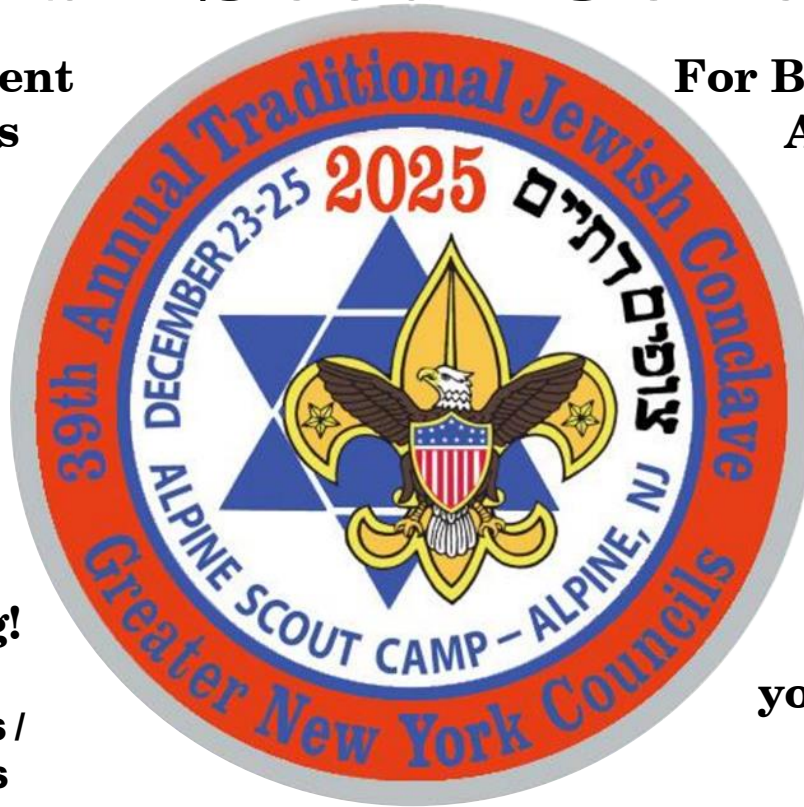


★★★★ 2025

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39th Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave

For current Scouts as well as youth & adults who wish to learn more about Scouting!



For Boys & Girls Adults, too!

Explore what *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting can offer you and your family!

**THREE DAYS /
TWO NIGHTS**

Tues. Dec. 23, 2025, 12:30 PM — Thurs. Dec. 25, 2025, 12:30 PM

Held at Reeves Lodge, Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ

Just off the Palisades Parkway,
only 15 minutes north of the George Washington Bridge

Organized by Friends of *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting (FoSSS)
WITH THE SUPPORT OF
Greater New York Councils, Scouting America

FoSSS, a 501(c)(3) organization serving Jewish youth with Scouting, has a two-fold primary mission:

1. **Introduce** *Shomer Shabbat* families to the wonderful world of **Scouting America**;
2. **Allow** them to experience the opportunities for personal growth and learning that fully support and complement the traditional practices of Jewish life.

Only after such an introduction, and first-hand experience, can many Rabbis and parents in this constituency 'be prepared' to become registered in **Scouting America**.

FoSSS organizes this Conclave for boys and girls, age 9–17, registered in Webelos, Arrow of Light, and ScoutsBSA, as well as registered adult Scouters.

FoSSS also invites youth (age 9-17) and adults who are not currently involved in Scouting, to experience what *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting can offer them. Before attending, these adults take the 72-minute, on-line, Safeguarding Youth Training course, and submit their 'Certificate of Completion'.

The Traditional Jewish Conclave: Who, What, When, Where, How & Why!

★ **WHO:** Jewish youth, age 9–17, who want to explore *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting. This includes **WEBELOS, ARROW OF LIGHT, AND SCOUTSBSA BOTH Boys & Girls**, gather — as individuals or with their Scout unit — coming from across the U.S.

In past years, Scouts have come from **Maine to Florida** — ME, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL — and OH, MI, IL, TX, Ontario & Québec — over **45** Scout Councils.

WEBELOS/AOL: Youth age 9–10 (4th & 5th grade) attend with an adult partner.

★ **WHAT:** **39th Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave**

A gathering for Scouting advancement, fun, and fellowship, while living and learning in a traditional Jewish environment. Hosted by ‘Friends of *Shomer Shabbat* Scouting,’ a 501(c)(3) organization serving Jewish youth with Scouting. Dr. Spielman, Scoutmaster of Troop 54, chartered to the Maimonides School in Brookline, MA, has run this program since its inception, with ongoing support, over the years, from a number of other volunteers on his team. Rabbi Avraham A. Witty is Rabbinic Advisor.

