Boys'Life PLANNING CALENDAR 2015-2016

Additional dates through 2020 Building the Council Annual Plan





Boys'Life 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.

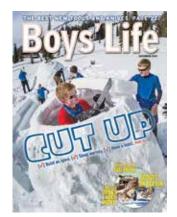
Encourage all of your units to be 100 percent signed up for BOYS' LIFE.

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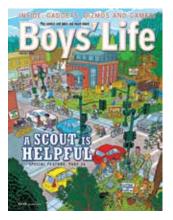
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SEPTEMBER 2015

OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Featured this month in BOYS' L	<i>IFE</i> magazine:			1	2	3
Scout Law/Pack Meeting	Theme (for October): Brave/Super(Cub!				
Boy Scout Troop Program	Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for November): Financial Management					
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NOVEMBER 2015

DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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27	28	29	30	31	BOYS' LIFE subscribers	stay in Scouting longer.

	JANUARY 2016								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Featured this month in BOYS' L	IFE magazine:			•	1	2			
Scout Law/Pack Meeting	Theme (for January): Trustworthy/	The Great Race							
Boy Scout Troop Program	Feature (for February): First Aid				New Year's Day				
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17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23			
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JANUARY 2016

FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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21	22 Founders Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	× ^	<i>IFE</i> magazine: Theme (for February): Friendly/Frie Feature (for March): Citizenship	nds Near and Far		

MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Featured this month in BOYS' L	<i>IFE</i> magazine:	1	2	3	4	5
Scout Law/Pack Meeting Thrifty/Cubstruction	Theme (for March):					
Boy Scout Troop Program Climbing and Rappellin	ı Feature (for April): g					
		BOYS' LIFE 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 BOYS' LIFE.

	APRIL 2016									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
Featured this month in BOYS' L	IFE magazine:		•	•	1	2				
Scout Law/Pack Meeting	Theme (for April): Cheerful/Strike I	Jp the Band								
Boy Scout Troop Program	Feature (for May): Fitness and Nut	rition								
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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29	30	31	Featured this month in BOYS' LIFE magazine: Image: Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for May): Kind/My Animal Friends Image: Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for June): Scuba Diving					

JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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Scout Law/Pack Meeting	Theme (for June): Obedient/It's a H	lit!					
Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for July): Ethics							
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12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	
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Father's Day 26	27	28	29	30	Give your Scouts the BOYS' LIFE advantage.		

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*	Theme (for July): Loyal/Scout Salu	te				
Boy Scout Troop Program	Feature (for August): Caving					
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	Independence Day					
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AUGUST 2016

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30	31	Featured this month in BOYS' LIFE magazine: Image: Scout Law/Pack Meeting Theme (for August): Courteous/S'more Cub Scout Fun Image: Boy Scout Troop Program Feature (for September): Nature and Environment			

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Featured this month in BOYS' L	<i>IFE</i> magazine:			1	2	3
Scout Law/Pack Meeting	Theme (for September): Clean/Cub	servation				
Boy Scout Troop Program	Feature (for October): Geocaching					
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	Labor Day					
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
						Readers are leaders.

	OCTOBER 2016												
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Scout Law/Pack Meeting	g Theme (for October): Brave/Super	Cub!											
Boy Scout Troop Program	n Feature (for November): Spectator	Sports											
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	Columbus Day												
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27	28	29	30		IFE magazine: Theme (for November): Helpful/Cut Feature (for December): Cooking	os in Action

NOVEMBER 2016

DECEMBER 2016

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

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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

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Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18

Yom Kippur Sunday, September 27

Columbus Day (observed) Monday, October 12

Election Day

Tuesday, November 3

Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26

Christmas

Friday, December 25

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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.

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January		Мау		October	
1 Mary, Mother of God, Catholic Christian		4	Visakha Puja—Buddha Day, Buddhist	4	St. Francis Day, Catholic Christian
	Feast of St. Basil, Orthodox Christian Gantan-sai (New Year), Shinto	7	Lag B'Omer, Jewish	6	Simhat Torah, Jewish
5	Twelfth Night, Christian	12	Ascension of Christ, Christian		(Precludes Scouting activities)
6	Epiphany, Christian	24	Pentecost, Christian	13–21	Navaratri, Hindu
13	Maghi, Sikh	24–25	Shavuot, Jewish (Precludes Scouting activities)	20	Birth of the B'ab, Baha'i
18	World Religion Day, Baha'i	29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah, Baha'i	25	Reformation Day, Protestant Christian
-		31	Trinity Sunday, Christian	31	All Hallows' Eve, Christian
February		June		Novemb	er
4	Tu B'shvat, Jewish	4	Corpus Christi, Catholic Christian	1	All Saint's Day, Christian
8	Scout Sunday	18	Ramadan Begins, Islam	2	All Soul's Day, Catholic Christian
14	Scout Sabbath	19	Sacred Heart of Jesus, Catholic Christian	11	Diwali, Hindu, Jain, Sikh
15	Nirvana Day, Buddhist, Jain	10		12	Birth of Baha'u'llah, Baha'i
18 March	Ash Wednesday (Lent begins), Christian	July 9	Martyrdom of the B'ab, Baha'i	26	Day of the Covenant, Baha'i Thanksgiving, Interfaith
5	Purim, Jewish (Precludes Scouting activities)	18–21	Eid al Fitr, Islam	29	Advent begins, Christian
17	St. Patrick's Day, Christian	24	Pioneer Day, Mormon Christian	Decemb	er
25	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Christian	26	Tish'a B'av, Jewish	8	Bodhi Day (Rohatsu), Buddhist Immaculate Conception, Catholic Christiar
28	Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra), Zoroastrian	August 15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,	12	Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Catholic Christian
29 Palm Sunday, Christian			Catholic Christian Dormition of the Theotokos, Orthodox Christian	7–14	Hanukkah, Jewish
April		Contaurt		23	Mawlid an Nabi, Islam
3	Good Friday, Christian	Septemb		25	Christmas, Christian
4–11	Pesach (Passover), Jewish (No activities on 4, 5, 10, 11)	5 14–15	Krishna Janmashtami, Hindu Rosh Hashanah, Jewish (Precludes Scouting activities)	26	Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra), Zoroastrian
5	Easter, Christian	23	Yom Kippur, Jewish	26-Jan. 1	Kwanzaa, Interfaith
14	Baisakhi New Year, Sikh	20	(Precludes Scouting activities)		
		27	Meskel, Ethiopian Orthodox Christian		
		28–0ct. 4	Sukkot, Jewish (No Scouting activities on first, second, eighth, or ninth days)		
		29	Michael and All Angels, Christian		

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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 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

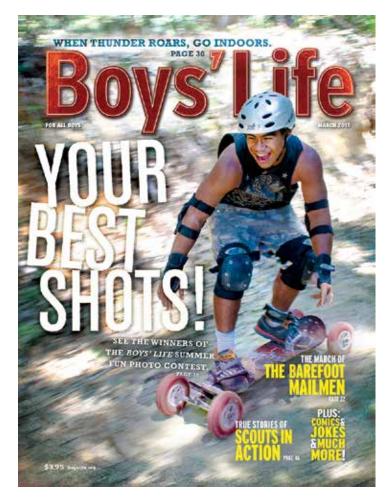
At the next regular meeting of the districts, the council's plan and the districts' shares in it are reviewed. Each committee details and defines its program and calendar.

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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