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Join us for Scouting in the Lutheran Church Conference at the Philmont Training Center! July 19-25, 2020



Our conference is designed for Lutheran congregations, schools, and organizations, including clergy, lay leaders and Scouters who want to learn more about using the Scouting program as a youth outreach and/or community ministry through a strategy focused on reaching all families to build and sustain membership.



We want YOU in these pictures!

Individuals and families can be a part of the fellowship unique to Philmont

**Relax, as we grow in faith and renewal with like-minded,
dedicated Lutheran Scouters.**

COURSE CONTENT

While still in the planning stage, our course will include: Duty to God (National, Council, District and Congregation levels); P.R.A.Y. and It's Religious Emblems Programs; Unit and Adult Recognitions; Sharing our Faith with others; Organizing Scouting Units; Selecting Quality Leaders; Duty to God in Advancement; and more.

As a member of the NLAS you will be able to attend NLAS's National Annual Meeting.



FAMILY PROGRAMS

While you're in class, Philmont offers a full, organized program for every member of the family — from infants to spouses. Family members will be joined by others in their age group and will participate in a carefully designed, age and ability- specific program under the leadership of trained, experienced staff. Groups will get to enjoy hiking, tours, handicrafts, games, campfires, and outdoor activities.



Registration is open now! We REALLY want to see YOU!

FEES

- \$495 Adult (Age 18+ years)
- \$400 Youth (Age 12-17 years)
- \$310 Child (Age 4-11 years)
- \$ 0 Infant (Age 0-3 years)
- \$750 Mountain Trek (Age 14-20 years)

A non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person is due at the time of registration.

HOUSING UPGRADES AVAILABLE:

A *Terrace Tent* is included in your registration fees (accommodates 2 people). You will be assigned Terrace Tents appropriate to the number of registrants within your group. Upgrade Housing is available for an additional fee: the Luxury Family Tent accommodates 6; the Multiplex Lodge Room accommodates 2 or 4; the Villa Bungalow Duplex accommodates 3 or 6.

Log on at: www.philmontscoutranch.org and select Training Center

Report of the 2019 NLAS Nominating Committee

Every two years a Nominating Committee is formed to develop a slate of nominees for the national officers of the Executive Board of the National Lutheran Association on Scouting: President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Members at Large.

The officers are elected by the voting membership (dues-paid and honorary members) of NLAS and are installed at the annual meeting in even numbered years, such as the 2016 annual meeting. Terms are for two years with the exception of President-Elect who succeeds to the office of President after two years.

The 2019 Nominating Committee consisted of:

Wendy Cibils: President-Elect, Chairman

Rev Richard Egtvedt : Chairman-NLAS Chaplaincy Committee

Mary Wangerin: former NLAS-President

Jim Whitehead: former NLAS- President

Nominees for National Officers of the Executive Board

Phill Lowonn – Candidate for President-Elect

Phill Lowonn is currently Treasurer for NLAS (2015-current), former Member-At-Large to NLAS Executive Board, and a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton, MN. Northern Star Scouting Advancement Committee Chair and member of President's Cabinet. Phil is a Silver Beaver Recipient and a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow. He has served as an Assistant Scoutmaster for 2013 National Jamboree and Committee member for 2017 National Jamboree. He is currently serving on his 3rd Wood Badge course and his 7th National Youth Leadership Training course. He is father of two Eagle Scouts.

Katy Hallberg – Candidate for Treasurer

Katy Hallberg lives in Prior Lake, MN with her Eagle Scout husband Bill. She is a retired Secondary Math Teacher who served as Head of both the Math Department and Synergy Gifted/Talented Program. Katy has been recognized as the 1995 Secondary Math Teacher of the Year for the State of MN. Over the last 30 years she serves as the Treasurer for the LakeSide Manor Neighborhood Association. Katy has served as both Congregational President and Vice President for her home church, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church in Prior Lake. For over 25 years, Katy continues to serve as a member of the BEST money counting team at SOLLC.

Wayne Stuckey—Candidate for Secretary

Wayne Stuckey lives in Oakland, MD. He is a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, where he is a communion assistant, lectionary reader, and conducts the adult video discussion series. Wayne served as staff on four National

Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and two Wood Badge courses, and he conducted youth leadership training at the Troop level for 2002-2016. Wayne is a Vigil honor member in the Order of the Arrow and a Silver Beaver Recipient. He is a God and Life Religious Emblems counselor. Wayne has received both God and Service award and the Lutheran Lamb Award. He has been an NLAS member since 2007 and a member of the board since 2010. Wayne served as NLAS President for 2016-2018. He currently serves as NLAS Past-President and Secretary. He served on 3 National Jamboree NLAS exhibit staffs, and has attended 4 "Scouting in the Lutheran Church" conference at PTC Wayne is the father of two Eagle Scouts and a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient.

