Roundtables play a significant role in providing continuous supplemental training for unit leaders. This monthly event provides program topic guidance and structure suggestions for unit leaders. A fun environment creates excitement around the coming month of activities and program for unit leaders to carry back for implementation in their units.

**Boy Scout Roundtable:** The mission of the Boy Scout roundtable is to provide quality resources, knowledge, and skills to unit leaders to enable and motivate them to deliver an outstanding program to their Scout troops. Roundtables focus on program highlights for upcoming months, not on the current month.

Boy Scout Roundtables are focused on generating fun, excitement, and practical Scouting skills. Learning by doing and watching, not just listening, is essential. Scouters want to be active participants. When these ingredients are present, roundtable attendance will grow.

Roundtables are conducted monthly in every district. Because of their geographic size or to avoid conflicts with participants’ employment hours, some districts conduct multiple roundtables throughout the month. Boy Scout Roundtables are for all troop leaders—Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, and troop committee members. Unit commissioners attend the roundtables in which their leaders are involved. This may mean dividing their time between Boy Scout and Cub Scout leader roundtables.

**Cub Scout Roundtable:** Cub Scout leaders join for fun and fellowship while learning new tricks, stunts, games, crafts, ceremonies, songs, and skits related to the Cub Scout theme and Webelos activity badges for the following month. There are also opportunities for sharing ideas and activities with leaders from other packs.

Cub Scouting roundtables are a form of supplemental training for volunteers at the pack level. The objective of roundtables is to give these pack leaders program ideas; information on policy, events, and training opportunities; and an opportunity to share experiences and enjoy fun and fellowship with other Cub Scouting leaders. The roundtable commissioner and staff demonstrate elements of a model meeting that leaders may use as a pattern for their own den and pack meetings. As a result of the roundtable experience, unit leaders will be inspired, motivated, and able to provide a stronger program for their Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos.

**Venturing Forum and Sea Scout Wardroom:** The Venturing forum (formerly Venturing roundtable) and Sea Scout wardroom (or squadron meeting) fulfills the same purpose as the Boy Scout Roundtable, with a focus on serving the needs of Venturing and Sea Scouting within a district.

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Commissioners/roundtable.aspx
Not all Eagle Scouts go on to be Eagles like Donnie Jones, punter of the Philadelphia Eagles. Others find careers as Raiders, Dolphins, Chiefs, Ravens, Broncos, Falcons, Redskins, Texans and Saints.

A search of the NFL’s 2017 active rosters — 1,692 players in all — turns up at least 10 Eagle Scouts. These guys are living proof that great things start in Scouting. Compiling this list, like winning a Super Bowl, was a team effort. BSA researcher Scott Olson created a spreadsheet of every player on NFL teams’ 53-man rosters. Then the National Eagle Scout Association’s Ryan Larson cross-referenced that list with his own spreadsheet of the 2.4 million-plus Eagle Scouts in history. That spawned a list of Eagle Scout potentials for me to investigate.

First, I eliminated the false positives. For example, there are several NFL players named Chris Jones and lots of Eagle Scouts with that name, but there are no Eagle Scouts named Chris Jones currently playing in the NFL. After all that, we have confirmation that each of the NFL players below is an Eagle Scout. Put another way: Scott threw a deep pass, and Ryan caught it for the game-winning touchdown. I was simply there on the sidelines to give them both a high five.

Two things to know: Unlike my annually updated list of Eagle Scouts with Super Bowl ties, this list includes only Eagle Scouts on NFL rosters at the start of 2017 season. Others, including players on the practice squad or reserve rosters, weren’t included. There’s a chance this list is incomplete, so let’s crowdsource it. If you know of an Eagle Scout on a current NFL team, please let us know. OK, it’s game time. Here’s the list!

**James Cowser, Oakland Raiders**
Position: Defensive end
Date of birth: Sept. 13, 1990
Eagle earned: 2003
Council: Trapper Trails Council
College: Southern Utah University
More: Cowser was undrafted out of college, where the 6-foot-3, 245-pounder set the NCAA FCS record with 43.5 career sacks. Before that, he did his LDS mission trip in Hong Kong and is now fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

**John Denney, Miami Dolphins**
Position: Long snapper
Date of birth: Dec. 13, 1978
Eagle earned: 1996
Council: Denver Area Council
College: Brigham Young University
More: Denney, signed by the Dolphins in 2005, is the team’s longest-tenured player. He’s in his 13th NFL season with the Dolphins, joining a very short list of players who have had that kind of longevity with one team.

