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Welcome aboard PCU¹ YELLOW CREEK!

We're happy to see you are interested in the Sea Scouts. With us, you can start on an adventure that can impact the rest of your life. We offer opportunities to gain nautical, mechanical, social, and leadership skill development through a variety of activities. From sailing and paddlesports

to vessel operations and seamanship, we'll be looking to ensure that the *Yellow Creek* crew never has a dull day! We promise you active and engaging program that you will have a direct hand in planning as well as a direct share of the credit for all the success we'll earn.

We're looking forward to getting to know you and seeing how you can help the *Yellow Creek* grow.



Sincerely,

The Skipper & Mates of PCU Yellow Creek

FAQs

What is Sea Scouts?

Sea Scouts is a program started in the United States in 1912 as an augment to Boy Scouts to expand the opportunities for older youth. Instead of a focus on camping and the wilderness, Sea Scouts focuses on nautical skills and activities. Today it is a program for young men and women ages 13 and a graduate of the 8th grade to 21.

Is the Ship co-ed?

Provided that a sufficient number of male and female adult leaders come forward, we would like to offer the program as a co-ed one.

When do we start and what is the schedule?

Beginning in June, we begin holding weekly meetings (generally at the sailing base), which meetings will continue until the end of August. Beginning in September, we hold one meeting a month throughout the 'off season'.

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¹ What's a PCU? In the Navy, as Pre-Commissioning Unit is used to describe a ship (and the crew that belong to it) during construction. Hopefully we'll be SSS Yellow Creek very soon with your help!



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This will hopefully avoid most of the potential conflicts with other scouting units.

Do I actually get to skipper a boat?

Yes! One of our goals is to help all our Scouts become competent sailors, so you'll certainly be spending plenty of time at the tiller. You'll learn how to rig and launch, sail upwind, conduct an overboard rescue and much more. Sailors will have the opportunity to earn US Sailing small boat certification and a Pennsylvania Boating License.

What do Sea Scouts do?

You mean, aside from sailing, right?!

Other activities required for an elective for advancement to Quartermaster (the highest rank) include:

- Swimming
- Marlinspike Seamanship (knots, lines, splices, etc,)
- Leadership
- Cooking
- Piloting & Navigation (Charts, Rules of the Road, etc.)
- Deck Seamanship
- Paddlecraft
- Marine Engineering
- Maritime Traditions

We also have the potential to take long 'cruises' and other trips with the proper planning and preparation.

What are the costs of the program?

For Scouts already registered in another BSA program, no additional registration fees are required.

For other youth members, \$138 is required to cover fees required by the National BSA organization as well as our local council. Financial assistance is available to help defray some or all of these costs.

Please note that this does not include the costs of awards, activities, uniforms, etc.

What about a uniform?

For the first year, we'll have a 'crew uniform' (consisting of a hat and t-shirt with our logo on it) for all Ship activities. Beginning in June 2025, we'll plan to begin implementing the official Sea Scout when appropriate.

As a parent, how can I interact with the program?

We'd love to have you come aboard!

We have a Committee, which assists in planning social events, fundraisers, and other critical aspects of our program.

We also have the Mates, who directly interact with our Scouts and are the front line in making sure our program has wind in its sails.

Finally, we have Consultants, who are those that have some marine, nautical, boating, naval, or related background that are willing to help guide our Scouts.

Your help in these 'below deck' activities help keep our Ship stay ship-shape!

