Catholic Scouting-focused Wood Badge leadership course. It takes place August 25-29, 2024, at Philmont Training Center in New Mexico.

This is a great opportunity for Catholic Scouting leaders to grow skills to build stronger units, learn about the unique value of Catholic Scouting and meet fellow Catholic Scouters from across the country. Catholic Scouting Wood Badge costs just \$700 for insightful sessions and fellowship with Catholic Scouters, lodging and all meals.



Find out more and register today!

Catholic Scouting Spotlight: a Scout promotes Scouting through his school news site

Do your Scouts go to a school with a student-run newspaper or news site? Does your town have a local community newspaper or news site that takes submissions from the community? If the answer is yes to either of these questions, you might want to follow the lead of Eagle Scout Cole Halupnik, a senior at Pleasant Valley High School in Bettendorf, Iowa



Halupnik is the copy editor for the Spartan Shield, the school's online news site. He wrote **this article for the Spartan Shield describing all the benefits Scouting offers to students and the community**. These types of first-hand stories are very impactful in encouraging others to join Scouting! Halupnik and some of his fellow Scouts are in the picture at right.



The Catholic Scouting Wire often includes a spotlight on a unique and successful activity or program that could be implemented by other Scouts, Catholic Scouting units or diocesan/eparchial committees. Have a Catholic Scouting activity or program you'd like to put a spotlight on? **Submit it to info@nccs-bsa.org and be sure to include *Catholic Scouting Spotlight* in the subject line. Send us pictures too!**

Key Dates

- **February 1** - Registration deadline for St. George Trek, **encourage teens to learn more and apply now**

- **February 4** - Scout Sunday, **check out ideas for celebrating Scout Sunday in your parish**
- **March 1** - NCCS Scholarship application deadline, **encourage high school seniors to learn more and apply now**
- **March 15** - deadline to submit **Annual Diocesan Committee Report and Quality Diocesan Committee Award Application**
- **April 4-7** - 48th Biennial Meeting, **register now**
- **April 30** - Wood Badge early registration discount period ends, **register now**
- **May 17-July 16** - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, **find out how you can get involved now**
- **July 17-21** - National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, **register now**
- **August 25-29** - Catholic Scouting Wood Badge 2024, **register now**

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