

Goose Creek District Newsletter



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-  For Everyone



Scout uniforms are an important part of the Boy Scouts of America program and one of the methods of Scouting. Each boy gets to be part of a group demonstrated by their uniform and each group has a personal sense of identity. The Scout uniform is also a display case for a Scout's individual accomplishments and recognitions. We wear the uniform to associate ourselves with the principles to which we are committed - character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness. The uniform is not intended to hide our individuality, but it is a way we give each other strength and support.

Personal equality - The uniform represents a democratic idea of equality, bringing people of different backgrounds together in the Scouting tradition.

Identification - The uniform identifies youth and adult members of the Boy Scouts of America, visible as a force for good in the community. When properly and smartly worn, the uniform can build good unit spirit.

Achievement - The uniform shows the wearer's activity, responsibility, and achievement. The accomplishments of every youth and adult member can be recognized by the insignia worn on the uniform.

Personal commitment - The uniform is a constant reminder to all members of their commitment to the ideals and purpose of the Scouting movement. It is a way of making visible members' commitment to a belief in God, loyalty to country, and helping others at all times.

How is the uniform encouraged in the Boy Scout program:

- By having properly uniformed youth leaders
- By having properly uniformed adults
- By explaining what the uniform stands for and why it is important.

The Scouting movement is built on positive values. As we wear the uniform in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, we stand together and encourage each other to live by those principles. Scouts and adults alike should take pride in belonging to this program.



Many units recognize that Scout clothing can be expensive and have organized "Scout clothes closets" to help those in need. If your unit doesn't have one contact your Unit Commissioner to see what neighboring units do. If your Scout has outgrown his uniform think about donating it instead of packing it away.

District News

District Website: www.GooseCreekDistrict.org

In Memory of Ruth Holland (1940 – 2011)



We are sad to announce that this past month we lost one of our own, Ruth Holland (or Ruthie as many who knew her well called her). Ruth was a Scouter in our district before it was even Goose Creek and listing the Scouting positions that she filled over the years would be longer than this newsletter. She was a Silver Beaver recipient and for the past few years has been a District Eagle advisor for the Scouts in the western part of the district. She touched the lives of countless individuals who needed her special attention to overcome the bumps in life, providing them food and shelter and love.

Ruth was a resident in Bluemont and is survived by her son Philip, his wife Teresa and her grandchildren, whom she adored, Rebecca Ann, Kelly Nicole and Elizabeth Rose. Her husband preceded her in passing.

Spring Camporee



150 years ago the bombardment and surrender of Fort Sumter (April 12–13, 1861), near Charleston, South Carolina, was the event that started the American Civil War. Between 1861 and 1865, Americans made war on each other and killed each other in great numbers only to become the kind of country that could no longer conceive of how that was possible. What began as a bitter dispute over Union and States' Rights, ended as a struggle over the meaning of freedom in America. At Gettysburg in 1863, Abraham Lincoln said perhaps more than he knew. The war was about a "new birth of freedom."

As a remembrance of those years the District's camporee this year will be themed "Blue and Grey." Patrols will be assigned to either the "Blue" or the "Grey" army and during the day patrols will proceed along a loop trail of stations. At each station the Scouts will learn about the life of the Civil War soldier as they compete head to head with an "enemy" patrol. Many stations will require your best Scout skills, other will reward Civil War military prowess or athletic ability. Still others will be just-for-fun games.

When: April 29 – May 1, 2011-02-24

Where: Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, Neersville, VA

Cost: \$17 per person

Registration Deadline: April 20

For more information: An information/registration is available on the district website or you can email GCCamporee@verizon.net

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training at the Camporee



The Boy Scout Leader Specific Training (BSLST) that was scheduled for May 7th has been **rescheduled to April 30th at the Spring Camporee!** Leaders attending the camporee must still register separately for the BSLST class but the cost of the training will be deducted from their camporee registration fee. Leaders are not required to attend the camporee in order to take the course.

BSLST is an indoor session that usually takes about 9 hours and is one of the two courses Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters must take in order to be fully trained. The second course is Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) which is the outdoor training and is scheduled to take place May 14-15 at a location still to be determined.

