**2023 CENTENNIAL DISTRICT**

**ACTIVITES & EVENTS PROGRAM GUIDE**

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Dear Scouts, Scouters & Parents,

The following document is intended to be a guide to assist individuals and units in planning their 2023 Scouting activities.

Our general principals in developing our calendar were threefold:

* Fewer
* Bigger
* Better

As a result, it is our intent to provide a few supplemental Scouting activities throughout the year across the Cub Scout and Scouts BSA programs that units and individuals want to participate in, and result in a positive experience for all involved.

For some of our events, the Centennial District will work with the Black Feather District. The primary purpose of this is to leverage our combined resources and adult leadership to provide all participants with a positive experience whereby they can learn, earn, and have fun!

We hope you find this tool helpful, and we are confident that Centennial District is going to have a great year of Scouting in 2023. We look forward to seeing you and your unit at one of our exciting events to come!

Yours in Scouting,

Centennial District Program Chair

**Overview**

The Centennial District serves the following school districts for the Denver Area Council: Aurora Public Schools, Bennett School District, Byers School District, Cherry Creek School District, Deer Trail School District, and the Strasburg School District.

**Our Vision**

The Centennial District maximizes the Scouting experience for all families and communities.

**Our Mission**

We will model, instill, and enrich Scouting’s Aims & Methods with all unit members and community partners.

**OUR WEBSITE**

<https://scoutingcolorado.org/districts/centennial/>

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL EVENTS, DATES, TIMES & FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

**EVENT:**

* **ROUND TABLE**

**DATE(S):**

* The ***FIRST THURSDAY of the MONTH*** excluding JULY.

**TIMES:**

* 6:00 – 7:30 PM Round Table

**LOCATION:**

* Regis Jesuit High School (Aurora, CO)

**OVERVIEW:**

* Round Tables are a form of commissioner service and provide supplemental training for volunteers at the unit level. The objective of our roundtables is to provide leaders with program ideas; information on policy and events; and training opportunities.
* Roundtables also provide an opportunity for sharing experiences and enjoying fun and fellowship with other adult leaders. All units are strongly recommended to have representation. (COMMUITATIONS, PROGRAMMING, TRAINING & NETWORKING)

**COST:**

* FREE

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* District Round Table:
  + At least ONE representative from each & every unit within the District.

**EVENT:**

* **COMMISSIONERS MEETING & DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DATE(S):**

* The ***SECOND THURSDAY of the MONTH*** excluding JULY.

**TIMES:**

* 6:00 – 7:00 PM Commissioners’ Meeting
* 7:00 – 8:00 PM District Committee Meeting

**LOCATION:**

* Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church (Aurora, CO)

**OVERVIEW:**

* The Commissioners’ Meeting is designed to build enthusiasm for carrying out the district’s unit service plans and help all units succeed. (COMMUITATIONS, QUALITY CONTROL & ASSISTANCE)
* The purpose of the District Committee Meeting is to build momentum, provide group continuity, ensure good coordination, and make specific assignments to committee members. The District Commissioner will also report on the special needs of units and request the help of operating committees to meet those needs. (COMMUNICATION & COORDINATION)

**COST:**

* FREE

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* District Commissioners’ Meeting:
  + All Assistant District & Unit Commissioners.
* District Committee Meeting:
  + All District Chairs & Committee Members at Large.

**EVENT:**

* **ANNUAL CENTENNIAL DISTRICT PLANNING MEETING**

**DATE(S):**

* Saturday, ***JANUARY 21***

**TIME:**

* 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
  + Lunch & Snacks provided

**LOCATION:**

* Greater Colorado Council HQ (Denver, CO)

**OVERVIEW:**

* This is the Centennial District’s annual planning event hosted by our Key 3 for all our District Committee members and interested Key 3 Unit leaders. The purpose is to reinforce our current year’s plan and develop future events and activities to support our mission. (PLANNING & TRAINING)

**COST:**

* FREE

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 25 Volunteers of all ages and experience.

**EVENT:**

* **EAGLE PREVIEW**

**DATE(S):**

* *The* ***FIRST FRIDAY*** *of the* ***SECOND MONTH*** *of each* ***QUARTER (FEB, MAY, AUG & NOV)***

**TIMES:**

* 6:30 – 8:00 PM Eagle Preview

**LOCATION:**

* Zoom Meeting
  + *Check the District Webpage for the Link!*

**OVERVIEW:**

* Our District’s Life to Eagle Preview is an excellent overview for all Star and/or Life Scouts, their parents and Eagle mentors regarding the necessary steps and probably pitfalls towards earning scouting BSA’s highest rank. All Life & Star Scouts along with their parents and/or mentors are encouraged to attend. (AVDVANCEMENT)

**COST:**

* FREE

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* Life to Eagle:
  + 10 - 15 Star and Life Scouts & Parents/Mentors.

