



# The Promise



## Outdoor Program Newsletter Summer 2019

Welcome to **The Promise**. It is the intent of the Central Region Outdoor Program Support Team (CROPS) to provide councils with information and tools to improve local outdoor program and help them to better deliver the Promise of Scouting.

**Our Vision:** To give every young person in Scouting the opportunity to obtain lasting values and a love for the outdoors, and to do so with safety, good facilities, and strong leadership.

**Our Mission:** To provide every council with sufficient tools to build a quality outdoor experience for young people in a safe and friendly environment, and to support the efforts of all councils to deliver the Promise of Scouting.

Look in this newsletter every quarter for news from the National Service Center, highlights from the Outdoor Program Task Forces and dates of upcoming events. Feel free to distribute this to any interested Scouter and we hope this will be beneficial to your work in the Scouting Movement.

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

In this issue we say farewell to our Chair, Aaron Randolph. Aaron is stepping down from the CROPS Team to become the Chair of the Central Region Jamboree Committee, so Aaron is not going too far away. I'm sure you will be hearing from Aaron as he promotes the 2021 National Jamboree at The Summit, as well as recruiting staff.

We want to thank Aaron for his leadership and commitment to the CROPS Team. He has done a great job in leading the team, raising awareness of what the CROPS Team can do for councils, and tirelessly promoting our two winter conferences.

Thanks, and good luck Aaron!

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# BRYAN ON SCOUTING

A Blog for the BSA's Adult Leaders

## BOOKMARK THESE TWO ESSENTIAL SCOUTS BSA RESOURCES FOR NEW AND LONGTIME LEADERS



Better make room on your bookmarks bar.

The BSA has refreshed and retooled a pair of online resources for Scouts BSA volunteers.

The first is the **Program Resources page**. Think of it as your quick-start guide to Scouts BSA. Here, you'll find a collection of links for starting a Scouts BSA troop, helping Scouts earn merit badges, guiding youth leaders toward more effective troop meetings and more.

The second is the **Program Updates page**. This one's for both newcomers and veterans, and it's where the National Scouts BSA Committee posts the latest information on any changes to the program. If there's a new program initiative, updated requirement or any change to Scouts BSA printed material, you'll find it there first.

Feel free to stop reading here and explore the pages for yourself. If you'd like a little more info on what you'll find at each one, keep scrolling.



## SCOUTS BSA PROGRAM RESOURCES PAGE

- **Link:** <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/resources/>
- **Who it's for:** Adult volunteers, parents and Scouts
- **Why it's useful:** It's a list of official resources to help your Scouts BSA troop be the best it can be.
- **What's there:**
  - A **checklist for a new Scoutmaster** who might be unfamiliar with Scouts BSA
  - The **main page for family Scouting**, which is the BSA's initiative to welcome all members of the family into all Scouting programs
  - A one-page, customizable document you can use at **parent orientation**
  - A **troop resource survey**, which lets you learn the skills of each troop parent to identify potential merit badge counselors and volunteers
  - The **latest requirements for every merit badge**
  - The complete script for an **orientation for new Scout parents**
  - Resources to help you **plan better troop meetings**

- Information on the **National Eagle Scout Association**, which is essentially an alumni group of those who have earned Scouting's highest honor



## SCOUTS BSA PROGRAM UPDATES PAGE

- **Link:** <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/program-updates/>
  - **Who it's for:** Adult volunteers, parents and Scouts
  - **Why it's useful:** It's a single place where you'll find the latest updates or changes to Scouts BSA materials.
  - **What's there:**
    - **New or updated language for Scouts BSA printed materials**, such as the *Scouts BSA Handbook*, *Scouts BSA Requirements* book or a merit badge pamphlet
    - **Updated requirements** for merit badges or ranks
    - **Information on new Scouts BSA initiatives or opportunities**
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## **FISHING - 1st Female Scout receives BSA Complete Angler Recognition**

Robert Quam, Area #3 Fishing Lead, had the privilege of awarding Allison Dempsey with the Complete Angler Award. This is a significant milestone, as Allison is the first female Scout BSA to receive this high honor.

In February, 2019, Allison joined Scout BSA Troop 8038 in Troy, IL. With her love of fishing (see below), she decided to make Fishing, Fly Fishing and Fish & Wildlife merit badges some of the first merit badges that she completed.

On April 27, 2019, she assisted on the lakefront at Camp Warren Levis' GSLAC Parent and Pal weekend with over 200 cub scouts in attendance. Accordingly, she completed all the requirements for the Complete Angler Award on April 27, 2019.

For a complete listing of the requirements of the BSA Complete Angler Award visit:

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/Complete\\_Angler\\_Recognition.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/Complete_Angler_Recognition.pdf)

### **Angling Background of Allison Dempsey:**

In January, 2015, Greater St. Louis Area Council hosted a fly tying clinic. BSA Certified Angling Instructor Jason Dempsey volunteered to assist, and decided to bring his 2 daughters, Katie, age 14, and Allison, age 11. They both fell in love with fly tying.