Aaro Froese - Candidate for Member-At-Large

Aaro Froese serves as the District Executive for the Boonslick District of the Boy Scouts of America - Great Rivers Council in Columbia, Missouri. Froese earned his Eagle award in 1986; He graduated from the University of Missouri. Froese is a member of St. Andrews Lutheran, where both he and his wife Michelle's daughters were baptized and confirmed. His Scouting skills came in handy as he journeyed with their respective confirmation classes to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, and his appreciation for "Rainbow stew" and hammock camping evolved. This past summer he participated in the 24th World Scout Jamboree.

Kenneth R. Toole- Candidate for Member-At-Large

Kenneth R. Toole is a Senior District Executive with Central Minnesota Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is an Eagle Scout from Troop 129 in Voyageurs Area Council, Minnesota. Kenneth is a graduate from Bemidji State. Kenneth married is wife Nicole and together they are raising Kayla and Derek. Both children are members of Scouts BSA troops in Brainerd. Through his Scouting life Kenneth has attended three National Jamborees, a Philmont trek, and staffed at the Florida Sea Base. Kenneth has been a member of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Baxter, MN.



President's Perspective

A few thoughts: Past, Present, Future

NLAS Purpose: Serves as a resource for youth and adults who wish to know more about the religious emblems program endorsed by the Lutheran Churches for members of Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts USA, American Heritage Girls, 4H, and Camp Fire USA.

NLAS Mission: To equip Lutherans and other Christians to minister to young people, using the programs of our partner youth serving agencies.

NLAS Vision: That all young people and their families are exposed to Jesus Christ and have an opportunity to know him as Lord and Savior.

NLAS Moving Forward in Mission and Ministry

As NLAS members we are aware of the Association's **Purpose, Mission, and Vision**. However, we may find ourselves asking questions like: How do we set this in motion? What is our next step in our mission and ministry? Frankly, I often find it easier to plan for Scout Sunday, recruiting, preparing for the next Lutheran Conference at Philmont, or lending counsel to my local Cub Pack that now has 80 Cubs and has some 14 dens!

I experienced a recent epiphany on this whole mission and ministry matter from my Bear Cub Scout daughter, Ava. She, like a lot of Scouts, is selling popcorn.

Load Up the Wagon....Know the Materials

Ava's wagon is filled with yummy treats waiting to be sold and consumed. She knows what's in the wagon and can tell just about any potential customer all the facts about these mouthwatering munching opportunities.

NLAS has a wagon-full of quality religious growth material provided by **PRAY, Programs of Religious Activities with Youth: Jesus and Me, God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life**. Do we know these programs, and materials as well as Ava knows her wagon-load of popcorn flavors? Let us take the opportunity to obtain these excellent materials from **PRAY** and give them a good read and study them.

Enlist a study partner

Eight-year-old Ava does not 'hit the sidewalks', nor

does she go 'door to door' with her wagon load alone. Her mom or dad is with her. It is always easier, and certainly safer, to have someone you trust with you. It could be a fellow Scouter, a fellow Lutheran Scouter, a fellow NLAS member, and yes maybe even your pastor! It is generally accepted that partners participate, and this is often helpful and necessary!

Take the wagon load and get it out of the garage

When Ava chose to start, she had to begin with sales sheet in hand, pen in pocket, and a nervous smile on her face, our little Cub Scout walked up to the first door, still practicing her 'sale's pitch.' After a half-dozen sales, Ava spoke clearer, greeted everyone with a genuine smile, knew her product, and was ready to answer any questions.

NLAS members, the wagon load of materials no matter how wonderful and helpful they are, will accomplish nothing as long as the loaded wagon is sitting in the garage. I often remind my father who proudly displayed his collection of PRAY religious growth books on his library shelf; "Nice display, Dad... Have you shared them.....with anyone?" Presenting the materials does get easier with practice. Try it.. you might like it.

Follow Through and Follow Up

Cub Scout Ava made sure that customer orders were filled either on the spot or delivered at a later time. She also checked on a few folks on their favorites with

President’s Perspective: Cont. from Pg

an additional smile and “Thank you.”

