

It's everything you want to know! Blackhawk Area Council November 4, 2017

Get ready, here it comes! Check out the newest training event in Blackhawk Area Council! We proudly present "Camp Wachuwanaknow" previously known as Next Step. It's everything you want to know! This year the event will be held at

Belvidere High School, located at 1500 East Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008.

SO- what's new about this event that it needed a new name? Well, we're glad you asked! This year we are excited to offer classes for Cub Scout Adults, Boy Scout Adults, Venturing Adults, AND Boy Scout Youth and Venturing Youth. We've taken out many of the long leader specific training classes that are best suited to be taken in your district, and replaced them with tons of FUN classes, filled with all kinds of great stuff that you want to know about! Cub Scout Camping? Check. Dutch oven cooking? Check. What kind of gear you need for high adventure camping? You got it! Please note that when you register on Doubleknot, some classes may require extra fees to cover material costs, such as the Cub Scout Wood Project, CPR & First Aid, etc. The most current list of additional costs and class descriptions can be found at www.blackhawkScouting.org.

Other new features this year include keynote speaker Scott Siebert giving a "State of the Council" address at our opening ceremony, and a Midway session during lunch filled with vendors and places that offer opportunities for Scouts! Great resources are right at your fingertips! As you look through the class list, you will see abbreviations to the left of the class name. While anyone can take pretty much any of the classes (with the exception of Boy Scout youth taking classes only labeled for Venturing youth, meaning the Scout must be at least 14 to take the class) the abbreviation will help you determine who the class is best suited for. The key is as follows:

BA: Boy Scout Adults BY: Boy Scout Youth CA: Cub Scout Adults

E: Everyone GA: General Adults VA: Venturing Adults

VY: Venturing Youth (or Boy Scout youth who are at least 14 years old.) An asterisk means there is an extra \$5 class materials fee.

We hope that you like the new format and look forward to your feedback and growing the program even more next year. If you are interested in being on the planning team for next year, please contact Beth Costa, Scouterbeth4@gmail.com or Sandy Schwartz, sandyri@comcast.net.

Course		7:15-	8:00-	8:40-	9:40-	10:40-	11:35-	12:40-	1:40-	2:40-
Audience	Description	8:00	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	12:35	1:30	2:30	3:30
	Gathering and Check In									
	Opening Ceremony									
	Lunch and Midway									
	Planning for First Class in the First Year- Create a plan for your new Scouts to earn their First Class rank in their first year of Boy									
BA	Scouts									
ВА	Life to Eagle Coaching (Adults)- Learn how to effectively coach a Life Scout through the Eagle Process to ensure his success.									
BA, BY	Patrol Games- Bring some fresh ideas to your troop and patrol meetings with these games									