In May, 2015, GSLAC hosted a CAI Course at Camp Joy, followed on Sunday with a Merit Badge day. Both Allison and Katie taught the Fly Tying portion of the Fly Fishing merit badge to over 40 boy scouts.

In June of 2016, at the age of 13, Allison completed the CAI Course with 40 other ventures.

In March, 2018, she completed her Venturing Discovery Award. Over the past 3 years she has assisted with several fishing events and fly tying event at the local, district and council levels.



# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

## CENTRAL REGION

### Recap of Camp Assessment Process 2019

5/15/2019 RK

Area	Area Lead	Trained Assessors 2019	Training Sessions Scheduled	Resident Camps Scheduled for Assess					Waivers	Variance	2018 Camps w/ Conditional Accreditation
				Cub Scout	Scouts BS	Venture	HA, COPE, Specialty	Total			
1	Gitzen, Segersin	59	4	18	17		3	38	2		1
2	Kasiorek	95	2	5	6		3	14			3
3	Hay & Windisch	58	4	13	14	1	5	33			
4		74	3	10	10			20	1		
5	Oakman, Worley	100	3	16	15		1	32			
6	D. Williams	85	3	10	12		1	23	1	1	
7	Erdelyi, Gille	88	2	11	9	2	1	23	1		
camp School, COPE	Nagel, Gitzen, Williams	20	2								
<b>Total</b>		<b>579</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>183</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
	R. Koch - C.R. Coordinator										

