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CALENDAR of EVENTS

2018

MAY

- 4-6 OA Spring Initiation (Ordeal/Brotherhood)
- 8 7:30pm GM Commissioners, Thoreau MS
- 10 7:30pm GM Program Kickoff Awards/Roundtable, Thoreau MS
- 11-13 GM Spring Camporee, Flying Circus-Beaeton, VA
- 18-20 OA NE-6A Conclave, Camp Rodney
- 23 7:30pm GM District Committee, Fx Presby
- 28 GM Flags In
- 31-June 2 Wood Badge weekend #2, Camp Snyder

JUNE

- 12 7:30pm GM Commissioners, Thoreau
- 17-22 NYLT Summer Course #1
- 18-22 5:00pm GM Twilight Camp, IWL-Centreville
- 24-29 NYLT Summer Course #2
- 24 -July 6 Goshen OA Trail Crew
- 27 7:30pm GM District Committee, Fx Presby

JULY

- 24-29 NYLT Summer Course #3
- 30-Aug 4 National OA Conference, Indiana University

AUGUST

- 5-10 NYLT Summer Course #4

SEPTEMBER

- 14-16 OA Lodge Fall Fellowship, Camp Snyder

OCTOBER

- 5-7 OA Fall Initiation (Ordeal/Brotherhood)

George Mason District Key 3: District Commissioner Pat Berney, District Chairman Christian Griggs, and District Executive Sam McGrath.



L-R: Pat Berney, Christian Griggs, Sam McGrath

Important Upcoming Dates:

GM Program Kickoff, Awards,
Round Table May 10

Flags In – May 28, 2018

June 18-22 Cub Scout Twilight
Camp

The GM Camporee Committee apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of the GM May 2018 Spring Camporee. The committee is working on rescheduling the Flying Circus Camporee for the Spring of 2019. If you are interested in helping with the committee, please contact us at gmdcamporee@gmail.com.

USEFUL LINKS:

[National BSA Website](#)

[NCAC Council Website](#)

[NCAC Council Calendar](#)



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June 18-22 Cub Scout Twilight Camp



George Mason's Passport to Adventure

Twilight Camp



- *Save the date:* June 18-22, Izaak Walton League, Centreville, 5-9 pm.
- Click GotoDayCamp.org for more information.
- *When registering*, avoid missing the Early bird deadline, **midnight, April 22nd.**
- *Remember* -- A camp walker is required for every four (4) scouts
- *Questions?* Contact District Exec, Sam McGrath (Sam.McGrath@scouting.org); Camp Director, Julia Farr (farr.scouts@gmail.com) or Program Director, Deb Schenaker (dschenak02@gmail.com)



CAMP STAFF

Camp Director: Julia Farr
 Program Director: Deb Schenaker
 District Exec: Sam McGrath
 Archery Range: Matt Smith
 BB Range: Katherine Schenaker
 Fishing Range: Tom Canody
 Nature Crafts: Roy DeLauder
 STEM Crafts: Jim Ashe



If you have any questions or would like to staff this event please contact

District Exec, Sam McGrath (Sam.McGrath@scouting.org); Camp Director, Julia Farr (farr.scouts@gmail.com) or Program Director, Deb Schenaker (dschenak02@gmail.com)

Registration fees by May 20 is \$120, by June 3 is \$130, and after June 3 is \$150.

Registration is Open: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-18800>



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NEW Youth Protection Training information from: [NCAC YPT Site](#)

Dear Scouting Friends:

Over the decades, the Boy Scouts of America has been a leader in developing training and policies designed to keep young people safe. These comprehensive policies were considered groundbreaking when they were developed and soon became the standard used by other organizations for safeguarding youth. But when it comes to the safety of children, our goal is to continually improve.

Sustained vigilance on youth protection is a central part of our culture.

Over the past two years, the BSA has worked with experts in the field of child abuse, child sexual abuse and maltreatment to develop new training and resources that will further strengthen our ability to protect youth. These changes include:

- Fully updated and revised Youth Protection Training developed with leaders in the field of child abuse prevention and includes insights from experts, survivors and the latest strategies for recognizing and preventing major forms of abuse. **This is the designated Youth Protection training for all adults.**
- Expanded youth protection content across all our communications channels will inform and engage our volunteers and parents.
- An expanded National ScoutsFirst Helpline to aid volunteers and families in addressing potentially dangerous situations.
- The BSA also provides unlimited counseling and support for healing to anyone who has ever been abused in Scouting.
- Youth protection training for youth members will be available in 2019.

In addition to updated training and resources, the BSA announced new policies to ensure compliance with mandatory training requirements. These policies have been in place in the NCAC for a number of years. These policies include:

- **As of January 1, 2018**, no new leader can be registered without first completing youth protection training.
- **As of January 1, 2018**, no council, regional or national leader will be allowed to renew their registration if they are not current on their youth protection training.
- **As of September 1, 2017**, no unit may re-charter without all leaders being current on their youth protection training. Registrars no longer have the ability to approve charters without full compliance.



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Please Note: By **October 1, 2018**, all new and currently registered leaders **will be required to complete the updated training**. The enhanced and updated content will allow leaders and councils to comply with all current legal requirements. While this may be inconvenient for some, it reflects the BSA’s commitment to the safety of all youth.

For camps this summer across the BSA –

Adults accompanying units on activities who are present at the activity for 72 hours or more, **must be registered and take Youth Protection Training**. The 72 hours need not be consecutive. If your unit desires to set a more strict policy, like ALL adults going to camp must be registered and have current YPT, that is certainly permitted.

Youth Protection in the BSA: What we believe

- Nothing hurts more than having one of our youth participants abused.
- We are heartbroken and outraged that there have been times when Scouts were abused, and we sincerely apologize to victims and their families.
- We are committed to sustained vigilance and continuous efforts to improve and enhance our youth protection program.
- Along with our volunteers, partners and professionals, we will make Scouting a safe place for youth and families.

Youth Protection: The Next Evolution

The next generation of the BSA’s youth protection program begins today. Our updated youth protection training draws on research from experts in the field of child abuse and child maltreatment, as well as survivors, to identify the contributing factors and threats across the spectrum of child abuse including bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse, as well as child sexual abuse.