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	Using TroopMaster - Web based - Does your troop use TroopMaster?								
BA	Learn how to switch to the web-based software quickly and easily	_							
	Merit Badge Counselor Training- Learn the requirements of								
BA	becoming a trained merit badge counselor								
	Scoutmaster Minutes & Conferences- Choose your words wisely to								
	make a big impact on Scouts with Scoutmaster minutes and								
BA	conferences.								
	Running an Effective Patrol Leaders' Council- Give your patrol								
	leaders the tools they need to run an effective Patrol Leaders'								
BA, BY	Council to improve your boy-led program.								
	How to Use a Troop Guide- make the most of your recruitment								
BA, BY	efforts with a troop guide to show new Scouts the way!								
	The Patrol Method- It's not A way to run a Boy Scout troop, it's THE								
	way to run a Boy Scout troop. Learn how to step back and watch the								
BA, BY	youth lead themselves.								
	Camp Gateways- AirCamp is coming. Does your troop know how to								
	make an amazing gateway for campouts? Learn lashings and								
BA, BY	structures to wow a crowd!								
	OA Overview- Not quite sure just what the Order of the Arrow is or								
	what they do? This general overview session will answer all of your								
BA, BY	questions.								
	Hit the Trail-Hiking & Cycling- Learn about local trails that are just								
	perfect for longer hikes and cycling and how to meet some of the								
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BA, BY	merit badge requirements.								
,	Camp Duty Rosters & Menu Planning- Make your campouts run								
	more smoothly with a great duty roster and give youth ideas for								
BA, BY	menu planning past spaghetti and walking tacos.								
,	Planning Conservation/Hornaday Project- Learn the Ins and Outs of	_							
BA, BY,	a Hornaday Project and the process for earning it.								
, ,	Annual Troop & Crew Program Planning- Give the youth something	_							
	to look forward to when they plan their annual calendar with a little								
BA, VA	help from you.								
7	Outdoor Ethics for Troops & Crews- BSA has increased the number								
	of requirements for Outdoor Ethics in Boy Scouts. Learn how to								
BA, VA	make it a part of your troop or crew program.								
57.9.77.	STEM ideas for Troops and Crews- Feeling overwhelmed? STEM for								
	older Scouts doesn't have to be intimidating. Get some great project								
	ideas and learn how to coach older Scouts through the NOVA								
BVA	awards.								
<u> </u>	Planning for a High Adventure Trip- Learn about how to plan								
	prepare yourself for high adventure- Where to go and how to get								
BVA, BVY	there from beginning to end								
	Primitive Fire Building- Boy Scouts have always been known as								
	young men who could start fires without matches. This course will								
	demonstrate how to do this using a bow drill, flint and steel, and the								
	fire-piston. It will also explain how and why each method works, the								
	history of its use, and tell how you can learn more and obtain								
BVA, VY	materials so you can teach your Scouts.								
5 V/1, V I	Building a Basic Survival Kit: Sure, you can buy one, but why not			+					
	build your own? When you attend this course, you'll learn the basics								
	of survival strategy and also where to obtain the elements of a kit								
BVA, VY	that will help you implement these tactics.								
-,	Den Chief Training- Interested in being a den chief? This essential training-	ining w	ill						
BY	help you feel comfortable and confident in your new role!	W			LUNC	I IS INCL	UDED IN	CLASS	
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	Life to Eagle Planning (Youth)- This class is intended for Boy Scouts who are								
	at or quickly approaching Life rank, and will help you lay out a plan to earn								
BY	your Eagle without missing any critical steps or requirements.								
	OA Leadership Opportunities (Youth)- This class is intended for Boy Scouts								
	who are in OA or hope to be soon. Come and learn about the many								