Registration: Online, if not listed under Upcoming Events on the District website, then use the calendar to register.

Order of the Arrow Elections



Scoutmasters, if you have anyone in your troop who is eligible to be elected into the Order of the Arrow and you have not scheduled your election yet, please contact Bobbie Scales, Goose Creek Chapter Adviser, at scalesbobbie@yahoo.com as soon as possible to get one scheduled. With the Ordeal scheduled to start May 20 and the callout happening at the Spring Camporee on April 30, time is running out.

Webelos Visiting the Spring Camporee



Webelos Leaders! Now is the time to plan on getting that AOL requirement of visiting an outdoor Boy Scout oriented activity fulfilled. Your Webelos are invited to come visit us at the spring camporee and watch the Boy Scouts compete with each other in events during the day to see which army is better, the Blue or the Grey. No registration is required and there is no fee to pay for visiting us during the day. Directions and a schedule for the camporee can be found in the camporee information packet available on the district website.

Note: There are no planned activities for the Webelos at this event, you are visitors to see Boy Scouts in action. However, if you are around in the late afternoon, around 4:00, you will be able to participate in the great battle charge.

2011 Cubmobile Derby



What do you have when you make a Pinewood Derby car big enough for a Scout to sit in? A Cubmobile! The district is planning to hold our first Cubmobile Derby on May 7, 2011 at the Paxton Campus in Leesburg with the hope of making this an annual event. We have a nice gentle, paved slope all lined up for the race and now we need dens to build cubmobiles to race.

Dens will race as teams with a minimum of three and a maximum of five Scouts per team. Dens with six or more Scouts participating will need to register as two, or more, teams. Teams from the same pack, however, will be allowed to use the same cubmobile if they want to. Every Scout on a team will be given a chance to race their cubmobile down the course.

Derby fee is \$6 per Scout and all teams must pre-register by April 13 with an \$18 deposit (i.e, the fee for three Scouts).

Registration Information: A full information/registration packet and instructions on how to build a cubmobile are available on the district website. Registration deadline is April 13.

In order to hold this derby we still need some adult volunteers to help in running the event. If you would like to be a volunteer please send an email to GCCubEvent@verizon.net

2011 Soda Bottle Rocket Derby



When: Saturday, June 4. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Each pack will select their own 2-hour assembly/launch window for the day.

Where: TBD

Who can Attend: This event is open to all Cub Scouts, including new Tigers (Kindergarten aged Scouts who just registered and will be Tigers the next year) and siblings/friends

Cost: \$8 per person, to be paid at the event. This covers the cost for all of the materials (except the soda bottle) needed to build the rockets.

For more information: Send an email to GCCubEvent@verizon.net and look for the information/registration packet that will soon be on the district website.



When a Scout sees a tag on a tent that says waterproof he sees it as a challenge to find a way to pitch it so he will get wet. If you give him a frying pan and tell him it has a nonstick surface he will do his best to find something to stick to it. Don't take anything camping that says it is fireproof. Trust me on that one, okay?

2011 District Award of Merit Recipients



Goose Creek District is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the District Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is the highest award given to an individual Scouter in their District for their exemplary service to Scouting. The following Scouters will be recognized for this honor at our annual District Dinner and Awards Banquet:

Brad Scales
Priscilla Martinez
Mike Sierra

John Blackwell
Dee Lloyd
Norm Bird.

Nominate Your Unit's Adult Volunteer of the Year



How do you give recognition to someone in your unit who has done outstanding work for you this past year? You nominate them as your unit's Adult Volunteer of the Year of course. They have worked hard to support your program and now you can give them special recognition for their hard work.

Every unit can submit the names of one or two people who have given exemplary service, they don't even have to be registered leaders. All nominations submitted will receive the award and Goose Creek will recognize these adults at the Annual District Dinner and Awards Banquet.

To submit your nominations use the form located on our District website. Your unit may also want to pay for their nominee's dinner to make sure that they attend and get their recognition in front of all of the other units.