Using a blend of interviews from psychologists, law enforcement professionals and survivors, leaders and parents alike will learn about the root causes of abuse, how to recognize types of abuse and how to respond. It’s a bold approach and it’s just one part of our ongoing effort to enroll the entire Scouting community in the fight against child abuse.

The training is available now on my.Scouting at <https://my.scouting.org>

Please see this site for more YPT information: [NCAC YPT Site](#)



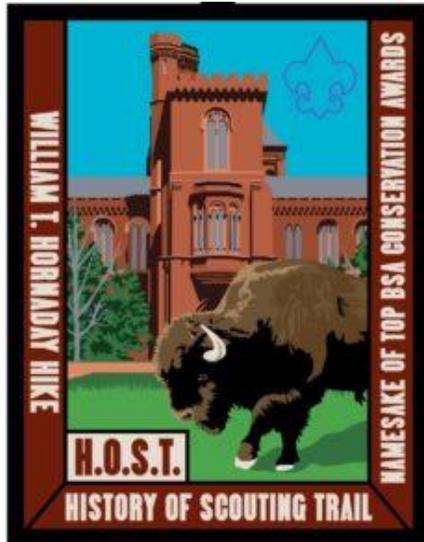
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New 2018 HOST Hike Honoring the William T. Hornaday Award



A special [2018 William T. Hornaday - Colin Livingstone Hike](#) will be available on Saturday, May 26th, 2018. The [Hornaday Wildlife Conservation](#)-based award honors the man who was the head taxidermist at the Smithsonian, helped establish the National Zoo, and was the first Director of what is now called the Bronx Zoo. He is widely credited with saving the American bison from extinction.

[Learn More!](#)

Youth Protection (YPT) 2.0



[Click For Info](#)

Youth Protection 2.0 Is Here –
Required to be taken before Oct 1, 2018

Over the past two years, the BSA has worked with experts in the field of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and maltreatment to develop new training and resources that will further strengthen our ability to protect youth. When it comes to the safety of children, our goal is to continually improve. Sustained vigilance on youth protection is a central part of our culture. Click through to learn more about the updated Youth Protection Training Program, available resources, and for a link to take the training.

This is important enough that we have this YPT announcement twice in the newsletter.



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Lost in the wilderness: Should I stay or should I go?

By Les Stroud

Photographs by Laura Bombier

From the March-April 2018 issue of *Scouting magazine*

[Magazine](#), [Survive This!](#)



You're lost. Rather than navigate your way to safety, in many situations, staying in one place is the best thing you can do. After all, there's no guarantee you'll find someplace better just around the bend.

As a rule, if you don't have any idea where to go or how to provide for yourself, then staying put makes sense.

If you're in a large vehicle, it also makes sense to stay in it: Not only does it offer shelter, but it's also a lot easier for rescuers to spot than a lone person walking through the brush. If you informed people of your route, chances are they'll begin searching for you shortly after you don't show up at your destination. If you head down a different path, you might miss them (and rescue) completely.

Yet as good of an idea as it is to stay put, sometimes moving proves to be the better option — especially if you find yourself in a dangerous spot.

For the entire article: [Scouting Magazine: What should I do when lost?](#)



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Who represented NCAC in the Report to Nation?

First, a brief overview of Report to the Nation. The 2017 Report to the Nation summarizes another phenomenal year for the BSA. But it’s no mere self-congratulatory exercise.

Section 8 of [the BSA’s 1916 congressional charter](#) requires the BSA to present an annual report to Congress. The BSA maximizes this opportunity by selecting youth delegates from across the country to hand-deliver the report to key officials in the executive, legislative and judicial branches.

The actual 2017 Report to the Nation is a two-page glance at the BSA’s many accomplishments last year. ([See the report here.](#))

Who represented NCAC? Mercedes Matlock!



Mercedes Matlock
QUARTERMASTER SEA SCOUT FROM MARYLAND
NATIONAL SEA SCOUT BOATSWAIN

Age: 19

From: Ship 59 of Bethesda, Md., part of the National Capital Area Council

Scouting accomplishments: Quartermaster Award (Sea Scouting’s highest award), Northeast Region Boatswain Mate and Boatswain, Girl Scout Bronze and Silver awards, graduated from NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) and SEAL (Sea Scout Advanced Leadership)

Noteworthy: Mercedes has tirelessly supported Sea Scouting, helping grow and promote the program at council, regional and national events. As [National Sea Scout Boatswain](#), she represents Sea Scouts on ships from sea to shining sea.

What she’s up to now: Mercedes attends Hampton University in Virginia where she’s a pre-med biology major who hopes to become a pediatric cardiologist and complete medical research.



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FYI Some Council / NE Region / National Training Dates:

2018

NCAC COH (Silver Beaver) will be May 5 @Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

GM District Recognition and Program Launch will be Thu May 10 @Thoreau MS

Outdoor Ethics will be May 19 (8:30am) - May 20 (12noon) @Southern, MD

OA Lodge Leadership Development Conference will be June 2 @TBD

NYLT will be June 17-22 @American Legion, Cheltenham, MD

NYLT will be June 24-29 @American Legion, Cheltenham, MD

Goshen Week #1 (Adult Training) June 24-30, Goshen, VA (Julia Farr)

NYLT will be June 29-July 3 @Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Goshen Week #2 (Adult Training) July 1-7, Goshen, VA (Nona/Pete Mapes)

Vietnamese Jamboree will be June 27-July4 @Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Goshen Week #3 (Adult Training) July 8-14, Goshen, VA (Nona/Pete Mapes)

Goshen Week #4 (Adult Training) July 15-21, Goshen, VA

Second Century Service Commissioner Conference will be July 15-21 @Summit Bechtel Reserve

Goshen Week #5 (Adult Training) July 22-28, Goshen, VA (Cecil Dallas)

Goshen Week #6 (Adult Training) July 29-Aug 4, Goshen, VA

NOAC will be July 30-Aug 4 @Indiana University, Indiana

NYLT will be Aug 5-10@Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

OA Vigil Weekend will be Aug 10-11 @Goshen, VA

Powder Horn will be Aug 24-26 @Camp St Charles, Newbert, MD

Trainer's EDGE will be Aug 25 @Potomac, MD

Wood Badge will be Sept 7-9 and Oct 12-14 @Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