**Donnie Jones, Philadelphia Eagles**
Position: Punter
Date of birth: July 5, 1980
Eagle earned: 1998
Council: Istrouma Area
College: Louisiana State University
More: Last season, the 37-year-old had a 45.8-yard punting average and even boomed a 72-yarder.

**Bronson Kaufusi, Baltimore Ravens**
Position: Defensive end
Date of birth: July 6, 1991
Eagle earned: 2006
Council: Utah National Parks Council
College: Brigham Young University
More: In 2016, the Ravens drafted Kaufusi in the third round — pick No. 70 overall. Unfortunately, he broke his ankle in training camp that year, but he’s fully healed and is eager to make his Ravens debut in 2017.

**Matt Paradis, Denver Broncos**
Position: Center
Date of birth: Oct. 12, 1989
Eagle earned: 2008
Council: Ore-Ida Council
College: Boise State University
More: For his Eagle Scout service project, Paradis renovated and enlarged a long-jump pit and shotput area. In the recent offseason, Paradis had surgery on both hips. He made a full recovery in time for the 2017 season.

**Eric Saubert, Atlanta Falcons**
Position: Tight end
Date of birth: May 1, 1994
Eagle earned: 2012
Council: Pathway to Adventure Council
College: Drake University
More: Saubert was drafted in the fifth round of the 2017 NFL Draft and made the 53-man roster to begin his rookie season. In college, he was a first-team all-conference pick and an All-American.

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Brandon Scherff, Washington Redskins  
Position: Offensive guard  
Date of birth: Dec. 26, 1991  
Eagle earned: 2009  
Council: Mid-America Council  
College: University of Iowa  
More: Scherff, drafted fifth overall in the 2015 NFL Draft, is the highest-drafted Eagle Scout on this list. After a strong 2016 season in which he started every game, Scherff was named to the Pro Bowl.

Daniel Sorensen, Kansas City Chiefs  
Position: Defensive back  
Date of birth: March 5, 1990  
Eagle earned: 2008  
Council: California Inland Empire Council  
College: Brigham Young University  
More: For his Eagle Scout service project, Sorensen planted 300 trees in his home-town of Grand Terrace, Calif. The trees are still there today — forever a reminder of the young man’s service. Sorensen has become an important part of the Chiefs defense and was rewarded with a four-year contract extension in 2017.

Xavier Su’A-Filo, Houston Texans  
Position: Offensive guard  
Date of birth: Jan. 1, 1991  
Eagle earned: 2009  
Council: Utah National Parks Council  
College: UCLA  
More: Of his Scouting past, Su’A-Filo said: “I think it says a lot about me and my dedication, my leadership and my worth ethic. That’s something that I’ll bring and that I get to bring in the locker room in that environment.”

Manti Te’o, New Orleans Saints  
Position: Linebacker  
Date of birth: Jan. 26, 1991  
Eagle earned: 2008  
Council: Aloha Council  
College: University of Notre Dame  
More: In 2012, Te’o told a crowd about a good deed he had performed for a woman in need. “I had a big smile on my face expecting my dad to tell me how proud he was,” Manti told the group. “But instead, he just simply said, ‘That’s what being a Scout is all about.’”


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**OUR EAGLES SOAR!**

Congratulations to all scouts who achieved the rank of Eagle in July and August!

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For Christopher Walsh, as for most of today’s Scouts, 9/11 is a history lesson. The 17-year-old Life Scout from Nyack, N.Y., was just 8 months old on that dark day. But Christopher has always felt a particular connection to one of the day’s biggest heroes: Welles Crowther, also from Nyack.

“In elementary school, in middle school, all throughout my childhood, I’ve heard about Welles Crowther,” Christopher told The Journal News. “I play soccer, and I’d always hear about the man in the red bandanna. For our soccer team we had a red bandanna game last year.”

When the time came for Christopher to plan an Eagle Scout service project, he didn’t have to think long. He would build a memorial to the man who had died while saving strangers — strangers who knew only that they had been saved by a man in a red bandanna.

Going back into the smoke
Welles Remy Crowther was just 24 on Sept. 11, 2001. He was in the 104th floor of the South Tower when the first plane hit. Crowther led a group through the smoke to safety. Instead of leaving the building with them, he turned around and went back up the stairs to find others he could save. Crowther’s body was found on March 19, 2002 — six months after the towers fell. It’s believed he saved at least 18 people. It will surprise few to learn that Crowther was a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout in Troop 2 of Nyack, N.Y.

Honoring the man
The memorial at Nyack’s Memorial Park contains a piece of steel salvaged from the World Trade Center site. The final touch will be a red bandanna Christopher received from Crowther’s parents. The bandanna will be dipped in a fiberglass resin and attached to the salvaged steel. Before proceeding too far with planning, Christopher contacted Crowther’s parents. He wanted their permission to honor Crowther in this way. “We said absolutely; it’s a beautiful idea,” Alison Crowther told The Journal News.

