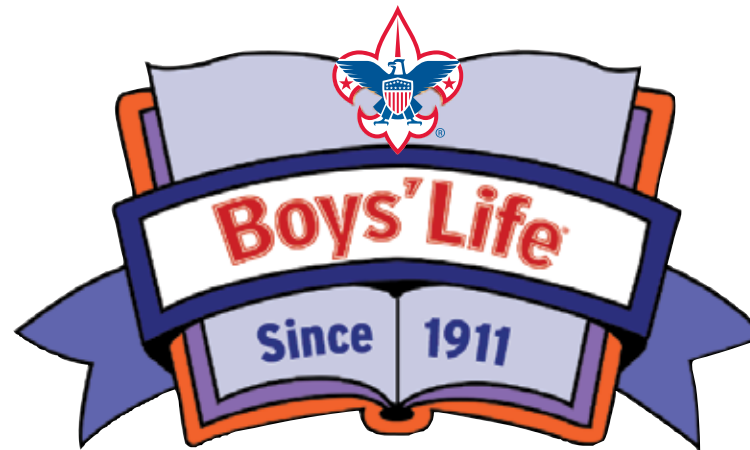


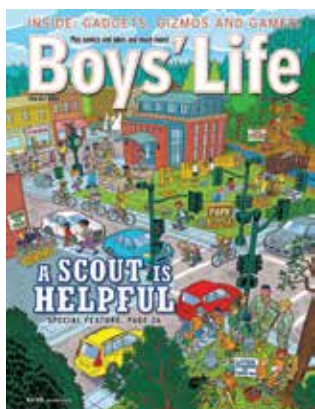
# Boys' Life®

## PLANNING CALENDAR 2015-2016

Additional dates through 2020  
Building the Council Annual Plan



**Good Reading  
Good Scouting**



# Boys' Life<sup>®</sup> is Good Scouting

When I look at the commissioner's duty "to help units to deliver the ideals of Scouting to their members," I see so many ways that *BOYS' LIFE* magazine helps to accomplish our goals.

**Program Delivery:** Through its two editions—the Cub Scout edition and the Boy Scout edition—*BOYS' LIFE* provides program-specific material for Cub Scouts (adventure loop and pin activities) and Boy Scouts (program features and merit badges).

**Membership Retention:** We have long recognized that *BOYS' LIFE* has a direct influence on membership retention. *BOYS' LIFE* subscribers stay in Scouting longer, usually more than twice as long as Scouts who do not get *BOYS' LIFE*.

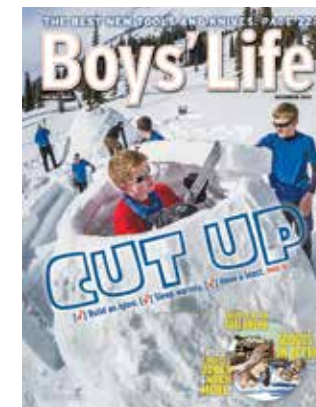
**Family Support:** More than 1.1 million Scouts subscribe to *BOYS' LIFE*. Pass-along readership adds another 3 million readers, mostly moms and dads, brothers, and sisters. Family members who read *BOYS' LIFE* become stronger in their support of Scouting.

Encourage all of your units to be 100 percent signed up for *BOYS' LIFE*.

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**Tico Perez**  
National Commissioner  
Boy Scouts of America



## SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Make <b>BOYS' LIFE</b> a feature of every roundtable.</p>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7   Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30	<p><b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b></p> <p> Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for September): <b>Clean/Cubervation</b></p> <p> Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for October): <b>Science</b></p>		

## OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b>  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for October): <b>Brave/SuperCub!</b>  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for November): <b>Financial Management</b>				1	2	3
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	 Columbus Day (observed)					
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## NOVEMBER 2015

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8	9	10	11  Veterans Day	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26  Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30	<p>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</p> <p> Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for November): <b>Helpful/Cubs in Action</b></p> <p> Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for December): <b>Outdoor Ethics</b></p>				

## DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b>  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for December): <b>Reverent/Winter Wonderland</b>  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for January): <b>Snowboarding and Skiing</b>		1	2	3	4	5
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					 Christmas Day	
27	28	29	30	31	<i>BOYS' LIFE</i> subscribers stay in Scouting longer.	



## FEBRUARY 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7  Scouting Anniversary Week begins.  Scout Sunday	8  Scouting Anniversary Day	9	10	11	12	13  Scouting Anniversary Week ends.  Scout Sabbath
14  Valentine's Day	15   Presidents' Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22  Founders Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	<p><b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b></p> <p> Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for February): <b>Friendly/Friends Near and Far</b></p> <p> Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for March): <b>Citizenship</b></p>				



## MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</p> <p> Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for March): <b>Thrifty/Cubstruction</b></p> <p> Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for April): <b>Climbing and Rappelling</b></p>		1	2	3	4	5
		<i>BOYS' LIFE</i> Anniversary Day				
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				St. Patrick's Day		
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27	28	29	30	31	Use the budget plan for 100 percent <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> .	

## APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b>  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for April): <b>Cheerful/Strike Up the Band</b>  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for May): <b>Fitness and Nutrition</b>					1	2
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## MAY 2016

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8  Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30   Memorial Day	31	<p>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</p> <p> Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for May): <b>Kind/My Animal Friends</b></p> <p> Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for June): <b>Scuba Diving</b></p>			

## JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b>  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for June): <b>Obedient/It's a Hit!</b>  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for July): <b>Ethics</b>			1	2	3	4
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		 Flag Day				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day						
26	27	28	29	30	Give your Scouts the <b><i>BOYS' LIFE</i></b> advantage.	



# JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b>  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for July): <b>Loyal/Scout Salute</b>  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for August): <b>Caving</b>					1	2
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	 Independence Day					
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## AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>BOYS' LIFE</i> is essential.	1	2	3	4	5	6
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<p><b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b></p> <p> Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for August): <b>Courteous/S'more Cub Scout Fun</b></p> <p> Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for September): <b>Nature and Environment</b></p>		

## SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b>  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for September): <b>Clean/Cubservation</b>  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for October): <b>Geocaching</b>				1	2	3
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	 Labor Day					
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Readers are leaders.

# OCTOBER 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b></p> <p> Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for October): <b>Brave/SuperCub!</b></p> <p> Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for November): <b>Spectator Sports</b></p>						1
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9	 Columbus Day	11	12	13	14	15
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## NOVEMBER 2016

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<p>Families who read <b>BOYS' LIFE</b> strengthen their support of Scouting.</p>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					 Veterans Day	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				 Thanksgiving Day		
27	28	29	30	<b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b>  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for November): <b>Helpful/Cubs in Action</b>  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for December): <b>Cooking</b>		

## DECEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Featured this month in <i>BOYS' LIFE</i> magazine:</b>  Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for December): <b>Reverent/Winter Wonderland</b>  Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for January): <b>Duty to God</b>				1	2	3
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 Christmas Day						

2017

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 16

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 20

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 1

St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 17

Passover Begins

Tuesday, April 11

Good Friday

Friday, April 14

Easter

Sunday, April 16

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14

Memorial Day

Monday, May 29

Flag Day

Wednesday, June 14

Father's Day

Sunday, June 18

Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4

Labor Day

Monday, September 4

Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 21

Friday, September 22

Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 30

Columbus Day (observed)

Monday, October 9

Election Day

Tuesday, November 7

Veterans Day

Saturday, November 11

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 23

Christmas

Monday, December 25

2017

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2018

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2018

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 15

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 19

St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 17

Passover Begins

Saturday, March 31

Good Friday

Friday, March 30

Easter

Sunday, April 1

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28

Flag Day

Thursday, June 14

Father's Day

Sunday, June 17

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 4

Labor Day

Monday, September 3

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 10

Tuesday, September 11

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 18

Columbus Day (observed)

Wednesday, October 9

Election Day

Tuesday, November 6

Veterans Day

Sunday, November 11

Thanksgiving

2019

# 2019

2020

## New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1

January						
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## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 21

## Presidents' Day

Monday, February 18

April						
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## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6

## St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 17

## Good Friday

Friday, April 19

## Passover Begins

Saturday, April 20

## Easter

Sunday, April 21

## Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12

## Memorial Day

Monday, May 27

## Flag Day

Friday, June 14

## Father's Day

Sunday, June 16

## Independence Day

Thursday, July 4

## Labor Day

Monday, September 2

## Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 30

## Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 9

## Columbus Day (observed)

Monday, October 14

## Election Day

Tuesday, November 5

## Veterans Day

Monday, November 11

## Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28

## Christmas

Wednesday, December 25

## July

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## New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 20

## Presidents' Day

Monday, February 17

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26

## St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday, March 17

## Good Friday

Friday, April 10

## Passover Begins

Wednesday, April 8

## Easter

Sunday, April 12

## Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

## Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

## Flag Day

Sunday, June 14

## Father's Day

Sunday, June 21

## Independence Day



# 2015-2016 Calendar of Religious Dates



There are certain dates and religious observances that must be adhered to by the individual. Arrangements must be made for participation in special services. The Islamic (Muslim) year begins with Muharram. All Islamic dates are subject to sighting of the moon; an event may be one day earlier or later than the date listed. According to the Eastern Orthodox Church calendar, the day begins after evening vespers at sunset and concludes with vespers on the following day. For this reason, the observance of all Eastern Orthodox

holy days begins at sunset on the evening before the holy day. Jewish holidays begin at sundown of the first date listed and end at nightfall of the last date listed. A religious institution has the option of celebrating Scout Sunday/Scout Sabbath at its discretion. For example, the United Methodist Church always celebrates Scout Sunday on the second Sunday in February.  
**Note:** \* Usually begins at sundown the day before this date.

\*\* Local customs may vary this date.