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For Your Records Important Ship documents and other information



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YOUR SHIP AT A GLANCE

Scouting Council	Laurel Highlands (lhcscouting.org)		
Scouting Districts	Chestnut Ridge & Keystone Districts		
Chartered Organization	Friends of Yellow Creek		
Ship No.	1023		
Website	https://yellowcreekseascouts.org/		
Remind/GroupMe	https://www.remind.com/join/sss1023		
Meeting Day & Time	Wednesdays at 1600 (4:00 PM) for sailing, 1800 (6:00 PM) for Ship's meeting -See Schedule for Details-		
Meeting Location	-See Below -		
Skipper	Buck Christ 814.487.1478 pack51scout@gmail.com		
Mates			
Administration	Nathanael Arthurs 724.840.0334 arrow4589j@icloud.com		
Program	Ken Sherwood 724.762.5571 <u>kwsherwood@gmail.com</u>		

MEETING LOCATIONS

FOYC Sailing Base College Lodge Rd, Penn Run, PA 15765



Enviro. Learning Center ("ELC") 2-216 Pond Ln, Penn Run, PA 15765



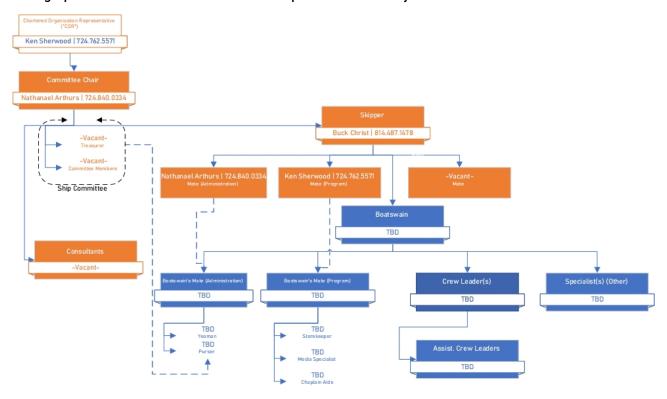
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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Orange positions denote adult roles. Blue positions denote youth roles.



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Forms Paperwork to be completed and turned in to Ship

YOUTH APPLICATION

This application is also available in Spanish. Esta solicitud también está disponible en español.









Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.





Welcome to the BSA!

The BSA makes Scouting available to our nation's youth by chartering community organizations to operate Cub Scout packs. Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships.

The chartered organization provides an adequate and safe meeting place as well as capable adult leadership, and requires adherence to the principles and policies of the BSA. The BSA local and national council provide training, program, outdoor facilities, literature, professional guidance, and liability insurance protection.

Parent/Legal Guardian Role in Scouting

Scouting uses a fun program to promote character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness. You can help by encouraging attendance, assisting with your child's advancement, attending meetings for parents, and assisting the unit when called upon to help. The unit cannot provide a quality program without your help.

Parent Agreement. I have read the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and I want my child to join Scouting. I will assist them in abiding by the policies of the BSA and the chartered organization. I will:

- Serve as an adult partner while my child is a Lion or Tiger.
- Help my Scout grow through completion of advancements.
- Help the unit with activities and assist as needed.

Health Information. You should inform your unit leader of any condition that might limit your child's participation. Please fill out the Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 680-001, found on www.scouting.org/forms and give it to the unit leader.

Youth Protection Begins With YouTM. Child abuse is a serious problem in our society, and unfortunately, it can occur anywhere, even in Scouting. Youth safety is of paramount importance to Scouting. For that reason, the BSA continues to create and consistently improve its barriers to abuse.

The BSA is committed to providing a safe environment for young people. To maintain a safe environment, the BSA provides parents and adult leaders with numerous online and printed resources and adult leaders must complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) and renew their training as required. Parents who participate in Scouting activities are highly recommended to complete YPT. To learn more about the BSA's Youth Protection resources, go to www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/.

Mandatory Reporting

All persons involved in Scouting must immediately report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused; physically or emotionally neglected; exposed to any form of violence or threat; or exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

Additionally, any known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk must also be reported to the local Scout executive or the Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1 or 1-844-726-8871) if your Scout executive or local council cannot be reached.

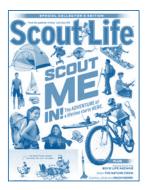
All parents must review the *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide* booklet in the Cub Scout or Scouts BSA handbooks or at www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/.