For further information or questions: please contact Tonia Chagnon, tchagnon@jpevents.biz, or Tom Hayes, thayes20141@comcast.net

District Dinner and Award Banquet



Please mark your calendars for our annual District Dinner and Awards Banquet on Friday May 13th, 2011 at the ADAMS Center (46903 Sugarland Road Sterling, VA 20164-8520) from 6:00-8:30pm.

During the dinner, we will recognize those Scouters that are selected by their unit as a Volunteer of the Year. Along with these outstanding Scouters, we will recognize the Eagle Scouts of the past year, the 2010-2011 District Award of Merit recipients, and the Key Three awardees.

This is a great opportunity for each unit to send their selected volunteer of the year to be individually recognized.

The dinner will be great fellowship and celebrate a great year in scouting within Loudoun County. The cost of the dinner is \$25 and you may get more information and register on-line at:

www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=916401

Program Launch



What's a "Program Launch"? Are we sending Scouts into orbit?

Not quite sending them into orbit, but ideally the program launch will give Scouters a bunch of great information to help them begin planning for the upcoming year. With schools letting out, summer camp's gearing up, and bags being packed for summer vacation now is the time to plan.

Make sure you get a copy of the upcoming Council Planning Calendar and lots of great handouts and flyers to make the '11-'12 year an awesome one. You'll also get a chance to talk to all of those 'mysterious' district committee representatives you keep getting emails from and find out what they have planned for the district next year.

Program Launch will be held in place of the usual May Roundtable, same place, same time.

Goose Creek Day Camp 2011



Join us this summer, July 11-15, at Goose Creek's Day Camp as we explore the excitement, thrills, and history of medieval times! Activities will range from traditional Scouting games and achievement opportunities to archery and BB instruction, crafts, nature study, handicrafts, leatherwork, and camp skills.

Can't get leaders to commit for an entire day? Goose Creek is also running a Twilight Camp, same dates, that will run from 6:30 PM (6:00 PM check-in) until 8:45 PM and will include many of the activities done during the day.

Boys will receive a camp T-shirt, water bottle, craft supplies, and all the goodies needed for a week of fun. One adult is needed for every five boys to escort the adventurers through camp. Tiger Cub adult partners are expected to attend camp with their son.

- Cub Scout Day Camps require registration as a pack or den by a Cub Scout Pack Coordinator.
- Registration may be done either "Online" or "Offline".
- Online registrations require online payments using a credit card at the time of registration. (register a few now and a few later, or all at once).
- To register offline you will need to download the Day Camp Offline Registration Bundle.
- The Pack Coordinator may make additional registrations until the final day of registration to add additional Cub Scouts, Den Walkers, and T-shirt purchases.
- Early Payment Discount: Through April 18, 2011 a discount of \$20.00 will apply to all Cub Scout registrants. (total fee \$160)
- Regular Fee: Registrations made April 19 - May 13, 2011 are \$180.00
- Late Fee: After May 13, 2011 a late fee of \$20.00 will apply to all Cub Scout registrants. (total fee \$200)

For additional information and to register online: On the Council website (Camps → Cub Scout Day Camps).

Spring/Summer Join Scouting Night



Thinking of holding a Spring/Summer JSN?

This is not mandatory for you to do, however it could be very helpful in catching some of the boys before they get committed to other activities in the fall.

A few Units have decided to hold a spring JSN and if you would like to communicate with one of those Units regarding how it went, lessons learned, etc. just let the District's JSN committee know.

If you are planning to hold such a spring / summer event then you may want to assess what you need. We have packets of documentation for you that will be provided at training, but you may need them sooner if you are holding a spring event.

Keep in mind that all on-school campus events need to be approved by the school Principal and that while there is a BSA District arranged date with the schools for the fall, you still need to touch base with the Principal.