It could be a person, a couple, a committee, or even a pastor that took the time and effort to look at, read, study, and consider the PRAY religious growth materials with you. They, whoever helped you, will certainly appreciate a note of thanks or a phone call of gratitude or even both. A request of their thoughts on the PRAY material implementation and appreciation is a great way to improve materials and strengthen relationships.

What do you know? What have we learned? I have learned a few valuable lessons from my Cub Scout daughter. May some of that “little child leading and teaching” fall upon us as well! If you are looking for more information on the materials, mission, and ministry opportunities, and implementation JOIN US at the Lutheran Conference at Philmont, July 2020!!

To God be the glory! Great things He has done! It is His day....His way!!

And as always, I encourage all to dive into some scripture **Matthew 28:19-20.**



Meet James C. Whitehead

Due to a vacancy of a member-at-large on the NLAS Executive National Board, Jim will be filling the position for the remainder of its term. Jim is a former President of the National Lutheran Association on Scouting . He serves as the Chartered Organization Representative for his church, Providence Lutheran Church, in Holland, Ohio. Jim is a current member of the BSA National Religious Relationships Committee, Wood Badge trained, has served on staff for 8 National Jamborees, BSA National Camping School and the Philmont Training Center. Jim and his wife Sonya live in Holland, Ohio and are the parents of three Eagle Scout sons.

NLAS Four Star Scholarship

Who: Open to all youth registered with American Heritage Girls, Girl Scouts of the USA, or Boy Scouts of America who have successfully earned four (4) P.R.A.Y. Program Awards and are seniors in High School.

Amount: Two (2) \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded annually by NLAS for post-secondary education and will be paid directly to the designated institution.

Qualifications:

- P.R.A.Y Awards:** Earning the following: 1) either Jesus & Me or God & Me, 2) God & Family, 3) God & Church, and 4) God & Life.
- Congregational Activities:** Summary of participation in home congregation such as confirmation education, youth group activities, or church sponsored programs. In addition:
 - * 500-1000 word Faith Statement from applicant.
 - * Letter of Recommendation from Pastor of home congregation.
- Academics:** High School transcript reflecting a minimum of six (6) semesters of academic achievement that states unweighted and weighted GPA.

4. **Extra-Curricular Activities/Awards:** Summary of Activities (such as athletics, drama, robotics, band, or choir) and awards (such as varsity letter(s), NHS, or John Philip Sousa award).

5. **Scouting program:** Summary of participation years and highest rank achieved (such as Gold Award, Stars & Stripes Award, Eagle Scout rank).

Qualifying Institutions: Accredited Junior Colleges, Colleges, Universities, or Vocational Schools. Awarded scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution in the name of the recipient for tuition costs only. Funds cannot be applied to books, room & board, or travel expenses.

Application Process: Applications may be submitted to NLAS from January 1 to May 1, 2020

- * Review by NLAS will be completed by May 15, 2020
- * Recommended recipients will be approved by NLAS Board by June 1, 2020
- * Recipients will be notified by June 15, 2020

Find the application at the end of this newsletter



All current registered members should watch for your ballot in May 2020



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dr. Ron Adolphi Elevated!

As members of a religiously focused organization we, in the NLAS, want to congratulate Dr. Ron Adolphi on finishing his course of study and being Commissioned as a Lay Deacon in the Lutheran Church.

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod authorized male Lay Deacons in its 1989 Synodical Convention. Up until that time the Synod was only blessed with female Deaconesses. So, it is with some pride and big grins that the ordained clergy members of the NLAS welcome a new licensed worker in the Lord's vineyard. The Lord knows the Church needs as many workers as it can get!

We were not surprised to hear of Ron's decision to become a licensed and commissioned Deacon as it is consistent with his work ethic, which is, to utilize his God-given talents and abilities to selfishly serve God and country. From his Scouting activities – he has been awarded the silver animals – from Eagle Scout to wearing the Eagle rank of an Army Colonel – from serving his country during a time of war to serving his Church and community in times of peace Ron has virtually done it all!



Pictured here at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Williamsburg is
Left to Right: Senior Pastor Bill Harmon, Michelle Swain-Clauber
Lay Deacon Paul Pugliese and Ron Adolphi

Receiving the National Duty to God Award certainly attests that Ron's volunteer service extends to the furthest reaches of society, touching and enriching the lives of people where ever God leads him to serve. At the 2020 BSA National Annual Meeting, Ron will be recognized with the Silver Buffalo.