Youth Protection Policies

- Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings.
 There must be a registered female adult leader over 21 in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader over 21 must be present for any activity involving female youth.
- One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.

These and other key Youth Protection policies are addressed in the training and at www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/.

To learn about the BSA's other health and safety policies, please review the online version of the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, the Scouter Code of Conduct, and the Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety, which are available at www.scouting.org/health-and-safety.



Scout Life Magazine

For a subscription to a magazine that will help your child grow in the Scouting program, just fill in the *Scout Life* circle on the application and pay the subscription price.

The J. Warren Young Literacy Fund

You can give a Scout the opportunity to enjoy a free subscription to *Scout Life* for one to five years. Go to go.boyslife.org/donate to donate. The local council will identify Scouts who do not have the funds to subscribe. Do a Good Turn today. Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders.

Who Can Join?

It is the philosophy of Scouting to welcome all eligible youth, regardless of gender, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, or gender identification, who are willing to accept Scouting's values and meet any other requirements of membership.

Joining Requirements Cub Scout Pack

Pack membership is open to youth in kindergarten through fifth grade.

*Lion—Kindergarten (year before first grade) Bear—Third grade

*Tiger—First grade Webelos Scout—Fourth and fifth grade

Wolf-Second grade

*Lions and Tigers must have an adult partner. If the parent is not serving as the adult partner, the parental signature on the application indicates their approval of the adult partner. In addition, if the adult partner does not live at the same address as the Lion or Tiger, an adult application is required.

Scouts BSA Troop

Youth can be Scouts if they have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, OR have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, OR are age 11 but have not reached age 18.

Venturing Crew/Sea Scout Ship

Venturing and Sea Scouting are for young men and women at least 13 years old who have completed the eighth grade, or are age 14 and not yet 21. <u>Applicants age 18 and older must complete a BSA adult application.</u>

Excerpt From the Declaration of Religious Principle

The BSA maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but is absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life. Only persons willing to subscribe to this Declaration of Religious Principle and to the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America shall be entitled to certificates of membership.

The annual national registration fee is nonrefundable.

For general questions, contact your BSA local council.

BSA YOUTH MEMBER APPLICATION

YOUTH INFORMATION First name (Full legal name) Middle name Last name Suffix Preferred nickname Mailing address City State Zip code Country Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Phone Grade Ethnic background: Gender: OMale OFemale OBlack/African American ONative American OAlaska Native School OCaucasian/White OPacific Islander OAsian OHispanic/Latino Other OScout Life subscription PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION OMark here if address is same as above. OMark here if you are the Lion or Tiger adult partner. OMark here if the Lion or Tiger adult partner is not living at the same address and complete and attach an adult application. Select relationship: OParent OLegal Guardian OGrandparent Other (specify) First name (Full legal name) Middle name Last name Suffix Preferred nickname Country Mailing address City State Zip code Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) Primary phone Occupation **Employer** Gender: OMale OFemale Previous Scouting experience Alternate phone Ext. I have read the attached information for parents and approve the application. I affirm that I have or will review How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide. Parent/legal guardian email address Signature of parent/legal guardian Date To be completed by unit Signature of unit leader (or designee) Date If applicant has unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished at Unit type: OPack OTroop OCrew OShip OLone Cub Scout OHas earned no charge by transferring the registration or multiple registering. Arrow of Light OLone Scout Enter membership number OTransfer application For pack registration select one: OLion OTiger OWolf from unexpired certificate: OBear OWebelos OMultiple application **Unit No.:** Council No.: Unit Unit No. or district name: OPack OTroop type: OCrew OShip PAID: O Cash O Check No. Registration fee Scout Life fee \$ Credit card

To be filled out if Registration Assistance is needed



Application for Registration Assistance To be completed for each individual youth