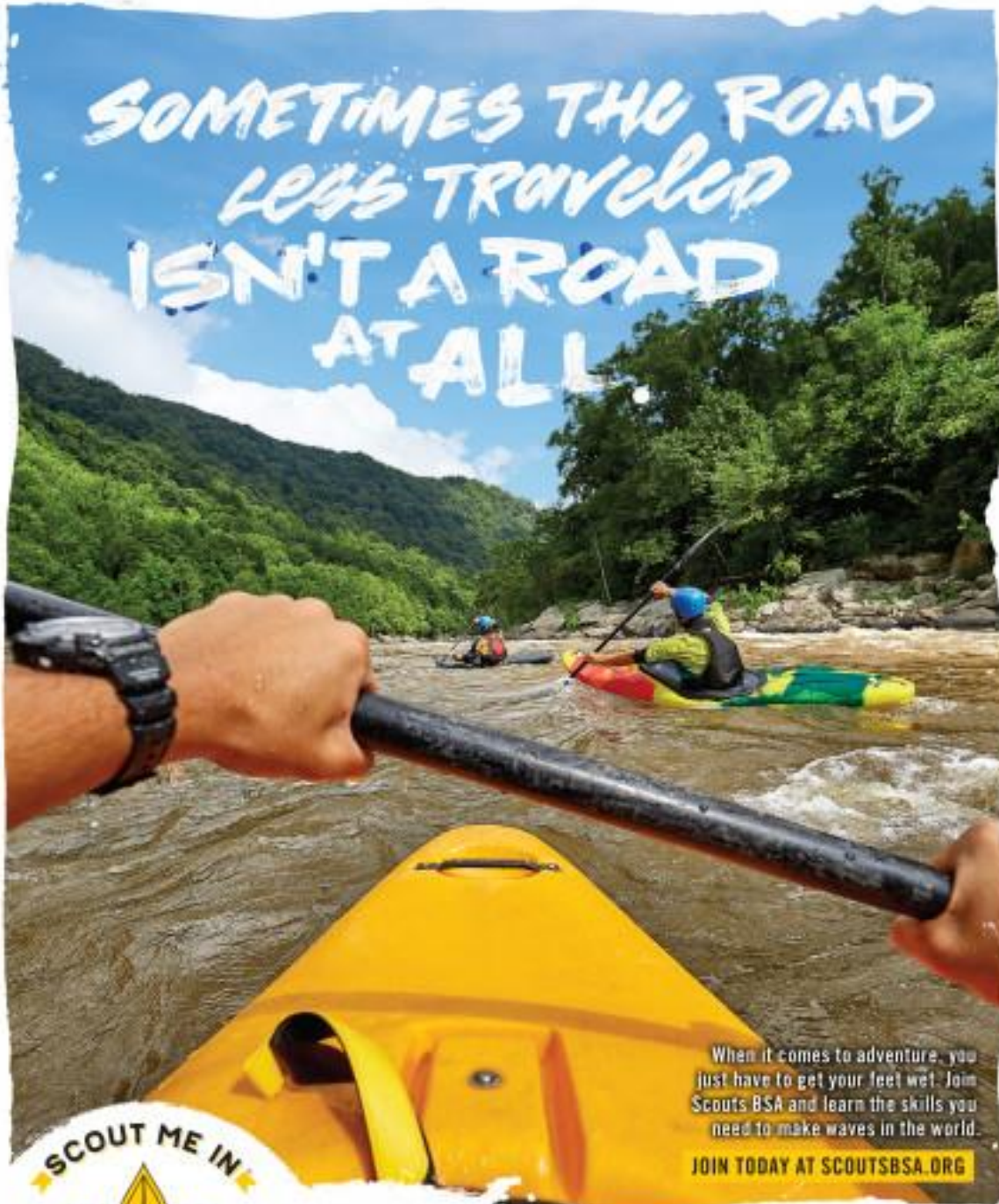
Notes: Stats are as 5/15/2019

- 1 Planned Trained Camp School Rangers, Camp Directors, etc. in Assessment and Assessment Team practices
- 2 Planned Trained COPE Inspectors to be a part of an Assessment Team and received Assessment Team Training, 2 Sessions
- 3 Trained 8 Assessors from Sioux Council and 2 from Black Hills. These councils have not sent folks for training in a while.
- 4 171 Camps Assessed in 2018.
- 5 First training session is offered on 3/23/2019
- 6 All Area Charimen are asked to contact councils to encourage them to enter their Intent<sup>t</sup>s to Operate. Some are missing in Area 4.
- 7 Total Trained Assessors (2018 & 2019) = 738 Trained
- 8 High Adventure Camp, Little Sioux, Area 5, Cancelled due to flooding.

## Marketing 101

If you haven't visited the BSA Brand Center for some ideas on how to market Scouting in your council or your unit, it is well worth your time to take a look at this link:

<https://scoutingwire.org/use-these-best-practices-for-scout-flier-design/>



When it comes to adventure, you just have to get your feet wet. Join Scouts BSA and learn the skills you need to make waves in the world.

JOIN TODAY AT SCOUTSBSA.ORG



**JOIN IN ON THE ADVENTURE WITH SCOUTS BSA TROOP 123**  
LEARN MORE AT FACEBOOK.COM/TROOP123 OR  
JOIN US AT SPRINGFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL EVERY MONDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 PM

## MEET THE CROPS TEAM!

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## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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As with all things in life, when we close one door another opens. In the spring edition of *The Promise*, I mentioned the two Central Region Outdoor Conferences we held last January. The memories are still fresh, but we are already preparing for the 2020 conferences. You and the young people you serve are the reason for the conferences – we want to bring you fresh ideas, new training opportunities, and the latest buzz from the National Outdoor Adventures Committee, etc. Let us know what you need in order to stay current with ideas and program offerings, and we will do everything we can to bring those resources to the conferences. Throughout the year we also work to share updates as they happen. This occurs through the committee members and subject matter experts who serve on the Area and Region committees. These volunteers are available year round by phone and email, and they are willing to help set up conferences for local councils to learn more about each of the outdoor program subjects. If you want to take your local camp and council to the next level of program delivery and excellence, just reach out to the CROPS team and we'll put you in touch with the superstars who can help you. Your local council Scout office can contact us as well. We would love to hear from you about the subjects you want included in the next conference.

Speaking of conferences, the annual Outdoor Conference will be held at Philmont this fall. Dates are Week 12, September 25 – 29. This is a premier event with lots of exciting seminars, as well as exhibits from national outdoor equipment vendors. To register or get more details about the conference, visit [www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/conferenceso/](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/conferenceso/)

And speaking of closing doors, the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree is just around the corner this summer. If you miss this event, then mark your calendar for the 2021 BSA National Jamboree, to be held in July of 2021. The rush of details will begin shortly, so BE PREPARED!!!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of the outstanding Scouters I've been blessed to work with during my time as the CROPS chair. I changed hats as of the 2019 National Annual Meeting and Dan Gille, editor of *The Promise* is taking over as the CROPS chair. He has asked Marv Wilson, from the Mid-Iowa Council, to serve as his assistant. The committee is in good hands. I will be serving as the Central Region 2021 National Jamboree Chair, and look forward to continuing down the Scouting trail to adventure with all of you. Don't be surprised if you get a call from me – with your help we are going to fill Bravo Base Camp!

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(Yours In The Spirit Of Gilwell)

Aaron Randolph, Immediate Past Chair  
Central Region Outdoor Program Support

## FROM THE NEW CHAIR:

At the recent BSA National Annual Meeting, I was approved as the new chair for the CROPS Team. I am humbled by this selection, and I have some big shoes to fill in following Jim Kern and Aaron Randolph. As the old saying goes, "I am standing on the shoulders of great men." Aaron and Jim have raised awareness of the committee in the region, and have made our winter conferences the best in the country. The conferences continue to grow and improve.

The goals for the CROPS Team are simple: Do whatever we can to help councils offer the best possible outdoor programs for the youth in their council. We can do that in many ways. All the councils need to do is ask, and the subject matter expert team members will be there to help.

One of the best ways to help councils is to participate in and promote our two winter conferences, so the save the date:

- Saturday January 18 in Des Moines, IA
- Saturday January 25 in Indianapolis, IN

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