OA Fall Fellowship will be Sep 14-16 @Goshen, VA

Outdoor Ethics will be Sep 15 (8:30am) -Sep 16 (12noon) @Prince William Forest Park, VA

Outdoor Ethics will be Sep 28 (5pm) - Sep 30 (12noon) @Germantown, MD

BCOLS will be Sat Sept 29 (classroom all day); Oct 13-14 (overnight @Camp Snyder), Haymarket, VA

Wood Badge Course Director Conference will be Oct19-21 @Camp Alpine, NJ

NYLT Course Director Conference will be Oct 26-28 @Camp Alpine, NJ

Pow Wow will be Oct 27 @Annandale HS., Annandale, VA

NE Area 6 Fall Training Workshop will likely be Nov 10

OA NLS/DYLC will be Nov 9-11 @Camp Alpine, NJ

OA Vigil Weekend will be Nov 23-24 @Hallowood, MD

2019

OA Lodge Banquet will be Jan 5 2019 @TBD

Winter NYLT will be Jan 19-219 (pt 1) and Feb 16-18 2019(pt 2) @Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Uo5 wants to be Feb 23 2019 (back up Feb 16) @Hayfield Secondary.

OA NLS/DYLC will be March 8-10 2019 @Camp Alpine, NJ

CCS will be March 9 2019 @VA Central.

NE Area 6 Spring Training Workshop will likely be March 16 2019

OA Spring Fellowship will be April 12-14 2019 @Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA

OA Lodge Leadership Development Conference will be June 1 2019 @TBD

World Scout Jamboree will be July 22-Aug 2 2019 @Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV

OA Vigil Weekend will be Aug 9-10 2019 @Goshen, VA

Wood Badge Course Director Conference will be Oct 18-20 2019 @Camp Alpine, NJ

NYLT Course Director Conference will be Oct 25-27 2019 @Camp Alpine, NJ

Pow Wow will be Oct 26 2019 @Annandale HS., Annandale, VA

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OA Vigil Weekend will be Nov 29-30 2019 @Hallowood, MD



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Flags In – May 28, 2018

GM Scouts Honoring our Fallen Veterans



Celebrate Memorial Day by joining the George Mason District Crews, Troops, and Packs for "Flags-in"; placing American Flags on the graves of fallen Veterans.

Class-A Uniforms

The Scouts will be gathering in the Chapel at The National Memorial Park, 7482 Lee Highway, Falls Church, VA 22042 on Monday, 28 May 2018.

Girl Scouts welcome; also Class-A Uniforms

Schedule: 0830-0900 - arrival and sign-in
0905 - Opening & flag placement training
0930 - begin flag placement
1000, 1100, 1200 & 1300 - TAPS blown (**buglers needed**)
1145 - Pizza Lunch
1230-1300 - Probable completion of event

Training by Crew 836 will include proper method to place flags and walking the rows of graves.

On Memorial Day 2017 approximately 57 Scouts plus parents and Scouters from our District and others nearby participated in this patriotic activity. Scout service hours, (3hrs) will be available. Each participating Scout earns a unique patch and rocker. Cemetery Staff will supply flags, drinks, and a pizza lunch. Class-A uniforms.

For information contact Kurt R. Johnson, ADC Falls Church at (703) 849-8967 or e-mail kurt_johnson@verizon.net or Rus Pittman, UC Fairfax at (703) 573-1679 or ruspittman@gmail.com



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The BSA Expands Programs to Welcome Girls from Cub Scouts to Highest Rank of Eagle Scout

Starting in 2018, families can choose Cub Scouts for their sons and daughters, who can take advantage of the life-changing experiences provided through Scouting. A program for older girls will be delivered in the coming year to offer a Scouting program to older girls, allowing for participating girls to earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

The Boy Scouts of America is committed to serving youth, families and communities through programs that deliver character development and values-based leadership training for young people— all while remaining true to our mission and core values, outlined in the Scout Oath and Law.

A Unique Model to Provide Program Options for Boys and Girls

Cub Scouting is organized in packs and dens. In 2018, an existing pack may choose to establish a new girl pack, establish a pack that consists of girl dens and boy dens or remain an all-boy pack. Cub Scout dens will be single-gender — all boys or all girls. Cub Scout packs, meanwhile, can include any combination of all-boy or all-girl dens. The choice is left to individual pack leaders in consultation with their chartered organization.

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This hybrid model builds on the benefit of a single-gender program while also providing character and leadership opportunities for both boys and girls.

Scouting Programs

Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts is a year-round program whose mission is to develop character and ethical decision making skills for children in the first through fifth grades (7 to 10 years old). Cub Scouting is organized into groups called packs and dens, each of which is led by dedicated volunteer leaders who teach Cub Scouts fun, valuable lessons, help learn citizenship, and develop physical fitness.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts is a year-round program for youth age 11–17 designed to build character, citizenship, and personal fitness through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster. Scouting is the ultimate form of learning by doing. Boy Scouts explore their interests and improve skills while working toward Scouting’s highest rank: Eagle.



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Specialty BSA Programs

Venturing

Venturing is a co-ed youth-development program of the Boy Scouts of America that provides positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens. Venturing crews can specialize in a variety of avocation or hobby interests.

Exploring

Exploring exists to teach important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorship provided by community and business leaders like you. Together, we equip young people with character, leadership and life skills that can be used both today and in their future careers. Businesses and community organizations initiate a career-specific Explorer post or club by matching their people and organizational resources to the career interests of youth in the community. The result is a program of interactive activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.

STEM Scouts

STEM Scouts is a co-ed program available in 20 markets nationwide, quickly expanding as the demand for and interest in STEM-related activities among youth increase. STEM Scouts harnesses young people’s passion for technology and learning to teach them new skills in a fun, interactive environment. STEM Scouts work with STEM professionals and conduct experiments that could lead to new inventions, technologies, machines, and develop ideas that change lives. The learning modules are designed and vetted by STEM educators and professionals to be fun and age-appropriate. Hands-on activities help students learn the academic concepts behind the experiments.

Sea Scouts

Sea Scouting has promoted better citizenship and improved members’ boating skills through instruction and practice in water safety, boating skills, outdoor, social, service experiences, and knowledge of our maritime heritage. Sea Scout units— called ships- are established all across the country on oceans, bays, rivers, and lakes. They provide limitless opportunities and exciting challenges that you won’t find anywhere else. Sea Scouts is a place to grow and learn, find adventure, and build long-lasting friendships.