District	Unit Type	Number	
Scout's Name			
Address_	City	State	Zip
Parent's Name	Email	Ph	one
commitment, the council will pay the	nmitted to making Scouting available e portion of the national BSA registrate etween the national BSA fees and what	tion fee that youth ca	annot afford. The dollar
Assistance Availability			
encourage the unit to participate in the	agh funds to help low-income youth e he annual popcorn sale and Friends of es for this program will receive assist	Scouting campaign.	Note – we cannot
Information provided by Parent			
Is the Scout eligible for the free or re	educed lunch program at his/her school	ol? □ Yes □ No	
Total family members in your house	hold		
Household Income (select one) ☐ Less than \$10,000 per year ☐ \$10,000 to \$29,999 per year ☐ \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year ☐ \$50,000 to \$69,999 per year ☐ \$70,000 or more per year			
Is your Scout a new Scout?	es □ No (If yes, a one-time \$25.00 jo	oining fee applies to f	fees below)
What portion of the \$123.00 total reg	gistration fee (pro-rated monthly) can	you afford?	
	e additional dues to help pay for progr ional dues or we have agreed on an ins		
Trease commin in Tes in No			
Signature(Parent)		Date	



Application for Registration Assistance To be completed for each individual youth

Prepared.	For Lite.		
Inform	ation provided by Scout Lea	<u>der</u>	
	This Scout is an active member	er of our unit.	
	Our unit participates in the an	nual popcorn sale.	
	This Scout participates in the	popcorn sale or other unit fu	and raising projects.
	Arrangements have been mad installment plan with the pare		dditional unit dues or we have agreed on ar to pay unit dues.
	The charter organization can registration fees.	provide \$	to help this Scout pay his
Signatu	re		Date
-	(Scout leader		
Applica	ation Processing		
paperwo	ork, to one of the council servi	ice centers and will be review	lication form or with the charter renewal wed by the district executive. If the family orm in addition to the application or
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C <u>ounci</u>	l Service Centers		
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	Laurel	Highlands Council, Boy So	routs of America
		Attn: Membership Com	
		1275 Bedford Ave	·•
		Pittsburgh, PA 152	19
	When completed, this fo	rm should be filed with the u	nit membership applications.
FOR	OFFICE USE ONLY:		
Amou	unt of assistance requested	Amount	of assistance granted
Notif	ication sent	Date	

Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization



Full name:		High-adventure base participants:		
Date of birth:		Expedition/crew No.:		
Date of Sirth.		or staff position:		
death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or your local council. I also understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct. In case of an emergency involving me or my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact the individual listed as the emergency contact person by the medical provider and/or adult leader. In the event that this person cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including		I also hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as their authorized representatives, the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all liability from such use and publication. I further authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the BSA, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.		
hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for me or my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge, camp medical staff, camp management, and/or any physician or health-care provider involved in providing medical care to the participant. Protected Health Information/Confidential Health Information (PHI/CHI) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.501, etc. seq., as amended from time to time, includes examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of	Every pe of the pa Section	erson who furnishes any BB device to any minor, without the parent or legal guardian of the minor, is guilty of a misdement of 19915[a]) My signature below on this form indicates my permission for my child to use a BB device. (Note: Not all every support of the property	eanor. (California Penal Code permission. ents will include BB devices.)	
the participant's ability to continue in the program activities. (If applicable) I have carefully considered the risk involved and hereby give my informed consent for my child to participate in all activities offered in the program. I further authorize the sharing of the information on this form with any BSA volunteers or professionals who need to know of medical conditions that may require special consideration in conducting Scouting activities. With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child, I hereby fully and completely release and waive		NOTE: Due to the nature of programs and activities, the Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. However, so that leaders can be as familiar as possible with any limitations, list any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below.		
any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.	List part	rticipant restrictions, if any:	None	
I understand that, if any information I/we have provided is found to be inaccurate, it may limit and/c Philmont Scout Ranch, Philmont Training Center, Northern Tier, Sea Base, or the Summit Bechtel Re and weight requirements and restrictions, and understand that the participant will not be all met. The participant has permission to engage in all high-adventure activities described, except as parent or guardian's signature is required.	eserve, I ha lowed to p	ave also read and understand the supplemental risk a participate in applicable high-adventure programs if t	dvisories, including height hose requirements are not	
Participant's signature:		Date:		
Parent/guardian signature for youth:		Nato:		
(If participant is und	er the age of	of 18)		
Complete this section for youth participants only: Adults Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events: You must designate at least one adult. Please include a phone number. Name: Phone:	Name: .			
Adults NOT Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:				
Name:	Name:			