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL & BLACK FEATHER DISTRICT KLONDOREE**

**DATE(S):**

* Friday, ***FEBRURARY 3*** – Sunday, ***FEBRUARY 5***

**TIME:**

* 5:00 PM Friday – 10:00 AM Sunday

**LOCATION:**

* Reverend’s Ridge Campground, Golden Gate Canyon State Park, 313 Reverends Ridge Rd, Black Hawk, CO 80422

**OVERVIEW:**

* The 2023 Centennial and Black Feather Districts will host our premier WINTER camping event featuring Troop Patrols competing in Scout skills and fun “team building” activities. (CAMPING, SCOUT SKILLS, FELLOWSHIP & FUN)
* Troop-sponsored Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts with their parents are invited to join a host unit for the festivities on Saturday. (RECRUITMENT)
* ***Patches will be limited to the FIRST 300 Registrations!***

**COST:**

* Early Bird Discount @ $20.00/Person
* Registration Fee @ $25.00/Person
* Cub Scout + Parent Day Fee @ $20/2-People
  + Parents are FREE to accompany the WEBELOS/Arrow of Light Scouts
  + Cub Scout & Parent eat with a host unit (**Day ONLY – No overnight camping**)
* Staff Fee @ $20/Person
  + All SAT & SUN meals provided for registered staff

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 200 Scouts/Scouters
  + The events are designed for 11 – 14-year-old youth operating in Patrols of 6 – 8 Scouts.
* 25 Staff (Youth/Adult)
* 25 Webelos & Parents are encouraged to come for a DAY VISIT; however, are NOT able to CAMP overnight (per BSA Safe Guide to Scouting).

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL DISTRICT VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT**

**DATE(S):**

* Thursday, ***FEBURARY 23***

**TIME:**

* 6:30 – 8:30 PM

**LOCATION:**

* TBD

**OVERVIEW:**

* This is the Centennial District’s annual recognition event for our outstanding Scouts and Scouters for the past year. It’s an opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments, network amongst our peers, and enjoy dessert. (RECOGNITION, FELLOWSHIP & FUN)
  + The highlight of the event will be our District Award of Merit recipients which is the highest national honor that may be bestowed at the District Level. (NATIONAL AWARD)

**COST:**

* FREE

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 75 Scouts and Scouters of all ages!

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL & BLACK FEATHER DISTRICT INSIDE MERIT BADGE COLLEGE**

**DATE(S):**

* Saturday, ***MARCH 4***

**TIME:**

* 8:00 AM– 5:00 PM
  + Classes 7:30 – 11:30 PM & 12:00 – 4:00 PM
  + Lunch provided 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM as part of the registration fee.

**LOCATION:**

* Community College of Aurora, 16000 E Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011

**OVERVIEW:**

* This is the Centennial & Black Feather Districts’ Winter Merit Badge College. Merit Badge classes will be offered in time blocks enabling Scouts to register and complete all or part of up to four (4) merit badge requirements through the day. (ADVANCEMENT)

**COST:**

* Early Bird Discount @ $35/person (includes lunch)
  + No “walk-up” registrations
  + Additional fees may be required for specific merit badges.
* MB Counselors @ FREE

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 80 Scouts of all ages.

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP**

**DATE(S):**

* Saturday, ***APRIL 1***

**TIME:**

* 8:00 – NOON Registration & Weigh-ins
* 1:00 – 3:00 PM Racing

**LOCATION:**

* Aurora Town Center Mall (Aurora, CO)

**OVERVIEW:**

* The Centennial District is providing an opportunity for Cub Scouts of ALL levels to participate in our District Championships regardless of where they might have finished in their Pack competitions. We’ll offer ribbons for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers amongst TIGER, WOLF, BEAR, WEBELOS and ARROW OF LIGHT racing divisions. We will also offer an OPEN division for walk-ups and those outside for the 6 – 10 year-old Cub Scouts.
* Additionally, we’ll award ribbons for DESIGN in the following categories:
  + Best Craftmanship
  + Most Creative
  + Most Futuristic
  + Most Humorous
  + Best Patriotic Theme
  + Best Scouting Theme
  + Most Unique

(FAMILY FUN)

**COST:**

* FREE

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 50 Cub Scouts and all family members of all ages!

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL DISTRICT “EARTH DAY” COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**DATE(S):**

* Saturday, ***APRIL 22***

**TIME:**

* 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Check-In
* 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM Service Project
* NOON – 2:00 PM Games & Events

**LOCATION:**

* Dixon Grove, Cherry Creek State Park, 4201 S Parker Road, Aurora, CO 80014

**OVERVIEW:**

* Centennial District’s Scouting BSA goal is to clean the waterways and Cub Scout Packs the open and/or grassy areas at Cherry Creek State Park in support of Earth Day! This is our way of giving back to our local community and will be a great method for Scouts to help keep America beautiful, as well as keep our outdoors clean fulfilling the eleventh point of the Scout Law and reinforcing the Outdoor Code. Our Service Project will last 3-hours to meet the minimum rank requirement for Scouts BSA (COMMUNITY SERVICE & ADVANCEMENT)
* Units are encouraged to register with the CCSP and reserve camping spots to make this an overnight event!