	leadership opportunities available in OA and how you can serve your lodge								
BY	or chapter best.								
	Boy Scout Tie Slides (Youth)- Do you love making tie slides and miss your								
	Cub Scout days of making them at den meetings? Here's your chance to								
BY	learn some fun new tie slide ideas to add to your collection!								
	Worst Case Scenario- This class is for youth in Boy Scouts and Venturing!								
DV VV	Join us for a fun game of "What if?" and sharpen your skills while learning how to Be Prepared for anything!								
BY, VY	Make a Survival Bracelet: Boy Scout and Venturing youth will have fun		_						
BY, VY	making a paracord survival bracelet. There is an extra cost of \$5 to cover								
*\$5	supplies.								
73	Sales Techniques for Fundraisers (Youth)- Tweak your sales techniques to								
	increase your fund raising sales. Never write a check for summer camp								
BY, VY	again! This class is intended for Boy Scout and Venturing Youth.								
,	Introduction to Dutch Oven (Youth): This one is for Boy Scout and								
	Venturing youth! This class will teach you the beginner basics of Dutch oven								
BY, VY	cooking and give you a recipe or two to impress even the pickiest eaters in								
*\$5	your unit!								
	Advanced Dutch Oven (Youth): Take your Dutch oven cooking to the next								
BY, VY	level! Learn even more recipes and a few new techniques to make the most								
*\$5	of your Dutch oven.								
	Your Best Blue & Gold: You want your Blue and Gold banquet to be a								
	memorable event, and we're here to help you with that! Come learn the								
	fundamentals of planning the event and get lots of inspiration on themes,								
CA	activities, and ceremonies to make your Blue and Gold shine.								
	Cub Scout Hiking Program: Hiking isn't just for older Scouts! Learn how to								
	implement a great hiking program in your pack to keep the OUTING in								
CA	Scouting. Your youth will develop (or further) a deep appreciation of the								
CA	outdoors the more time they spend in it. Cub Scout Community Service- Sometimes it can be challenging to find								
	meaningful community service projects for Cub Scouts. Come join us for								
	some how-to and plenty of inspirational projects that the little guys can								
CA	tackle with ease.								
	STEM Projects for Den Meetings- STEM projects that fit the attention span								
	of your Scouts! Have a blast showing them how fun STEM can be. They								
CA	won't even realize they are learning!								
	Cub Scout Tie Slides- Learn techniques for making great tie slides for your								
	den that won't break the bank. Lots of great inspiration and some fun ways								
CA	to recycle materials you have in your house to suit every occasion!								
	Wood Project for Cub Scouts: Not handy with wood projects? Come learn								
	how to make a great wooden tool box on a budget that your Scouts can be								
	proud to take home from a den meeting. You will leave the class with a								
	completed project and the plans to reproduce it in your den. There is an								
CA *¢r	extra \$5 materials cost for this class to cover the cost of the wood and								
*\$5	supplies needed.								
	Teaching Whittling Chip to Cub Scouts- Teaching whittling can be a bit								
	intimidating for a den leader. We've got the scoop on the best ways to insure safety and fun at the same time! We'll also have a couple of age								
	appropriate projects that your boys can tackle once they've earned their								
CA	Whittling Chip.								
<i>5.</i> .	Cub Scout Campouts- Get inspired to take your Cub Scouts camping! Lots of								
	ideas for fun family activities, great locations, and more.								
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Audience	Course Description I'm a New Den Leader, Now What? You've taken the Den Leader Specific	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	12:35	1:30	2:30	3:30
	training, but you're still not quite sure how to get started. Join us for a								
	question and answer forum with other den leaders for a great networking								
CA	opportunity.								
	Cub Scout Camp Cooking- Learn some fun quick ideas for camp cooking-								