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UNIQUE MODEL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Ages 11-17
(or grades 6-12)

BOY SCOUTS

GIRL PROGRAM

Ages 6-10
(or grades 1-5)

BOYS
CUB SCOUTS

FAMILY
CUB SCOUTS
Boy Dens & Girl Dens

GIRLS
CUB SCOUTS

FAMILY

GOAL: Making Scouting more accessible to today's families

Allows organizations to identify the options that work best for their communities

Allows flexibility for chartered partners

Allows us to introduce Scouting to more families

Allows boys and girls to learn and grow at the pace that is unique to their development

Using the same curriculum as the Boy Scouts program, the organization will also deliver a program for older girls, which will be announced in 2018 and projected to be available in 2019, that will enable them to earn the Eagle Scout rank.

This information is found on the BSA site:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/familyscouting/pdf/BSA_Family-Entry-Fact-Sheet-1.pdf

As part of BSA Family Scouting site: <https://www.scouting.org/familyscouting/>



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FAMILY SCOUTING

OFFERING ICONIC BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA® PROGRAMS TO BOYS AND GIRLS

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Starting in 2018, families can choose Cub Scouts® for their sons AND daughters.

A Scouting® program for older girls will be delivered in 2019, allowing participants to earn the highest rank of Eagle Scout™

WHY THE CHANGE?

*Families today are busier than ever and with less free time, families want convenience. In fact, **convenience beats cost as the #1 concern.***

Research shows that our programs are extremely appealing to today's busy families.

In a recent survey of parents not involved with Scouting...



90% *are interested in a program like Cub Scouts for their daughters*

87% *are interested in a program like Boy Scouts® for their daughters*



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HOW WILL IT WORK?



Cub Scout Pack



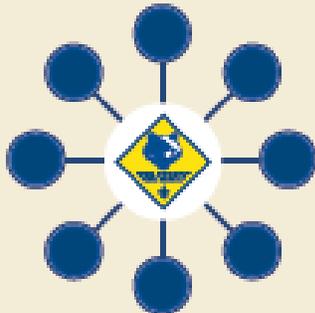
All-Boy Den



All-Girl Den

Cub Scouts Ages 5-10 (or grades K-5)

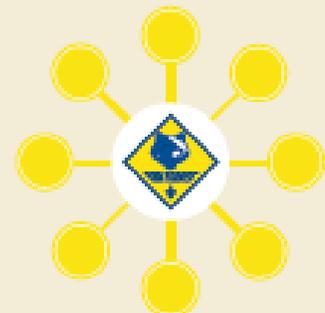
All-Boy Cub Scout Pack



Boys and Girls Cub Scout Pack



All-Girl Cub Scout Pack



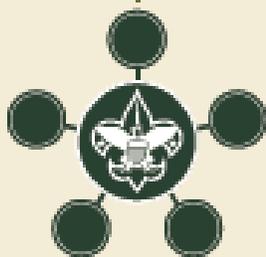
"Older Scouts" Ages 11-17 (or grades 6-12)