Ron was our first NLAS President and along with John Cook was responsible for putting the NLAS in such a good financial position. I believe Ron and I are the two longest serving people in the NLAS. I joined in 1982 under Jim Johnstone's Presidency.

Ron's consistent support of the NLAS, the Lutheran Church, Scouting and his community reflect great credit upon himself and the Lutheran Church which is proud to welcome him into the ranks of licensed ministry.

Along with his wife, Celia we wish them God's Riches blessings on their future ministry to the Church and their community.

Rev. Dr. James Hoke
NLAS Chaplain

A CHAPEL CHALLENGE UPDATE

In September the NLAS Committee received some WONDERFUL News from our ELCA Representative to the NLAS:

Greetings from the Philmont Training Center. I am attending the fall meeting for the Central Region Executive Board. I think we can cross the PTC Chapel off of our NLAS project list. It looks great. Obviously improvements have been made.

- Reid Christopherson

It looks like the PTC chapel received the good old-fashioned **Tender Lovin' Care** it needed! We are not really sure of the how or what to the renovation, but it is thought is was completed by the Restoration Carpenters who work at Philmont..

Here are the before and after's of the Renovation:

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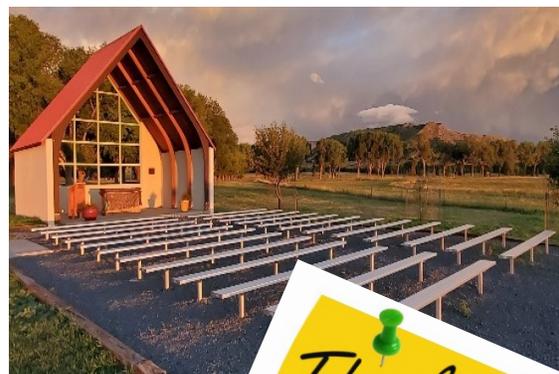
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National Lutheran Association on Scouting - Four Star Scholarship **Application**

Completed applications MUST be received by NLAS no later than May 1, 2020

Eligibility: Open to all youth registered with American Heritage Girls, Girl Scouts of the USA, or Boy Scouts of America who have successfully earned four (4) P.R.A.Y. Program Awards and are seniors in High School. Two (2) \$500 Scholarships will be awarded and paid directly to the designated institution for post-secondary education.

Personal Information:

Name: _____ DOB: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Email: _____

Congregation Information:

Home Congregation: _____ Pastor: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Congregational activities: Summary of participation in home congregation such as confirmation education, youth group activities, or church sponsored programs (attach separate sheet, if needed): _____

Please attach 1) a 500-1000 word applicant faith statement and 2) recommendation letter from Home Congregation Pastor.

Scouting and Awards:

Scouting Affiliation: AHG GSUSA BSA Unit Number: _____

1. Jesus & Me / God & Me, date: _____ 3. God & Church, date: _____
 2. God & Family, date: _____ 4. God & Life, date: _____

Summary of Scouting participation years and highest rank achieved (such as Gold Award, Stars & Stripes Award, Eagle Scout rank, Summit Award): _____

Academics:

High School: _____ Principal: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Cumulative GPA (unweighted): _____ (weighted): _____ Class rank / Class size: _____ / _____

Summary of Extra-Curricular activities/awards: Summary of activities (such as athletics, drama, robotics, band, or choir) and awards (such as varsity letter(s), NHS, or John Philip Sousa award): _____

Please attach a High School transcript reflecting a minimum of six (6) semesters of academic achievement that states unweighted and weighted GPA.

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Institution: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Any special instructions for scholarship funds disbursement (if known): _____

Packet Submission: Completed scholarship packets with all required attachments must be received to the below address no later than May 1, 2020

Mr. Phill Lawonn, NLAS Treasurer
 Re: NLAS Four Star Scholarship
 2662 Lake Court Drive
 Mounds View, MN 55112

If questions arise, please contact Phill Lawonn at 612-619-6779 or by email at plawonn33@outlook.com

Below for NLAS Use only

Date received:	Scouting affiliation info completed
Personal info completed	PRAY Award dates entered
Congregation info completed	High School/Academic info completed
Faith Statement attached	Extracurricular info completed
Pastoral Letter of Recommendation attached	Transcript attached
Congregation activities entered	Post-Secondary info completed



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The mission and visions statements were accepted by the NLAS Executive Board on October 12th, 2002