	Cub Scout style! Tried and true techniques that will have them asking for								
CA	seconds every time.								
	Cub Scout Indoor Games - Sometimes it's too cold or too wet to take your								
	boys outside for a game. Then what? Load up your arsenal with plenty of								
	great ideas for games you can play with a moment's notice indoors to make								
CA	sure your meeting is always filled with plenty of FUN!								
	Derby Time- Pinewood? Rockets? Raingutter Regatta? We've got you								1
	covered! This class will inspire you to bring these challenges back to your unit to make amazing memories of fun and a little friendly competition. On								1
CA	your mark, get set, GO!								1
CA	Keeping Den Meetings Interesting- Do you ever feel like you're in a rut with								4
	your den meetings? This class wil inspire you with new ideas to keep every								
	meeting fresh and exciting so your boys are always looking forward to								
CA	what's next!								
	Outdoor Ethics for Cub Scouts- Everyone should learn about Outdoor Ethics								
	and the latest changes in the Cub Scout program provide the perfect								
	opportunity to introduce this topic in a meaningful way. Learn how to make								
	it part of your program, give the kids some hands-on experience, and above								
CA	all, make it fun!								
	Cub Scout Crafts - Feeling like you can't possibly do one more toilet paper								
	tube craft project? Come get inspired with some kid-friendly crafts that								
CA	your boys will love making!								_
	Pack Committee Roles & Responsibilities- Have you ever wondered what is								
	supposed to happen at a committee meeting? Who is supposed to be doing								
CA	what? Learn how to balance the work load with a well-trained committee of								
CA	adults and watch your pack program soar to new heights. Annual Pack Program Planning- Be sure to keep your calendar diverse with								1
	activities and you will retain Scouts! We've got plenty of ideas for pack								
	events and outings, and be sure to bring a few ideas of your own to share as								
CA	well!								
	Bring the Bling-Special Awards for Volunteers and Cub Scouts- Perfect								1
	Attendance? Super Helper of the Month? First to Finish? There's an award								
	for that and more! With a little creativity you can say a special thank you								
CA	that will encourage greater participation and volunteering.								
	Skits and Songs- Breath fresh life in to your ceremonies and campfires with								1
	some new skits and songs! Bring a favorite skit or song from your unit to								1
E	share and leave with a bunch of new material.								4
_	Weather Safety- Learn how to read the skies during campouts to keep your								
E	Scouts prepared for any type of weather.		-						
	Wood Burning Craft Techniques: A great project to take back to your unit. Learn how to transfer a pattern to your project and make a small design								1
E	with wood burning techniques.								1
	Using Social Media in Scouting- Social media can be a powerful tool when								1
	used correctly to promote your unit, communicate with parents, and more!								
E	Learn best practices and internet safety to be sure you aren't violating YPT.								
	Leather Work (requires 2 periods): start with a small project that you will								
	stain, and then finish it up in the 2nd class period after lunch Costs \$5 extra								
Е	to cover supplies.								
	Sewing to stretch uniform longevity- Kids grow so fast! Learn how to								
	replace a zipper, drop a pants hem, and more to make the uniform last as								
E	long as possible. A Scout is thrifty!								
	Religious Emblems: what are they? Nearly every religion has a religious								
E	emblem associated with it that Scouts (& Scouters!) can earn.								
	CPR/First Aid Certification (6 class periods)- Need to renew or earn your								
	CPR and First Aid certification? We've got you covered with this 6 hour								
Ε *¢25	course with an American Heart Association instructor. Extra cost of \$25 for								
*\$25	the certification, class size is limited to the first 10 people to register.								