Separate Troops for Boys & Girls

Chartered Organization

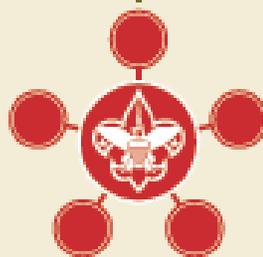
Troop Committee



All-Boy Troop

Chartered Organization

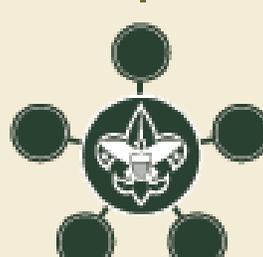
Troop Committee



Linked Troop

Chartered Organization

Troop Committee



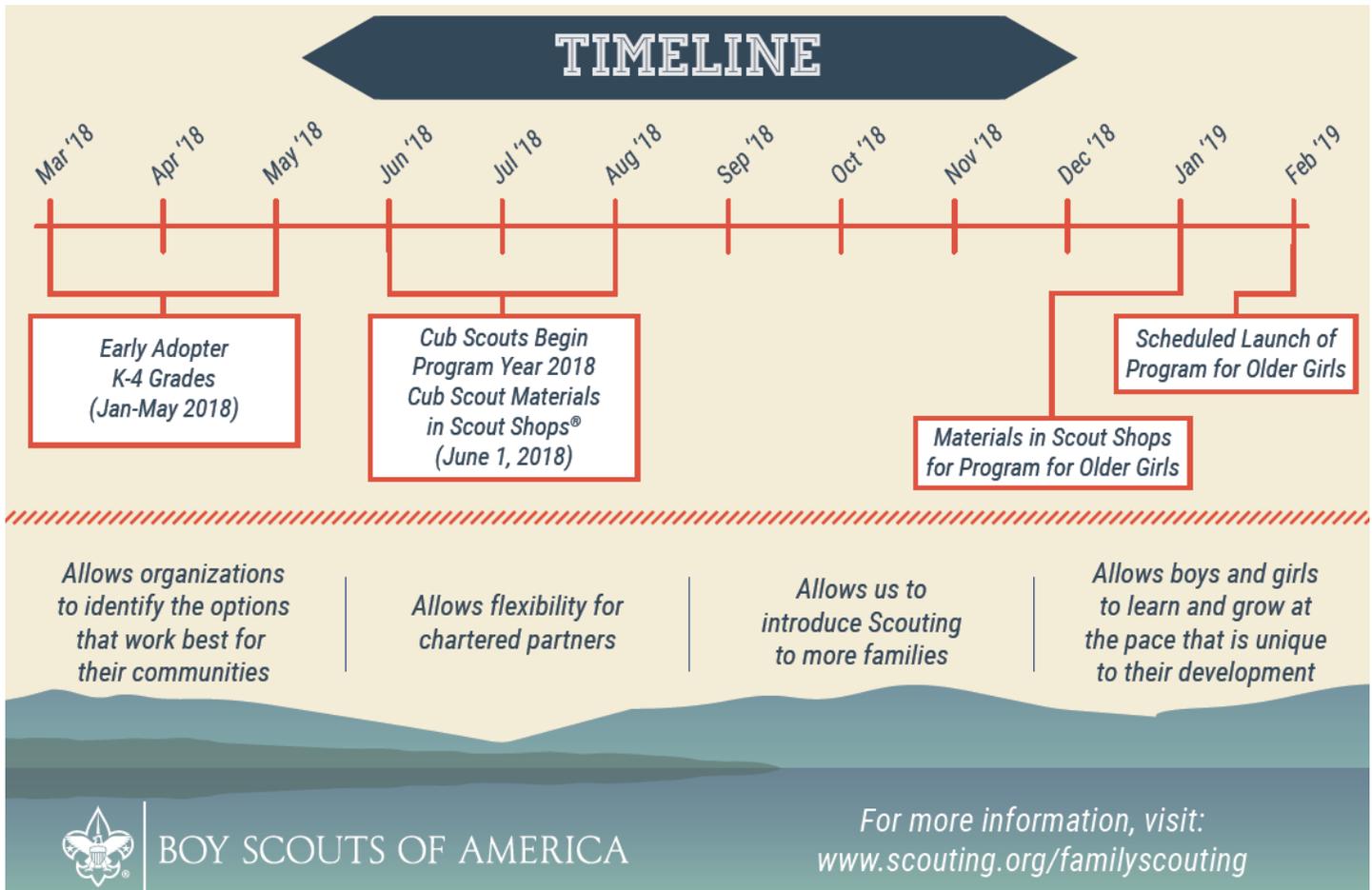
All-Girl Troop



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This graphic is from the BSA site:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/familyscouting/pdf/Family-Scouting-Infographic.pdf>

Did you know that every Scouter must complete the new updated Youth Protection Training (YPT)

by Oct. 1, 2018

Check out more information at:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/03/16/every-scouters-must-complete-the-updated-youth-protection-training-by-oct-1-2018/>



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What is Friends of Scouting (FOS)?

When a youth joins Scouting they pay a \$33 National fee which goes directly to support the services we receive from our National Office. None of the \$33 goes to NCAC.

In order to keep Scouting affordable for all boys, in lieu of a local fee, we run an annual Friends of Scouting Campaign.

The annual campaign is an opportunity for families, friends, alumni, businesses, and community organizations to support scouting.

The true cost of Scouting

Did you know:

- It costs \$225 to provide one year of quality programs for each Scout.
- More than 82% of the NCAC Council budget goes toward program support that impacts the quality of every youth's Scouting experience.

An investment in Friends of Scouting investment helps to fund:

- Local programs and activities throughout the Council territory

- Camp scholarships, uniforms and registration fees for youth who could otherwise not participate
- The Scout Service Center, which coordinates Scouting activities and provides customer service
- Accident and liability insurance to protect youth and adult members
- Professional staff who counsel, guide and inspire volunteer leadership
- Camps and facilities for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events
- Opportunities to attend summer camp and high-adventure events
- Advancement programs that recognize Scouts meeting the learning and achievement goals they set
- Development and distribution literature and training materials
- Leadership training for youth who will become future community leaders

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/support-scouting/friends-of-scouting/>

One can give to Friends of Scouting at any time during the year. Please contact DE Sam McGrath <Sam.McGrath@scouting.org>



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Processing Training Awards, Unit Leader Key Awards, and other awards

Trained leaders have the knowledge and self-confidence to provide young people with a quality program. There are two important parts of BSA's Leadership Training Recognition plan: to honor demonstrated performance and tenure of trained leaders in all areas of the Scouting program involving units and to encourage others to become trained.

Trained leaders may apply for the knot appropriate to their program level by filling out the Progress Record for that award. **The application should be put in the awards box at Roundtable or given to your Unit Commissioner** to be reviewed by the district training committee for approval. You do not need to get a district signature before dropping off the form. The forms will be signed after a review is completed. All forms ask if training has been completed. We do review the training records. You can review your training records at www.my.scouting.org

If your training records are not updated, please complete the following excel spreadsheet:
<http://tinyurl.com/NCACBSATraining>

and submit it to our Training Records, Roy DeLauder at eaglescout.roy@cox.net. Usually one reason why training records are not showing up is because the individual has not linked their BSA Member Number to their my.scouting.org account. It is important that this is done so that we can show that our leaders are actually trained. Another error is not obtaining all the signatures required at the unit level. If the form asks for both the unit leader and the committee chairs signatures, then we need both signatures.

Use the current forms (links to current forms are listed below).

Type (each form is fillable) or print very neatly.

We strive to present the awards and recognize the individuals receiving these awards at the following Roundtable.

TRAINING AWARD FORMS

Below is a listing of the award forms that should be used and the link to the current document.



Unit Leader Award of Merit Nomination Form (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Advisor). Don't forget to include the

statement by the unit committee chair on behalf of the unit committee attesting to the nominee's performance as unit leader. For Scoutmaster nominations, also attach a statement by the troop's senior patrol leader. For crew Advisor nominations, also attach a statement by the crew president.

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-003_WB.pdf



Den Leader Training Award – Adults that serve as Cub Scout Den Leaders may earn this knot by completing the required tenure, training, and performance for the award. Progress Record (Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos den leader)

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-052_WB.pdf



Scouter's Training Award—Adults that serve as Leaders in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturing may earn this knot by completing the position-appropriate required tenure, training, and performance for the award.

Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scouting—Progress Record

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-057_WB.pdf

Scouter's Training Award for Boy Scouting – Progress Record

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-058_WB.pdf

Venturing Training Award – Progress Record

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-060_WB.pdf

District Committee Scouter's Training Award – Progress Record

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/districtcommscouterstrainingawd.pdf>



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Scouter's Key Award—Adults that serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, District Committee members, and Venturing Advisors may earn this knot by completing the required tenure, training, and performance for the award.

Cubmaster's Key Progress Record

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-053_WB.pdf

Scoutmaster's Key Progress Record

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-054_WB.pdf

Advisor's Key Progress Record

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-WB.pdf>

District Committee Key Progress Record

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/districtcommitteekey.pdf>

Scouting Forms

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/forms.aspx>

Cub Scout Forms

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Leaders/Forms.aspx>

National Summertime Pack Award

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/CubScoutMeetingGuide/PDF/33748_WB.pdf



COMMISSIONER AWARD FORMS

Below is a listing of the award forms that should be used and the link to the current document. These are managed by the District Commissioner staff.