Full name	:		High-adventu	re base participants:	
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Address:		Home phon	e:	Other phone:	
Alternate conta	ct name:		Alternate's phone	:	
Ugalth U	iotory				
Health H	y have or have you ever been treated for any of the following?				
Yes No	Condition			Explain	
	Diabetes	Last HbA1c percentag	e and date:	Insulin pump: Yes 🗆	No □
	Hypertension (high blood pressure)				
	Adult or congenital heart disease/heart attack/chest pain (angina)/ heart murmur/coronary artery disease. Any heart surgery or procedure. Explain all "yes" answers.				
	Family history of heart disease or any sudden heart-related death of a family member before age 50.				
	Stroke/TIA				
	Asthma/reactive airway disease	Last attack date:			
	Lung/respiratory disease				
	COPD				
	Ear/eyes/nose/sinus problems				
	Muscular/skeletal condition/muscle or bone issues				
	Head injury/concussion/TBI				
	Altitude sickness				
	Psychiatric/psychological or emotional difficulties				
	Neurological/behavioral disorders				
	Blood disorders/sickle cell disease				
	Fainting spells and dizziness				
	Kidney disease				
	Seizures or epilepsy	Last seizure date:			
	Abdominal/stomach/digestive problems				
	Thyroid disease				
	Skin issues				
	Obstructive sleep apnea/sleep disorders	CPAP: Yes □ No □			
	List all surgeries and hospitalizations	Last surgery date:			



List any other medical conditions not covered above

Date of birth:			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	or staff position:			
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	Medication			Plants			
	Food			Insect bit	es/stings		
List all	medications curren	tly used, including any over-	the-counter medication	ns.			
☐ Che	eck here if no medic	ations are routinely taken.	\square If additional	space is needed, please	list on a separate sheet	and attach.	
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Administ	tration of the above medic	cations is approved for youth by:					
		Parent/guardian signature	/	MD/DO, NP, or	PA signature (if your state requires si	gnature)	
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		Hepatitis B			- Further approval required:	Yes No	
		Meningitis			Reason:		
		Influenza			Approved by:		
		Other (i.e., HIB)			- pprovide by.		
		Exemption to immunizations (fo	orm required)		Date:		

High-adventure base participants:



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YOUTH EXPERENCE SURVEY

- 1. Why did you join Sea Scouts?
- 2. What activities would you like to do in this program?
- 3. Which advancement elective subjects interest you the most? Circle all that apply

Leadership	Duty to God	Sailing	Paddlecraft	SCUBA
Vessels	Sail Racing	Engines	Vessel Maintenance	Ornamental Ropework
Maritime Tradition	US Coast Guard Auxiliary		US Power	Squadron

- 4. Describe your background in Scouting, if any.
- 5. Describe your boating background, if any.
- 5A. If so, do you have any sailing-related boating experience (e.g. US Sailing Certification, Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge, etc.)
- 6. Is anyone in your immediate family a member of one or more of the following groups? *Circle all that apply*

US Coast Guard Auxiliary	US Power Squadron	US Sailing	US Navy	US Coast Guard
Merchant Mariner	Recreational Boater	Marina/Boat Repair	US Coast Guard Auxiliary	

- 7. Describe your swimming ability.
- 7A. Have you earned the Scouts BSA swimming merit badge?
- 8. List any leadership positions you have held with other organizations.

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