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Audience	Course Description	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	12:35	1:30	2:30	3:30
E *\$25	CPR (3 class periods)								
E *\$25	First Aid Certification (3 class periods)								
	What's Happening in the Council- Q & A Forum: Do you have questions								
-	about how our council works or events coming up? This open forum Q&A								
E	gives you an opportunity to ask.								
	Photography: Learn how to improve your pictures with a few tips and tricks of the trade from an award winning photographer! Improve composition								
E	and learn a few settings that will make a big difference.								
_	Cell Phone Photography: You CAN take great photos with your cell phone!								
	Learn a few tips and tricks, and about a few apps that can make the most of								
Е	your cell phone captures.								
	A Scout Is Reverent-Scouts Own Service: Feeling intimidated about putting								
_	together a Scout's Own religious service? We've got you covered! Learn								
E	about the key components of a great service that respects multiple faiths.								
	Bullying: Are you prepared to deal with bullying when you see it? Learn what to look for, how to prevent it, and how to stop it if it is already								
E	happening.								
-	Knots: Feeling a little rusty on the basic knots of Scouting? This course will								
	serve as a great introduction or refresher for the knots Scouts need to know								
E	for advancement, and possibly a few more.								
	Advanced Knots: Feeling pretty comfortable with the basic knots? Two								
	generations of knot enthusiasts will take your knots to the next level in this								
_	class. Learn a couple of decorative knots, a couple advanced functional								
E	knots, and more in this class.								
	Artisticology Painting: Have some fun painting a Boy Scout emblem with your fellow Scouts and Scouters! Learn about opportunities for your unit to								
	complete art requirements with this great company! Class size will be								
E	limited, so don't delay your registration. Extra charge of \$5 to cover								
*\$5	supplies.								
	Flag Etiquette & Ceremonies: Our flag deserves our utmost respect, but								
	you may not feel confident in what that means exactly. Learn the rules of								
E	good flag etiquette and some flag ceremonies to bring back to your unit.								
	Trainers EDGE: If you will be staffing Okpik or NYLT, this is a prerequisite								
	that you need to complete. The requirements have changed recently, it does not need to be renewed every 2 years as it was previously. Fine tune								
GA	your presentation skills and gain confidence speaking to groups!								
	Commissioner Tools, Part A: What are the commissioner's tools and how								
	do you use them? It is more than just a website. Also covered, Visiting units								
	and how to log your visit. Class should be taken with Commissioner tools,								
GA	part B								
	Commissioner Tools, Part B: What are the commissioner's tools and how								
	do you use them? It is more than just a website. Also covered, Visiting units								
GA	and how to log your visit. Class should be taken with Commissioner tools, part A								
3, (So You're Thinking About Being a Unit Commissioner: What is a unit								
	Commissioner? How does their role help Scouting at the unit level? Are you								
GA	the right person to be a unit commissioner?								
-	Commissioner Basics- Fast Track, Part A: How to hit the ground running								
	and the first 90 days as a unit commissioner. Class should be taken with								
GA	Commissioner Basics- Fast Track, Part B								
	Commissioner Basics- Fast Track, Part B: How to hit the ground running								
GA	and the first 90 days as a unit commissioner. Class should be taken with Commissioner Basics- Fast Track, Part A								
3,1	The Roundtable Commissioner and the Roundtable Staff: Learn the								
	structure of a Roundtable staff and the roles needed to provide an excellent								
	roundtable program each month.								
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	Overview Class- Disabilities Awareness: This module of the CDAC series will								
	focus on the mission, value, and purpose of the committee. We will be								
	using a general overview of the committee as well as discussing the								
	different ways the committee can help your unit prepare and embrace								
GA	Scouts with different abilities.								
	Scouting & Autism- This module of the CDAC series will focus on general								
	characteristics and learning approaches for youth with Autism. These								
	Scouts have unique challenges and respond differently. We will be using a								
	general overview; three case scenarios are planned for group problem								
GA	solving activities followed by short discussions of the groups solutions.								
	Scouting & Cognitive/ Down's Syndromes/Slow Learners- This module of								
	the CDAC series will focus on general characteristics and learning								
	approaches that have been used in schools for teaching students in these								
	two groups of lower functioning youth. These Scouts will not easily pick up/								
	master skills. After a general overview, three case scenarios are planned for								
	group problem solving activities followed by short discussions of the								
GA	groups' solutions.								
	Scouting & Physical Disabilities: This module of the CDAC series will focus								i
	on general characteristics and learning approaches for dealing with youth								i
	with a physical disability. After a general overview, three case scenarios are								i
C A	planned for group problem solving activities followed by short discussion								i
GA	with the group.								
	Scouting & ADHD and Anxiety- This module of the CDAC series will focus on general characteristics and for youth with ADHD and/or Anxiety. These								
	Scouts have trouble focusing, adjusting, and can be easily triggered by								
	surroundings. We will be using a general overview; three case scenarios are								
	planned for group problem solving activities followed by short discussions								
	of the groups' solutions. This module of the CDAC series will focus on								
	general characteristics and for youth with ADHD and/or Anxiety. These								
	Scouts have trouble focusing, adjusting, and can be easily triggered by								
	surroundings. We will be using a general overview; three case scenarios are								