Crowther’s story becomes new book
A new, young-readers adaptation of Tom Rinaldi’s The Red Bandanna is available now. The book, by the award-winning ESPN reporter, introduces middle-grade readers to Crowther’s story. You might consider the book as way to introduce young people to the tragedy of 9/11 in an accessible, age-appropriate way.

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**The Passing of the Torch...(Actually, the Stave!)**

Former Rockland County District Chair, Don Shreek, presented the stave to his successor, present District Chair, Linda Pallack. The passing of the stave is a tradition...this stave has been engraved and embellished, and handed down for many years. Congratulations, Linda—and thank you to Don for his service to the Rockland District.
Commuters passing Ramapo Town Hall during the evening rush hour on Friday were probably used to seeing box shelters and a Boy Scout Trailer on the front lawn this time of year. On August 25 and 26, Suffern Boy Scout Troop 21 held its 5th Annual Homeless Campout and food drive in front of Ramapo Town Hall, 237 Route 59 in Airmont.

The event, which dramatizes what it’s like to be homeless, was made even more special this year as Troop 21 was joined by Troop 2 from Nyack. Altogether 14 Boy Scouts and 10 adult leaders attended.

The boys arrived in front of Ramapo Town Hall at 5pm on Friday evening, where they started to construct up their temporary cardboard box shelters. After enjoying some pizza for dinner, the Scouts immediately began their food drive across the street at Walmart and Shop Rite in Tallman. They solicited shoppers for nonperishable food items, such as canned food, boxed items and other things that wouldn’t spoil quickly. They also accepted cash donations, which at the end of the event were converted into Shop Rite gift cards. When they were finished for the evening at 10PM, the boys headed back to their box city for some brotherhood, campfire and snacks. The weather was beautiful and luckily the traffic noise from the adjacent ambulance corps, Rt. 59 and the New York State Thruway wasn’t bad.

On Saturday morning, the boys enjoyed bagels and donuts. And of course it wouldn’t have been a true Boy Scout camp out for the adults without their morning coffee, made even more critical on this outing due to their lack of sleep. The Troops then returned to Walmart and Shop Rite to collect more donations until noon. All counted, the boys collected $1,726 in cash donations and an estimated $1,500 in nonperishable food donations, which benefits the recipients of the food pantry at Troop 21’s chartered organization, All Souls Community Church in Suffern.

It was a great experience for both Troops as it raised awareness for the homeless and gave back to the less fortunate. It is hoped that because of the proven success of this project, more Troops will participate in similar Homeless Campouts throughout Rockland District.
PACK 165
Cub Pack 165 has kept their scouting spirit alive this summer with a variety of adventures! After collectively watching the beautiful fireworks display on the 4th of July at Bowline Point Park, our boys jumped head first, well actually feet first, into Lake Boyce, at Camp Bullowa (RAH, RAH Bullowa), where they had a blast learning and earning achievements along the way. We brushed up on our fishing skills, went to the Drive-in theater, and spent a fun-filled weekend, camping and enjoying the great outdoors. Mother Nature and her “wet” ways will never extinguish our fun scouting spirit! Thank you to all of our leaders who have worked tirelessly, to create an amazing upcoming program calendar year, for our scouts and their families! Hope everyone has a great start to their school year!

BOY SCOUTS
TROOP 33
It certainly has been a busy summer for Troop 33! We have had lots of activity and tons of fun starting with a productive week at Camp Sequassen (attending for over 10 years strong!), the NYLT and the National Jamboree. We are proud to announce that 5 of our scouts have completed their Eagle projects and 2 more have been approved and are about to take flight. Congrats to 5 more of our young men who have graduated HS and will be attending college this fall... and YES, they all EAGLE, or soon to be, Eagle scouts! Our troop will miss them a great deal. May their wings take them beyond their wildest imaginations; carrying with them, all of the awesome friendships, skills and memories that scouting with Troop 33 has afforded them. Looking forward to another scouting year packed with adventure, advancement, community service, fun, and as always, reverence to our greater power. Thank you leaders for all that you do!