**COST:**

* FREE
  + Trash bags will be provided.
    - Gloves are recommended for all participants.

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 200 Scouts & Scouters of all ages!

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL & BLACK FEATHER DISTRICTS’ BASIC ADULT OUTDOOR ORIENTATION (BALOO – C32) HAND-ON PRACTICAL TRAINING**

**DATE(S):**

* Friday, ***APRIL 28*** – Saturday, ***APRIL 29***

**TIME:**

* 5:00 PM Friday – 5:00 AM Saturday

**LOCATION:**

* McNeil Scout Ranch @ Peaceful Valley (Elbert, CO)

**OVERVIEW:**

* Centennial & Black Feather Districts’ jointly conduct Cub Scouting’s required BALOO (C32) hands-on practical training. The BSA requires that all Packs have at least one BALOO trained adult on every Cub Scout den or pack overnight event. This includes pack camping and Webelos den overnighters, as well as any district or council overnight Cub Scout camping events. (C32 TRAINING COURSE)
  + Please note that there is an on-line prerequisite that must be completed prior to attending the course.

**COST:**

* Estimated @ $25 – 30/person (includes all meals & materials)

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 25 Cub Scouters 21+ and all camping experience levels!

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL & BLACK FEATHER DISTRICTS’ INTRODUCTION to OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS (IOLS – S11) TRAINING**

**DATE(S):**

* Friday, ***MAY 7*** – Saturday, ***MAY 8***

**TIME:**

* 5:00 PM Friday – 5:00 PM Saturday

**LOCATION:**

* McNeil Scout Ranch @ Peaceful Valley (Elbert, CO)

**OVERVIEW:**

* Centennial & Black Feather Districts’ jointly conduct Scouting BSA IOLS (S11) training. This event is a prerequisite for all Scoutmasters & Assistant Scoutmasters to be fully trained outside of the on-line courses. All units are required to have an adult leader who has completed S11 present to conduct an overnight camping or outdoor experience. (S11 TRAINING COURSE)

**COST:**

* Estimated @ $25 – 30/person (includes all meals & materials)

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 25 Scouters of all ages and camping experience levels!

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL DISTRICT CUB SCOUT TWILIGHT CAMP**

**DATE(S):**

* Sunday, ***JUNE 10*** – Tuesday, ***JUNE 12***

**TIME:**

* 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Sunday – Monday
* 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Tuesday

**LOCATION:**

* TBD

**OVERVIEW:**

* The Centennial District provides an organized outdoor experience for Cub Scouts of all ages. Our program is run by trained adults and den chiefs who guide our Cub Scouts participants through outdoor experiences that cannot be replicate during a traditional indoor den or pack meeting. (OUTDOOR ADVENTURE, SKILLS & FUN)

**COST:**

* TBD

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 100 Scouts aged 5 – 10 years old

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL & BLACK FEATHER DISTRICTS’ INTRODUCTION to OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS (IOLS – S11) TRAINING**

**DATE(S):**

* Friday, ***SEPTEMBER 8*** – Saturday, ***SEPTEMBER 9***

**TIME:**

* 5:00 PM Friday – 5:00 PM Saturday

**LOCATION:**

* McNeil Scout Ranch @ Peaceful Valley (Elbert, CO)

**OVERVIEW:**

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**COST:**

* Estimated @ $25 – 30/person (includes all meals & materials)

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 25 Scouters of all ages and camping experience levels!

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL DISTRICT’S AQUATICS DAY**

**DATE(S):**

* Saturday, ***SEPTEMBER 16***

**TIME:**

* 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

**LOCATION:**

* CCCS Lowry Swimming Pool, 775 Akron Way, Aurora, CO 80230

**OVERVIEW:**

* This event is for Packs, Troops, Crews and Posts.
  + SCOUTING BSA: 2nd & 1st Class Aquatics Rank Requirements. Swimming Merit Badge. Summer Camp & High Adventure Swim Checks. (ADVANCEMENT)

**COST:**

* $5.00/Person

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 25 Scouts aged 11 – 17 year-old Scouts, as well as all unit leaders needing swimming certifications for Summer Camps & High Adventure Programs.