★ **WHEN:** **12:30 PM Tuesday, December 23, 2025 to 1:00 PM Thursday, December 25, 2025.**

★ **WHERE:** **Alpine Scout Camp.** Set your GPS for: “Reeves Lodge, Orbach Way, Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ”.

★ **HOW:** **Reeves Lodge Conference Center** serves as base camp with a dining area, workshop/seminar rooms for Scout Advancement, and heated bathrooms with flush toilets. Sleep in heated cabins on bunk beds with mattresses — surrounded by 500 acres of woods and fields.

The Conclave offers Scouts an opportunity to ‘camp’ together in a traditional Jewish environment. (Please **do not** bring any other food, drinks, or snacks.) “A Scout is Reverent” states the 12th Point of the Scout Law. We thus pause from our activities for Grace before and after meals and for daily services (*Shacharit, Minchah, and Maariv*). While individual youth and adults may have many different personal perspectives on prayer, as a community our Conclave will gather as one.

Food: Strictly Kosher, brought in from caterers/restaurants in the Teaneck/Englewood area. (Chinese anyone?)

★ **WHY:** For Scout Advancement, progress on Aleph, Ner Tamid & Etz Chaim Awards, and great fellowship.

Boys and Girls new to Scouting are warmly welcomed to share in the fun and get an orientation to the Scout program.

Webelos & Arrow of Light work on Advancement.

ScoutsBSA work on Advancement to First Class & Merit Badges. Some Merit Badges may be earned completely, others demand a Scout come with some skills or some work done. Scouts can earn at least a ‘Partial,’ to complete upon their return home.

Interpreter Strip tests have been offered for 13 languages.

★ **MERIT BADGES:** Merit Badge and other Advancement options evolve in the days before each Conclave. Upon your arrival, you will have a complete list, with time to make your choices. CPR Training is currently scheduled.

Merit Badges that have been offered in the past include:

(Note: Badges in **bold** are on the Required List for Eagle.)
American Business, American Heritage, American Labor, Archery, Architecture, Art, Aviation, Bugling, Cinematography, **Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World**, Coin Collecting, Collections, **Communications**, Computers, Crime Prevention, Digital Technology, Disabilities Awareness, Drafting, Electricity, Electronics, **Emergency Preparedness**, Energy, **Family Life**, Fingerprinting, Fire Safety, **First Aid**, Genealogy, Geocaching, Geology, Horsemanship, Indian Lore, Medicine, **Personal Fitness, Personal Management**, Photography, Plumbing, Public Health, Public Speaking, Pulp & Paper, Radio, Railroad, Safety, Scouting Heritage, Skating (Ice), Snow Sports (Alpine Skiing, Cross-country Skiing, Snowboarding, & Snowshoeing), Stamp Collecting, Textile, & Weather.

Scouts get inspired to work toward the **Ner Tamid** and **Etz Chaim** Jewish religious awards, completed with their own rabbi or teacher.

★ **BRING:** **Come prepared for the weather!**

- If you have a Scout uniform, wear it!
- Bring a pack/duffel with personal gear and a sleeping bag. (Bunks have a mattress, but bring a foam pad if you like.)
- Bring a ‘brown-bag’ lunch/beverage for Tuesday, and eat it before you arrive. All other food is supplied, including lunch for the trip home on Thursday.

Inform us of food allergies when registering.

- Extra mittens and socks are useful to bring.
- Bring a wristwatch and a flashlight or headlight.
- Bring digital camera for Photography Merit Badge.
- Scouts over *Bar Mitzvah* are encouraged to bring *Tefillin*.

★ **TRANSPORTATION:** Scouts from each Troop make individual travel/car-pool arrangements. See your Scoutmaster for details.

★ **PROGRAM COST:** Youth: \$180. Adults: \$90.

- Pay online with registration. [If paid after Dec. 17: Y/A = \$200/\$100.]
- Parents MUST be responsible for youth under age 10, as the Conclave has no ‘official’ program for that age. **HOWEVER**, we can link families together to plan age-appropriate Cub Scout activities. Call Mr. Dan Allen for details — 914 391-0092.

★ **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Midnight, Wednesday, December 17, 2025 or up to the limit of participants, whichever comes first.

★ **REGISTRATION:** See next page for details.