The Arrowhead Honor recognizes proficiency in contemporary tools and techniques commissioners use to provide effective unit service.

ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS

[Click here](#) for Unit Commissioner.

[Click here](#) for Assistant Roundtable Commissioner.

[Click here](#) for Roundtable Commissioner.

[Click here](#) for Assistant District Commissioner.



The Commissioner's Key encourages and recognizes continuing training, performance, and tenure by commissioners.

ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS

[Click here](#) for requirements and progress records.



The Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot Award recognizes completion of a standardized training program including a thesis or project, the awarding of the Doctorate of Commissioner Science from a College of Commissioner Science, and the achievement of performance objectives to improve unit service.

ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS

[Click here](#) for requirements and progress record.



The Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service is awarded to a commissioner who provides exemplary unit service, focusing on unit performance as measured in Journey to Excellence and through the use of the current Boy Scouts of America Unit Service Plan and Commissioner Tools.

ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICE TO UNITS

[Click here](#) for requirements and progress record.



The Distinguished Commissioner Service Award is the highest recognition that can be given to a commissioner who has consistently engaged in distinguished and exceptional commissioner service resulting in significant, positive impact to youth, units, and a district and/or council.

CLASSIFICATION: NOMINATION

ELIGIBILITY: ALL COMMISSIONERS

[Click here](#) for requirements.

[Click here](#) for nomination form.



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George Mason Order of The Arrow – 2018 Spring Initiation

George Mason Troops are currently holding their 2018 OA elections for OA candidates. Once a youth becomes an elected candidate, they need to participate in a weekend member Initiation which includes the Ordeal. This Spring, the Initiation will be May 4, 5 & 6 at Camp Snyder. Colonial, Patriot and George Mason OA Chapters will come together to hold this initiation. George Mason OA will send letters to each elected candidate providing information about the Initiation. Online registration will become available closer to the Initiation weekend.

The George Mason Chapter sends out a monthly newsletter with more OA news. Look for your newsletter.

Here are the OA 2018 and 2019 Initiation Weekend (Ordeal/Brotherhood) dates:

- May 4- 6, 2018 Spring Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Oct 5-7, 2018 Fall Area Ordeal – Verdun, Rixeyville, VA
- May 10-12, 2019 Spring Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Oct 4-6, 2019 Fall Area Ordeal at Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Additional 2018 OA dates to be aware of:

- May 18-20 2018 Section Conclave at Camp Rodney, Maryland
- Sep 14-16 2018 Fall Fellowship – Goshen, VA
- Nov 10 2018 – Scouting for Food Pickup – help at the Pantries

2019

- Jan 5 2019 Lodge Banquet – University Maryland, Maryland
- Apr 12-14 2019 Spring Fellowship – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- May 17-19 2019 Section Conclave – Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- Sept 20-22 2019 Fall Fellowship – Goshen, VA

It's time to renew your Lodge Membership!

To be a member of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge and the Order of the Arrow, you must be a registered Scout or Scouter and pay lodge dues of \$16 annually. Membership ensures your invitation to all chapter/lodge events and includes a subscription to the quarterly *Lodge Shark's Tooth* newsletter, which will be imprinted with your OA ID number and BSA ID number.

Your 2018 dues can be paid online at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-OA2018Dues>.



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GM Cub Scout Opportunity! STEM Nova Award

Microsoft has worked with Boy Scouts of America to design curriculae that meet Boy Scout and Cub Scout advancement requirements.

The Tech Talk! Class is for Cub Scouts (2nd grade - 5th grade) and covers requirements 3-5 of the Tech Talk! Nova Award. Scouts will also participate in an Hour of Code Minecraft activity. Please note that Tigers are not eligible for the STEM Award and should not register for this class.

https://www.scouting.org/stem-nova-awards/awards/cub-scout/#tech_talk

Next Session is:

Thursday 03-08-2018 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Microsoft Store @ Tysons Corner Center

[Map this session](#)

Coords: 38.917623, -77.2222368

1961 Chain Bridge Rd

McLean, Virginia 22102

Phone: (703) 336-8480

Registration is NCAC site:

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-TTMSFT>

Notes: The parent, legal guardian or authorized adult caregiver of every participant under 17 years of age must provide a signed Participation Agreement and remain in the Microsoft Store for the duration of the event.

Scout uniform is encouraged and courteous scout behavior is required; please thank the Microsoft staff for dedicating their time and resources to put on this

Additional Sessions:

Thursday 03-22-2018 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Thursday 04-12-2018 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Thursday 04-26-2018 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Thursday 05-10-2018 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

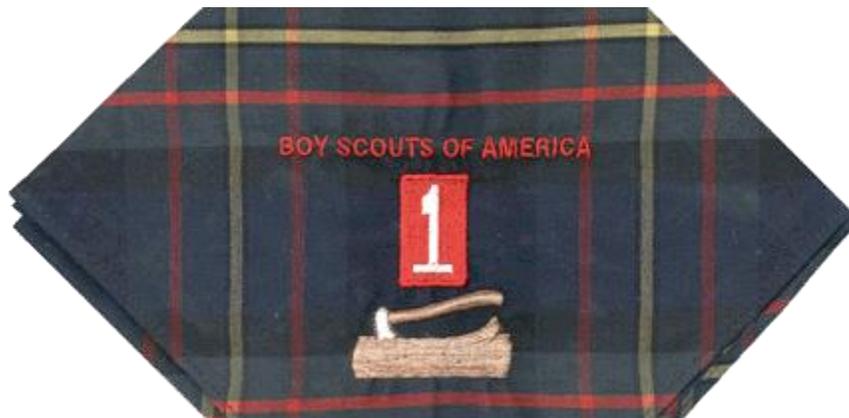
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Wood Badge is advanced Scout leader training that began in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first director. It came to America in 1948 and has been updated to reflect current BSA policies and programs. Incorporating the best techniques available, Wood Badge has become the most advanced leadership training course in Scouting!

Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training and provides you with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and the district and council. The 1st half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. You'll learn what makes leadership work for you in Scouting and your personal life. The 2nd half offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help you learn the application of leadership skills. Finally, you will write and complete a "Ticket". The "Ticket" consists of five written goals. These goals connect your new leadership knowledge to your role in Scouting.

Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

FALL 2018

N6-82-18-2 - September 7 – 9 & October 12 – 14

Course Director: **Doug Carlson**

Register Now

[2018 Wood Badge Brochure](#)

Note: Both Weekends must be Attended

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>



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Leave No Trace Trainer Course – BSA Outdoor Ethics



What is the purpose of this class? The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Guides. Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have *at least* one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer. We recommend that Boy Scouts complete this course before serving in the troop Outdoor Ethics Guide position.

Who should attend? Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Boy Scouts aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

What will I learn? This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers. Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required.

2018 Program Year Course Offerings

<p>LNT Trainer Course Location: Germantown MD Spring 2018: Apr 13 (5pm) to Apr 15 (10am) Fall 2018: Sep 28 (5pm) to Sep 30 (10am)</p> <p>Cost: \$50, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals <i>are not</i> included.</p> <p>Contact: Paul Schimke at paul@schimke.org or 301-906-0069</p>	<p>LNT Trainer Course Location: Northern VA Spring 2018: Apr 21 (8:30am) to Apr 22 (12noon) Fall 2018: Sep 15 (8:30am) to Sep 16 (12noon)</p> <p>Cost: \$50, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals <i>are not</i> included.</p> <p>Contact: Victor Bieniek at ybieniek@gmail.com or 703-855-8428 (cell)</p>
<p>Leave No Trace Master Educator Course (offered every two years) May 3-5, May 16-19, 2019 Contact: Victor Bieniek at ybieniek@gmail.com</p>	

Registration for all courses is via the NCAC website: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/outdoor-ethics/>



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VenturingFest 2018, the second national gathering of Venturers at the Summit Bechtel Reserve – a Scouting experience unlike any other before – is coming your way again from July 1 to July 6 2018!

WHY YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT

VenturingFest 2018 is a special Scouting event at SBR that's open to registered Venturers, Scouts and adult leaders across the U.S. This six-day high-adventure festival invites participants to explore the best the SBR has to offer. We're talking rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, and so much more!

As if the adrenaline-pumping activities weren't enough, festival goers will also get to jam out to concerts and meet new friends in Venturing at the event. What more could a Venturer want?

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT VENTURINGFEST 2018

Come join us for the full Venturing experience, filled with climbing gear, skateboards, bikes, and water sports and nights filled with new friends, fun food, and great concerts. Most importantly, there will be memories to last a lifetime!

Open Program in Scott Summit Center.

Unless noted each of these will be open programs, meaning Venturers will be able to move from activity to activity with their friends depending on their interests.

YOUTH REGISTRATION FEE: \$500*

**Fee is cost per person. \$600.00 after April 30, 2018.*

ADULT REGISTRATION FEE: \$400*

**Fee is cost per person. \$500.00 after April 30, 2018.*

Fees include meals (Sunday dinner through Friday breakfast), campsite (w/tents, showers, dining tables & Wi-Fi), and all program equipment, with exception of the optional ½-day whitewater rafting trip. (Fee for this is TBD)

Participation Requirements

- Registered Venturer
- Registered Varsity Scout
- Registered Sea Scout
- Registered Boy Scout age 14 (or 13 and have completed the 8th grade)
- Registered Adult Leader

http://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/?utm_source=ACventuringfest&utm_medium=email&utm_content=1-2018/

Video: <https://youtu.be/43K2d3mVuU>



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NYLT Summer 2018 Courses

17 – 22 June 2018, 24 – 29 June 2018, 29 July – 3 August 2018 & 5 -10 August 2018

What is NYLT?

NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) is the National Capital Area Council’s presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their scouting program and in life. NYLT brings together scouts from all over the Council to learn and practice the leadership techniques in a risk free, scout friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

The course is presented primarily using a Boy Scout model as the vehicle which allows all attendees to see how leadership skills fit into the scouting program. These leadership skills are applicable to all scouting programs.

Why have NYLT?

While it remains the responsibility of the unit leaders to train the youth leaders, this course is designed to supplement the adult leaders’ role in the training process. NYLT skills build on the fundamental leadership skills presented in the unit basic leadership training in their home unit. This training has six specific objectives:

- To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their unit.
- To give participants the most contemporary, successful, and useful leadership tools available and allow them to “experiment” with them to help them better relate these skills to their unit responsibilities.
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other scouting programs.
- To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at its best.
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and their adult leaders.
- To have fun!

NYLT Eligibility Requirements

In order to attend the course each participant must certify that they have or will have by the beginning of the NYLT course to meet the following qualifications to attend NYLT:

- Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts
- Completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews, or Ships (ILST, ILSC, or ILSS) or Exploring Leadership Training.
- At least 14 years of age by the course start date (or 13 years of age **with the Course Director’s approval**) **All participants 13 years of age must contact the Course Director before registering online.**
- Youth 12 years of age and younger will not be able to attend
- Home Unit Leader approval. NYLT is an intense and challenging hands-on course that parallels Wood Badge training for adults. It is essential that youth participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this advanced training. In order for youth participants to get the maximum benefit from this unique experience, home unit leaders must only endorse those participants who exhibit emotional maturity, a positive attitude, proficiency in basic camping skills, and ambition to serve in leadership roles.
- Have a current BSA health and medical record. Parts A,B & C are required.



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	NYLT Course Dates	Location	Course Director
18-2	17-22 Jun 2018	American Legion Cheltenham, MD	Ms. Mary Mayonado mary.mayonado@yahoo.com
18-3	24-29 Jun 2018	American Legion Cheltenham, MD	Ms. Yong Ho Halt yhhalt.ncacscouting@gmail.com
18-4	29 Jul-3 Aug 2018	Camp Snyder Haymarket, VA	Mr. John Herbig elviswasblonde@gmail.com
18-5	5-10 Aug 2018	Camp Snyder Haymarket, VA	Mr. Chris Geiger geigercj@gmail.com
<i>Registration for 2019 Winter course not yet available</i>			
19-1	19-21 Jan & 16-18 Feb 2019	Camp Snyder Haymarket, VA	Ms. Melanie Anthony





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Powder Horn 2018

24 – 26 August 2018 - Camp St Charles

15375 Stella Maris Dr Newberg, MD 20664



What is Powder Horn?