## 2015

### January

- 1 Mary, Mother of God, **Catholic Christian**  
Feast of St. Basil, **Orthodox Christian**  
Gantan-sai (New Year), **Shinto**
- 5 Twelfth Night, **Christian**
- 6 Epiphany, **Christian**
- 13 Maghi, **Sikh**
- 18 World Religion Day, **Baha'i**

### February

- 4 Tu B'shvat, **Jewish**
- 8 Scout Sunday
- 14 Scout Sabbath
- 15 Nirvana Day, **Buddhist, Jain**
- 18 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins), **Christian**

### March

- 5 Purim, **Jewish** (Precludes Scouting activities)
- 17 St. Patrick's Day, **Christian**
- 25 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Christian**
- 28 Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra), **Zoroastrian**
- 29 Palm Sunday, **Christian**

### April

- 3 Good Friday, **Christian**
- 4-11 Pesach (Passover), **Jewish**  
(No activities on 4, 5, 10, 11)
- 5 Easter, **Christian**
- 14 Baisakhi New Year, **Sikh**

### May

- 4 Visakha Puja—Buddha Day, **Buddhist**
- 7 Lag B'Omer, **Jewish**
- 12 Ascension of Christ, **Christian**
- 24 Pentecost, **Christian**
- 24-25 Shavuot, **Jewish** (Precludes Scouting activities)
- 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah, **Baha'i**
- 31 Trinity Sunday, **Christian**

### June

- 4 Corpus Christi, **Catholic Christian**
- 18 Ramadan Begins, **Islam**
- 19 Sacred Heart of Jesus, **Catholic Christian**

### July

- 9 Martyrdom of the B'ab, **Baha'i**
- 18-21 Eid al Fitr, **Islam**

### August

- 24 Pioneer Day, **Mormon Christian**
- 26 Tish'a B'av, **Jewish**
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Catholic Christian**  
Dormition of the Theotokos, **Orthodox Christian**

### September

- 5 Krishna Janmashtami, **Hindu**
- 14-15 Rosh Hashanah, **Jewish**  
(Precludes Scouting activities)
- 23 Yom Kippur, **Jewish**  
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- 27 Meskel, Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
- 28-Oct. 4 Sukkot, **Jewish** (No Scouting activities on first, second, eighth, or ninth days)
- 29 Michael and All Angels, **Christian**

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- 4 St. Francis Day, **Catholic Christian**
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Thanksgiving, **Interfaith**
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# Steps in Making the Council Annual Plan

## The Council Strategic Plan and JTE

Begin by reviewing the metrics defined in the council strategic plan and the Journey to Excellence (JTE) requirements for the unit, district, and council. This groundwork should influence and inspire the subsequent steps in making the council annual plan.

The process of building the annual plan should begin well in advance of the quarter in which the plan will take effect. Starting early allows the logical steps to be taken in order, makes it possible to involve many people in unhurried deliberation, and permits basing the annual budget on the resulting plan.

Steps in building an annual plan vary somewhat with different councils. Flexibility is fine as long as the basic principles are thoroughly respected:

1. The planning process is begun early.
2. All key leaders are involved.
3. The council makes one united plan—"all for one and one for all"—in which each district has its share.
4. The plan is complete in all its parts: objectives, program, calendar, work schedule.

In general, the steps in building an annual plan are as follows.

See [scouting.org](http://scouting.org) for unit annual program planning guides as a resource.

## Staff Planning Conference

The professional staff develops a proposed plan. This is called a "pencil draft" to emphasize the fact that while the staff suggests, the volunteers make the final decision. This planning should be based on a thorough knowledge of unit needs, district needs, and the desires of volunteer groups. Having the pencil draft prepared in advance conserves the time of many volunteers and provides them with a good starting point.

## District Officers' Conferences

A series of informal conferences follows the staff planning conference. The meeting of district officers, or the district executive committee, is to review the pencil draft and make any changes that seem desirable. The important thing is that this process gives each of these key leaders an opportunity to share in the thinking and to be prepared for the council planning conference that is to follow.

## Council Planning Conference

This meeting, involving the key leaders of the council and its districts, is best held on an afternoon and an evening. The first part is devoted to group meetings that consider the plan for each operating committee. When this has been completed, the groups join to hear the presentation of each committee's plans. The plan refined in this meeting goes to the council executive board for its adoption.

## The Districts Detail and Define Their Share

At the next regular meeting of the districts, the council's plan and the districts' shares in it are reviewed. Each committee details and defines its program and calendar.

The council program is broad and general, as it affects the program of the various functions. It may include a "camporee in every district," but it does not specify either the date or the place. The council has established new-unit objectives, but it does not specify where or when these are to be organized. Thus, there remains to each district and each committee a considerable task of putting in the specifics and details.

## Unit Planning Conference

After the commissioner staff reviews the plan and its part in it, the council prepares an annual program planning kit for each unit. The kits are distributed as part of a councilwide program kickoff or at a unit planning conference in each district. Unit program planning kits may be printed or provided in electronic format, or both. The goal should be for every unit to have an annual program plan.



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