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Penn Township Residents

**RE: BSA Scout Troop 53 - May Update**

Good afternoon,

Penn Township has sponsored BSA Scout Troop/Pack 53 since 2023. Scouts from Troop/Pack 53 are very active and have been participating in our community events since 1953.

Scouting teaches young men and women many skills as they advance through the ranks. More than 60 Troop 53 Scouts have achieved the Eagle rank.

We encourage you to support our Scouts in their fundraising events and consider encouraging your children and grandchildren to join their ranks as Cub Scouts and Scouts. You may join as an adult leader. Do not miss out on the Scouting experience. Please contact me if you want to join.

The Troop 53 May schedule update is as follows:

- May 13 - Court of honor at Nixon Church followed by Ice Cream Social in church social hall.
- May 19 - Ten-mile bike ride on Butler Freeport trail.
- May 20 - Tent set up practice.
- May 26 - Sunday - Penn Twp Memorial Day Ceremony.
- June 3 - Camp meal planning
- June 10 - Camp shake down, shelter building, survival skills
- June 14-16 - Troop camp out
- June 17 - Cleanup & inventory from camp
- June 22 - Hike at McConnell's Mills
- June 24 - Patrol Leaders Council and outdoor cooking
- July 1 - Fry Everything and game night - Inviting pack 53
- July 8 - Summer Camp shakedown
- July 14-19 - SUMMER CAMP
- July 22 - Cleanup & inventory from camp
- August 3 - Noon -4pm, Eagle Court of Honor for Soren, Garrett, and TJ
- August 17 - Penn Twp Community Day at Harcrest Park. Troop 53 will be doing opening and closing flag ceremonies, helping with games and activities, and having a booth set up for recruitment.
- August 23-25 - Camping at Laurel Cavern

This is a busy Summer! Join in the experience and fun.

Also attached is an exciting announcement from the National Eagle Scout Association about Scouting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel M. Ward".

Samuel M. Ward  
Chairman, Penn Township  
Board of Supervisors



Hello, fellow NESA Members.

I am writing you from the Boy Scouts of America's National Annual Meeting in Orlando, and I wanted to share some exciting news with you. Today, the BSA announced that it is becoming Scouting America. This change reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to welcoming every youth in America to experience the benefits of Scouting. The change will go into effect on February 8, 2025, the organization's 115th birthday.

Drawing upon 114 years of empowering America's youth, Scouting America is dedicated to fostering a safe environment where young individuals can learn meaningful life skills while enjoying enriching educational experiences. More than 130 million Americans have been through Scouting programs since its founding in 1910. Currently, more than 1 million youth, including men and women, are served by 477,000 dedicated adult volunteers in local councils nationwide. More than 2.75 million youth have earned Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout.

*"Scouting America provides a welcoming, safe environment where youth can become the best version of themselves by learning from and respecting each other."*

- Roger A. Krone, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Boy Scouts of America.

I understand there may be questions on your mind. First and foremost, it's important to emphasize that the name change will not disrupt the ongoing activities of the National Eagle Scout Association, and we have no plans to change our name. Furthermore, we are excited about the opportunities Scouting America creates and look forward to exploring them before the change takes effect in 2025.

I am thrilled to embark on this new chapter together as fellow NESA Members. I am confident that Scouting America will continue to positively impact the lives of youth nationwide for generations to come. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to the values of Scouting.

Yours in Scouting.

Rich Pfaltzgraff  
President, National Eagle Scout Association