For more information or to request flyers or "pack invitation cards": Contact Chris Goda at chris.goda@yahoo.com

News From Our Units



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle Scouts:

Justin Alfon – 961
 Jerome Cottone III – 2970
 Andrew Frantz – 761
 Kyle Giroux – 961
 Jacob Hamm – 1106

Douglas Imhoff – 1154
 Sean McArdle – 1154
 Austin Raney – 961
 Andrew Snyder – 962
 Quentin Walston – 961

Council / National News

Council Website: www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org

Robotics Merit Badge



April brings the long-awaited debut of the Robotics merit badge. Along with the recently unveiled Inventing and Geocaching badges, this one enhances Scouting's commitment to activities associated with science, technology, engineering, and math.

Look for requirements and more information online on April 12.

Scuba BSA



What: This is an introductory/try-it scuba experience that does not result in scuba certification. It covers the requirements of the Scuba BSA award.

Who: Any Boy Scout-aged youth or adult. Maximum 8 participants per session

When: June 19, Camp Snyder pool. 1.5 hour sessions at 1, 2:30, 4, 5:30pm

Cost: \$25 (includes all equipment)

Registration deadline: June 11

To register or for more information: www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics or contact Mike Meenehan (703) 400-2176 mmmeenehan@cox.net.

Scuba Certification and Scuba Diving Merit Badge



What: PADI open water scuba certification and the BSA Scuba Diving merit badge.

Who: For any scout-aged youth or adult leader.

Where:

- Camp Snyder (orientation, classroom, pool session)
- Marriott Scout Service Center, Bethesda MD (MB counseling session),
- local quarry (open water training dives)

When: Orientation – Aug 7 1-3pm; class/pool sessions – Aug 20&21 9am-5pm, open water training dives – Aug 27 & 28 10am-1pm; Scuba Diving merit badge counseling session - June 26, 7-9pm

Cost: Scuba certification class and merit badge session - \$430 (includes all equipment); Scuba diving merit badge session only - \$5

Registration deadline: July 30

To register or for more information: www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics or contact Mike Meenehan (703) 400-2176 mmmeenehan@cox.net.

ScubaJam Virginia 2011



What: ScubaJam Virginia program was created to provide a great SCUBA diving experience to BSA registered youths, boys and girls, ages 12-20. The event has been created by interested divers representing dive shops, scuba training operations, and various BSA Troops and various BSA Troops and Venturing Crews.

Where: Lake Rawlings, VA

When: Labor Day Weekend Sept 3-5 2011

Cost and Registration: www.scubajam-va.org (Note: ScubaJam is not an NCAC sponsored event)

Pre-Camp Swim Classification Tests



This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA swim classification check done under the supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel at the Camp William B. Snyder pool. A unit swim classification record will be issued by NCAC Aquatics personnel to each unit showing the swim classification (swimmer, beginner, non-swimmer) of each participant. This event is open to all NCAC units.

Units must register online at www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics for a 30 minute block. Up to 20 tests can be administered during a block. The date is Saturday, June 11, and available times start at 1:00pm, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30pm. Cost is \$2 per participant. Registration deadline is June 4.

For more information: Contact Mike Meenehan (703) 400-2176 mmmeenehan@cox.net.

BSA and American Red Cross Lifeguard



What: BSA Lifeguard is professional level training that meets the requirements of government agencies for professional lifeguards at regulated swimming activities. The course will include American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Standard First Aid Training along with ARC Lifeguard certification.

Who: The program is open to all registered adults and older youth (15+) and is a recommended adjunct to the Aquatics Supervision awards for unit leaders who wish to expand their water safety skills and for youth who wish to work on the aquatics staffs at BSA camps. Participants must attend all scheduled sessions.

When/Where:

- May 15 3-6 pm - prerequisites & orientation, Arlington VA
- May 21 9am-5pm; May 22 1-5pm Alexandria VA
- June 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 9am—5pm Haymarket VA

Cost: to be determined (app. \$120)

To register or for more information: www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics or contact Mike Meenehan (703) 400-2176 mmmeenehan@cox.net. Registration deadline is April 29

Scout Related Expenses and Income Tax Returns



Scouters who heeded the Scout Motto last year remembered to track and document their Boy Scouts of America-related expenses. And now, they know that they can include those expenses if they plan to itemize their 2010 deductions.