TROOP 79
On the weekend of August 4th, 5th and 6th Troop 79 set out on a Harriman State Park backpacking adventure. Departing from the Reeves Meadow visitor center and hiking up to Pine Meadow lake Friday evening. Hiking a long loop thru Harriman on Saturday and then hiking out to the Reeves Meadow visitors center on Sunday morning. The boys hiked past Stone memorial shelter and climbed Panther mountain to take in the views of the New York City skyline. After a damp start to Saturday the weather turned beautiful for the remainder of the trip. This would serve as a preliminary shakedown hike for the boys signed up to attend Philmont in August 2018. Philmont style Leave no Trace camping techniques were used including bear bags, patrol cooking and cleaning and campsite set-up. It was an outstanding weekend!!
BOY SCOUTS

TROOP 61

Troop 2061 of Stony Point traveled to Florida Sea Base for the Out Island Adventure. After the Troop arrived at Brinton Environment Center and completed their shake-down they canoed 5 miles to Big Munson Island and spent 3 days exploring the island and enjoyed outdoor activities and sleeping outdoors in hammocks. Activities on the island included kayaking, fishing, snorkeling and an awesome LUAU! A total 16 scouts and 7 adults were in attendance.

Troop 61 also wishes to congratulate Anthony Rao and Andrew Kolesar our two newest Eagles!!! Anthony’s service project was to donate slightly used Sports Equipment to children in need. Anthony obtained a large metal bin which he refurbish to collect the donated equipment. After doing so he sorted the items by category and distributed them where needed. Andrew’s Eagle Scout project was to give citizens a place to drop off any old and/or damaged flags so that they can be properly retired under the U.S. Flag Code. Andrew obtained and installed three flag receptacles which are located at Haverstraw Town Hall, Town of Haverstraw Police Department and at Bowline Point Park. Haverstraw Superintendent Howard Phillips congratulates Nicholas Perez on his community service project which was dedicated to St. Peter’s and Mary’s Church in Haverstraw. Nicholas built ten miniature wooden altars for his parish. This project will assist all children with varies disabilities such as Autism, ADHD and Tourette syndrome.
This important part of commissioner service is covered in detail in the annual Roundtable Planning Guides that provide complete methods and month-by-month suggestions for each of the monthly roundtables.

The Purpose of the Roundtable

1. To provide the skill to do—skills, techniques, information, program ideas—the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.
2. To provide unit leadership with the will to do—the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

Who Attends Roundtables?

They are designed for all unit leaders.
1. Cub Scout leader roundtables are for Cubmasters, den leaders, Webelos den leaders, all assistants, and pack committee members.
2. Boy Scout leader roundtables are for Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, and troop committee members.
3. Varsity leader huddles are for Varsity Scout Coaches and other team leaders.
4. Venturing forums are for adult crew leaders. On occasion, youth officers should attend also.

The Successful Roundtable

People will want to come when:

1. They get specific helps they can use during the coming month.
2. There is a separate, helpful session for each program phase. Cub Scouting people are not much interested in discussing Boy Scouting, nor do Venturing leaders want to spend the evening watching Cub Scout demonstrations.
3. There is a genuine sense of fellowship. They need to feel that they are wanted, that they are important, that they belong.
4. Learning is largely by doing or watching instead of just listening. The ideal is to let the individual watch and then practice.
5. A dependable schedule is maintained. This means both a regular night and a regular hour for opening and closing. Roundtables early in the month allow time for other steps in unit program planning before the end of the month.
Announcement from the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America Regarding Membership Fee Increase

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

To do this - while delivering the nation's foremost youth development program - the BSA must remain vigilant in controlling costs. Although we have been successful in reducing our expenditures in many areas, it has become necessary to evaluate our annual membership fees. Based on feedback from both volunteers and employees, the BSA membership fee will increase to $33 for all registered youth and adult leaders, effective **December 1, 2017**.

Membership fees support the services that are necessary to provide Scouting to youth from 7 to 21 years of age. From environmental education to high-adventure experiences you can't get anywhere else, the BSA provides unique growth opportunities at a great value.

Services include liability coverage* for all volunteer leaders and chartered organizations, ongoing advances in technology, fundraising support, new program development, membership recruiting strategies, and support materials. In 2016 alone, the BSA served 2.3 million youth members through approximately 270 local councils across the United States and its territories.

With the assistance of our volunteer leadership and Scouting parents, we will continue to accomplish incredible things for young people, and the communities we serve.

*Please note that the local council, (Hudson Valley Council) still requires the $12 annual insurance fee and the Council Service and Operations fee at time of registration*
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Why not Join Cub Scout Pack 327?

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At: Most Precious Blood Church (Fr. Sullivan Hall)
92 Walnut St. Walden, NY 12586

For more information about Pack 32 e-mail: Cub Master, Gabriel Gonzalez - Brooklyn07a.88@gmail.com

**See Back of Flyer for upcoming pack events and exciting details on how to get a free rocket**
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