	planned for group problem solving activities followed by short discussions								
GA	of the groups solutions.								
	Creating a Policy Handbook: When is the best time to create a policy								
	handbook for your unit? When you don't need it! Come learn about key								
	topics that should be included, how to gather input for those topics, and								
	the best ways to utilize the policies as an effective management tool in your								
GA	unit.								
	STEM Outing ideas- there are many places in our communities that would								
	make a great STEM outings, join us for some inspiration of organizations in								
GA	your own back yard and beyond!								
	Risk Management & Safe Scouting: This is a great session focused on risk								
	management and health and safety issues in Scouting. Hear from our								
	council's Risk Management Committee on best practices to protect our								
GA	Scouts!								
	Introduction to Okpik- Do you think you might be interested in learning								1
	more about cold weather camping through Okpik? This course will give you								1
GA	more insight into the course so you can sign up!								
	Dutch oven Cooking (Adults) - Take your Dutch oven cooking past cobbler!								
GA	Come prepared to have your mind blown with all of the delicious things you								
*\$5	can concoct!								
	Promoting Your Unit- Learn how to keep your Scouts and parents informed								
	about the happenings in your unit with a newsletter. This can also be used								
GA	to share information with your charter organization and more.								
	Internet Advancement How-To: Have you recently been asked to step up								
	as the advancement chairperson? Have no fear! We are here to walk you								
	through the steps of internet advancement so that you can ensure that								
GA	your Scouts get the recognition for the advancements they have earned.								
	What Is New at National? Curious about what kinds of changes are								
	happening with new positions, training, and other changes at the National								
	level? We've got some of the inside scoop and want to share it with you!								
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Audience	Telling Scouting's Positive Story: You are doing great things in your unit-	0.30	9.30	10.30	11.30	12.33	1.50	∠.30	5.30
	you should let everyone know about it! Learn how to write an article to be								
GA	featured in the Courier or even your community newspaper!								
UA .	Understanding Journey to Excellence- Do you know how to calculate the								
	results of the Journey to Excellence? Learn the significance of Journey to								
	Excellence, and how to track it all year long so that it is significantly easier								
GA	to complete when you recharter.								
UA .	Med Wise-Drug Safety & Awareness: This is a great class, taught by a								
	pharmacist on how to handle prescription drugs safely. Learn about								
GA	watching for possible signs of abuse and how to act on it.								
GA.	Dealing with Difficult People: In general, Scouters are a great bunch of								
	folks! Occasionally, however, you may cross paths with a difficult person,								
	and the skills developed in this class can help you manage your own								
GA	emotions and deal with the behavior in a more effective manner.								
<u>σ</u> Α	Accomplishing the Mission of Scouting through Collaboration and								
	Diversity Inclusion: This course will focus on the understanding and								
	importance of how to accomplish the mission of Scouting with an emphasis								
	on the power of collaboration amongst the members of the team and the								
	ability to embrace diversity throughout Scouting. This will be a class that								
GA	will involve both individual and group participation.								
GA.	NOVA/STEM Playroom: Looking for a little more inspiration with STEM?		-						
	Stop in to the STEM Playroom to try out a STEM project hands on and get								
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GA, GY	some extra insight on how to put it together. STEM- Grossology: This class focusses on the gross stuff that Scouts like so								
	much- slime, squishy things, and other fun science projects that will gross								
CA CV	them out to their delight!								
GA, GY	CTEM Debatics I care about appartunities and basic concents of relation								
CA CV	STEM- Robotics: Learn about opportunities and basic concepts of robotics								
GA, GY	and how you can share it with your Scouts.								
	Venturing Games : Hey, older kids love to play games too! Come hear about								
VA VY	some great games best suited for the Venturing program, come prepared to								
VAVI	play and have fun!								
	Venturing Ethical discussions: This is a requirement for the Pathfinder								
	Award. Come and participate in an ethical discussion. Learn about								
\/A \//	resources to hold your own, and gain confidence to lead discussions in your								
VA, VY	Crew.								
	How to Run Venturing BOR & Goal Setting: If you are a new adult in a								
	crew, you might be nervous about how to conduct a board of review for a								
	Venturing Award. Goal setting is also a requirement where Venturers need								
\/A \//	to interact with the Advisor. Come and learn a general structure to follow								
VA, VY	so that you are ready to roll as soon as you are approached for it!	-							
	Venturing Awards: There are different areas of awards in Venturing. Learn								
	the difference between the Core Awards, Specialty Awards, and Leadership								
\/A \A\	Awards, and how to help your Venturers earn them!								
VA, VY		-							
	Drone Flying (Youth): You read that right! Spend your last hour of the day								
	learning about how to fly a drone, and take a turn putting it up in the air!								
VY	Makes a great Scouting activity			-					
	Hand Tools for Woodworking: Use how to correctly use a variety of hand								
B./	tools for wood working projects from a master craftsman! You will leave								
BY, VY	the class inspired and confident to create!								
	Tool Sharpening Done Right: The most dangerous tool is a DULL Tool!								
	earm the best ways to sharpen your different blades. Bring your favorite								
GA	pocket knife to sharpen in class.								
	High Adventure Gear Review: Learn about the gear that you may need (and								
E	what you can leave at home) for your next high adventure trip.								