In Scouting, Powder Horn is the vessel to sustain the spirit of the outdoors in our youth today. Along with the spirit of the outdoors, you will also gather knowledge to share, motivate and direct youth. Powder Horn will give you the necessary skills to oversee a high adventure program. It will also help you identify local resources for your group's program.

Why come to Powder Horn?

Come to experience an opportunity to get the hands-on knowledge and practical resources to provide a challenging and fun outdoor program for your older youth.

Who can attend Powder Horn?

All registered adult leaders and youth (14 and up) are welcome.

All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Adults must have completed Leader Specific Training for your registered position. Youth participants must have a letter of recommendation from their Scoutmaster or Advisor

Planned topics include: Backpacking, Cave Exploring, Communication, Conservation Projects, Cooking, COPE, Cycling/Mountain Biking, Emergency Preparedness, Expedition Planning, First Aid, Fishing, Land Navigation, Leave No Trace, Mountaineering, Outdoor Living History, Physical Fitness, Plants and Wildlife, Shooting Sports, Watercraft, Weather Forecasting, Wilderness Survival, Working with Teens, Winter Sports.

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/powder-horn/>



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Online Registration Speeds up Youth Registration in your Unit!



The Online Registration System that was made available this year has been widely used and has helped simplify the registration process for new youth and adults joining Scouting.

Youth and adults who use this system should be new to Scouting or be currently registered in a unit and applying to multiple in a different unit than the one in which they are currently registered. This system is not designed to register non-paying adult positions, position changes in the same unit, or youth or adult renewals.

As a new system that continues to gain increased functionality, there have been some problems with the system, many of which have been resolved. Thank you for your patience! Two that remain include:

Applications Pending Approval: It is important that unit leadership check the Online Registration regularly and act on any pending applications. Many new applications timed out this year because they were never approved by a unit leader.

Applications Pending Payment: This applied to units that chose to accept cash/check as the payment option. When funds are not available in the unit's account, it creates a backlog in applications and payment recovery. To alleviate this, **online applications will be switched to credit card payments only beginning in January 2018.**

What this means for your Scout unit:

- Access to the online registration system will remain the same. To complete a youth or adult application, the person completing the application must provide a credit card to pay for the pro-rated registration fees.
- As before, a refund will be made to the applicant if the registration is not accepted by the unit leadership.
- Each unit should be prepared to collect any other unit dues if applicable.



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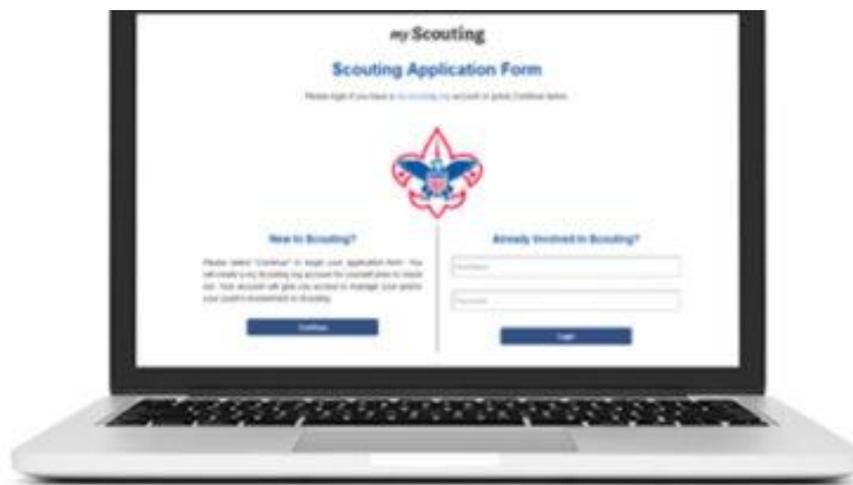
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It is important that youth and adults wanting to join Scouting have the ability to do so with ease and without delay. Please *do your best* to ensure that all new applications, paper or electronic, are properly submitted within the same month that they join and prior to your charter renewal.

If you have any questions, please contact your District Executive - sam.mcgrath@scouting.org

Online Registration Training – What you need to do to Make this Work



Do you have new parents that want to register their youth in your unit? Do you have the application paperwork to hand them and then wait for it to be returned? And wait, and wait.

When the parents indicate they would like to have their youth join your unit, wouldn't you like them to use your laptop to fill out the application and pay for the registration?

What benefits are there? Insurance is in effect. They can attend Unit events, meetings, campouts, trips, summer camp as a BSA member of your Unit.

There a few things you will need to do to set this up so it becomes a much easier process. Please check out this training document which will show you what you need to do:

https://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Online_Reg_UnitGuidebook.pdf



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NESA-DC is the National Eagle Scouts Association (NESA) for the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) of Boy Scouts of America, including the U.S. Virgin Islands.

As an alumni association, our mission is to support Eagle Scouts in the national capital region, and thus facilitate their support of scouting. We tend to connect through social networking events in the region, but we also organize meaningful opportunities to contribute to scouting, our communities, and the Nation. We are always looking to connect with Eagle Scouts in our region. Please join us for any of our events. These are posted on our [LinkedIn organization page](#).

You can help us and scouting by contributing to one of the committees working in these domains:

- **Career Navigation** – assist young Eagles in organizing their choices and online profiles for marketability, networking, and facilitating mentoring.
- **Career Advancement** – facilitate opportunities for Eagles to promote their career goals, develop business opportunities, and assist each other during career transitions.
- **Scouting Leadership** – volunteer service and mentoring time to scouting, through Troop, District and Council leadership roles and leadership sponsorships.
- **Philanthropy Leadership** – organize fundraising events and products in support of purchasing of Eagle Kits and subsidizing camp leader positions.
- **Leadership Recognition** – promote the public image of scouting by recognizing notable Eagles with prestigious awards and award ceremonies. [Click here](#) for more info.
- **Environmental Conservation** – work with partners to analyze and prioritize regional conservation projects that scouts can lead or join.
- **Youth Education** – work with partners to analyze and prioritize regional educational projects that can benefit from the assistance of volunteer Eagles.
- **Risk Reduction** – work with partners to understand the risk-reduction benefits of scouting, and how such benefits can be fostered among youth who face risk conditions.

If you want to have NESA-DC stay in touch with you, please [register your contact information](#).

You may also want to join the [Scouting Alumni and Friends](#), who keep your Eagle Scout award registered from BSA.