★ **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

- Dr. Howard Spielman, Scoutmaster 781 439-5250
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Deadline: Midnight, Tuesday, December 17, 2025

STAGE

- ① A. All Youth** and Adults who ARE registered in Scouting America (BSA):**
Find your Scouting ID# and go to **Stage ②**.
- B. All Youth**, under age 18, who ARE NOT currently registered in Scouting America:**
If under age 11, you must be accompanied by an 'Adult Partner'.
If over age 11, you will need an adult 'Host' at the Conclave, who you know. (A Host could be a parent/relative, Scout Leader, or an Adult friend.) With your parent's permission, get the name and cell phone number of your 'Partner' or 'Host', and go to Stage ②.
- ** Note on Youth below age 9:** As of this announcement, we have no 'official' program for youth below age 9. **However**, if parents are prepared to work together to deliver such a Cub Scout program, we are prepared to help facilitate that!!!
If you would like to be involved in this, contact Mr. Dan Allen, at 914 391-0092. (There are Cub Scout activities for grades K-3.)
- C. All Adults, over age 18, who ARE NOT currently registered in Scouting:**
(a) Go Online to <https://my.scouting.org/>, (b) Click "Create Account" and fill in your information,
(c) Click on: "Visit Training Page" (d) Click to take the **Safeguarding Youth Training**,
(e) Print your 'Certificate of Completion' to use in the next stage and to BRING with you!
THEN, go to Stage ② to register for the Conclave.
- ② To Register for the Conclave! Go On-Line at: [TJSConclave.ScoutCamp.info/](https://tjscconclave.scoutcamp.info/)**
Fill in all the information requested and make payment online.
- ③ PREPARE THREE (or Four) FORMS for EACH adult & youth:**
(Yes, yes, yes! We need these **THREE** (3) [Or 4] different forms!) **PLEASE check this list carefully!**
- 1. Emergency Information & Waiver Form:** Found on the last page of this announcement.
➡➡ Be sure it is completed and signed by a parent!
- 2. BSA Medical Form: Go to — https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf**
NOTE: ONLY PARTS A & B ARE REQUIRED.
➡➡ Parent/guardian **MUST SIGN** on pages **A AND B2**. — There is no need for a doctor's signature.
BUT IF you attended Scout Camp in **2025**, and you have a copy of your **2025 Medical Form**,
THEN bring all three parts (A, B, & C).
- 3. Prepare a photocopy of both sides of the Health Insurance card** for each youth & adult.
- 4. Safeguarding Youth Training Certificate of Completion.**
This **MUST** be brought by any **NEW ADULT**.
- ④ BRING:** Before driving to the Conclave, each driver should have all three (or four!) forms above for everyone in their car, both youth and adults!
- 1. [Hanukah Sameach was LAST Week! This year, there is no need for a Menorah at the Conclave!]**
2. Set GPS to: Reeves Lodge, Orbach Way, Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ.
GPS Coordinates: **40.980672, -73.920324**
- Safe travels!**

For more Information, Contact:

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Complete the form below. The adult leader/driver needs to bring to the Conclave:
(1) This Emergency Information & Waiver Form (Signed!), (2) Medical Form Parts A & B (Signed!)
& (3) Photocopy of both sides of Medical Insurance Card — FOR EACH YOUTH & ADULT IN THEIR CAR.

2025 Registration, Emergency Information & Waiver **39th Annual Traditional Jewish Scout Conclave**

For Webelos, Arrow of Light, Scouts BSA, & Venturers, at Alpine Scout Camp, 441 Route 9W, Alpine, NJ 07620

Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025 at 12:30 PM through Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

- This form **MUST** be submitted by **EACH SCOUT & EACH ADULT** for proper Conclave registration.
- In transit to/from the Conclave, the **Scoutmaster or activity leader should carry a copy for each Scout & Adult.**

Scout or Adult's Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____ **Age:** _____

Scout or Adult's Address: _____ **Unit No.:** _____

City/State/ZIP: _____ **Home Phone:** () _____

In consideration of the benefits to be derived, and in view of the fact that Scouting America is an educational institution, membership in which is voluntary, and having full confidence that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety and well being of my child/ward, named above, on the activity named above, I agree to his/her participation and waive all claims against the leaders of this trip, officers, agents, and representatives of Scouting America, and the Charter Partner.

In the event of an emergency, the Troop unit leader of the activity named above has my permission to obtain medical treatment for this Scout/adult at the nearest hospital or doctor, at my expense. I also give permission to the adult staff of this activity to dispense non-prescription medication including, but not limited to, Tylenol & Advil.

- ☐ I am checking here to indicate my interest in joining other adult volunteers on this activity.

(Both male & female adults are welcome.)

(Signature of parent/guardian or adult)

(Date)

PRINT Parent or Guardian Name: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

During this activity, I can be contacted at the following phone(s):

() _____; () _____

This participant is highly allergic or sensitive to (foods, bees, etc.): _____

What, if any, medication is being taken? _____

Any special instructions with this medication? _____

Do you want the unit leader to hold/administer the medication? Yes ☐ No ☐

Date of the most recent tetanus shot/booster _____.

Participant's Doctor is: _____ Doctor's Phone #: () _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION:

Company: _____

Policy Number (Control No. if Group Policy): _____

Are there any points of additional information, any comments, or any explanation of other problems of which the activity unit leader should be aware?

☐ Check here if you are adding any more information on an additional sheet.