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL & BLACK FEATHER DISTRICT MERIT BADGE COLLEGE**

**DATE(S):**

* Saturday, ***OCTOBER 9***

**TIME:**

* Saturday
  + Classes 8:30 – 11:30 PM & 12:30 – 4:30 PM
    - Lunch Provided

**LOCATION:**

* McNeal Scout Ranch @ Peaceful Valley (Elbert, CO)

**OVERVIEW:**

* What makes this Merit Badge College unique is that all our classes will be held in the outdoors! Our location & outdoor setting enables the Centennial and Black Feather Districts to offer additional Merit Badge classes like Rifle & Shotgun, Climbing, etc. that otherwise are NOT available in a traditional classroom setting. Saturday Lunch is provided.
* This is the Centennial & Black Feather Districts’ Fall Merit Badge College. Merit Badge classes will be offered in 50, 100, 150, or 200-minute blocks enabling Scouts to register and complete all or part of multiple merit badge requirements through the day. (ADVANCEMENT)

**COST:**

* Registration Fee @ $35/person (includes lunch)
  + No “walk-up” registrations
  + Additional fees may be required for specific merit badges.
* MB Counselors @ FREE

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 80 Scouts of all ages.

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL & BLACK FEATHER DISTRICTS’ CAMPOREE**

**DATES:**

* Friday, ***SEPTEMBER 30*** – Sunday, ***OCTOBER 2***

**TIME:**

* 5:00 PM Friday – 11:00 AM Sunday

**LOCATION:**

* McNeil Scout Ranch @ Peaceful Valley (Elbert, CO)

**OVERVIEW:**

* The 2023 Centennial and Black Feather Districts will host our premier FALL camping event featuring Troop Patrols competing in Scout skills and fun “team building” activities. (CAMPING, SCOUT SKILLS, FELLOWSHIP & FUN)
* Troop-sponsored Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts with their parents are invited to join a host unit for the festivities on Saturday. (RECRUITMENT)
* ***Patches will be limited to the FIRST 400 Registrations!***

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* Cub Scout + Parent Day Fee @ $20/2-People
  + Parents are FREE to accompany the WEBELOS/Arrow of Light Scouts
  + Cub Scout & Parent eat with a host unit (**Day ONLY – No overnight camping**)
* Staff Fee @ $20/Person
  + SAT & SUN meals provided for registered staff

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 275 Scouts/Scouters
  + The events are designed for 11 – 14-year-old youth operating in Patrols of 6 – 8 Scouts.
* 25 Staff (Youth/Adult)
* 50 Webelos/Parents are encouraged to come for a DAY VISIT; however, are NOT able to CAMP overnight per BSA Safe Guide to Scouting.

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL & BLACK FEATHER DISTRICTS’ BASIC ADULT OUTDOOR ORIENTATION (BALOO – C32) HAND-ON PRACTICAL TRAINING**

**DATE(S):**

* Friday, ***OCTOBER 6*** – Saturday, ***OCTOBER 7***

**TIME:**

* 5:00 PM Friday – 5:00 AM Saturday

**LOCATION:**

* McNeil Scout Ranch @ Peaceful Valley (Elbert, CO)

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**COST:**

* Estimated @ $25 – 30/person (includes all meals & materials)

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 25 Cub Scouters 21+ and all camping experience levels!

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL DISTRICT HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

**DATE(S):**

* Saturday, ***NOVEMBER 4*** Food Drive Bag Distribution
* Saturday, ***NOVEMBER 11*** Food Drive Pick-Up & Delivery

**TIME:**

* As determined by each Unit

**LOCATION:**

* As determined by each Unit

**OVERVIEW:**

* This is the Centennial District’s support for the annual Denver Area Council Holiday Food Drive. Cub Scout Packs, Scouting BSA Troops and/or Venture Crews are encouraged to select neighborhoods to distribute fliers & bags and then collect any food donations a week later to deliver to a local food bank. (COMMUNITY SERVICE)
* Each unit is strongly encouraged to log their total time spent preparing and executing the project, number of bags distributed and collected, and the total weight of the food stuffs delivered to local food banks. Too, don’t forget to capture a group picture along the way (COMMUNITY SERVICE)

**COST:**

* FREE!

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 400 Cub Scouts & Parents & Scouting BSA Scouts/Scouters
  + This event is designed for Scouts/Scouters of all ages.

**EVENT:**

* **CENTENNIAL & BLACK FEATHER CUB SCOUT SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP**

**DATE(S):**

* Saturday, ***DECEMBER 2***

**TIMES:**

* Lions & Tigers @ 8:30 – 9:00 AM
* Wolves & Bears @ 10:30 – 11:00 AM
* Webelos & Arrow of Light @ 12:30 – 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

* Colorado Adventure Point (Denver, CO)

**OVERVIEW:**

* This is the Centennial & Black Feather Districts’ joint indoor air rifle shooting championship based on age-appropriate activities. (SKILL & FUN)

**COST:**

* $15/Person

**TARGET ATTENDANCE:**

* 50 Cub Scouts & Scouts Aged 5 – 17