But what if you didn't know that BSA expenses were deductible? Or what if your "filing system" is really your glove compartment that's stuffed with gas receipts and crumpled-up napkins? And what qualifies as an eligible expense, anyway?

For help in figuring all of this out check out the following web article:
<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2011/03/03/tax-time/>

International Scouting Day



In preparation for the 22nd World Jamboree which will be held in Rinkaby Sweden later this year the Embassy of Sweden to the United States is hosting an International Scouting Day on Saturday, May 28, 2011 in Washington, DC that will be open to Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts and adult Scouters (even if they are not going to the World Jamboree).

Scouts and Scouters will assemble at the Embassy to learn more about Sweden, the World Jamboree in Rinkaby and international scouting in general. There will be knot tying displays and classes and there will be an overview of Swedish culture provided by Embassy staff. The classes, information session and cultural exchange will be capped off by remarks by a senior member of the diplomatic corps. There is an optional hike following the event that will focus on Swedish flora and fauna. The Embassy can accommodate up to two hundred Scouts and Scouters for this event. There will also be a modest \$5 charge to cover the cost of the patch that will be awarded at the conclusion of the event. Attendance at this event will also satisfy partial completion towards the International Activities Patch for both Scouts and Scouters and also satisfy some requirements for the International Scouter's Award for Scouters.

There will be two sessions: 9 am – 12 noon and 1 pm – 4 pm.

To register or for more information: On the Council website open up the calendar and go to May 28. If you have questions contact Peter Lagerberg at pmlagerb@msn.com or Mike Sierra at Mike.Sierra@GooseCreekDistrict.org.

Snore and Roar



Want to give your scout troop an unforgettable campout? Look no further!

When it comes to a camping with exotic animals, nothing beats the National Zoo. Your pack's overnight will include wildlife-related activities and a flashlight tour of the nocturnal residents at the Smithsonian's National Zoo. Scout Snooze campers sleep in four-person tents provided on Lion/Tiger Hill. In the morning, an animal keeper leads them on a two-hour tour of an exhibit area. An evening snack and continental breakfast are provided. Scout leaders may assign tent arrangements.

Scout Snooze sleepovers are available only to Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ) members. To sign up, one adult per scout group must have a FONZ household membership (or higher). Scout leaders may assign tent arrangements.

Ages: Children ages six and up. A paying adult must accompany all participants under 18, and one adult is required to chaperone every three children.

Time: 6 p.m.–9:30 a.m. the following day.

(A small evening snack will be provided, but participants should eat dinner before coming to the Zoo. All Zoo restaurants close at 5 p.m.)

Fee: \$650 for up to ten people (including adults). For groups larger than ten, add \$65 for each additional person. No more than 20 participants are allowed per overnight.

2011 Goshen Summer Camp Availability

Key: Available Almost Full Full



Camp (as of 2/24/2011)		Week					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bowman (BS Patrol Method/Heater Stack)						
	Marriot (BS Patrol Method/Heater Stack)	LDS Week					
	Olmsted (BS Dining Hall)						
	Lenhok'sin High Adventure						
	PMI (Webelos)						
	Ross (Webelos)						

Week 1, 6/25 or 6/26 to 7/2 Week 4, 7/16 or 7/17 to 7/23
 Week 2, 7/2 or 7/3 to 7/9 Week 5, 7/23 or 7/24 to 7/30
 Week 3, 7/9 or 7/10 to 7/16 Week 6, 7/30 or 7/31 to 8/6

To register: On Council website (Camps → Register for Goshen Scout Reservation)

Important dates to remember:

- Early Bird Fee Payment Deadline- Friday, April 29, 2011
- Regular Camp Fee Deadline- Friday, June 3, 2011

Do you have an interesting Scout article to share with the district, a notice about an upcoming event, or just want to tell others about an activity your unit has done or plan to do? If so then submit your information to Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org and we'll see about posting it in the next district newsletter. We take most file formats and even pictures.

Notice: Submissions must be received at least five days prior to the end of the month and may be edited to fit our newsletter format and available space.

Camp Snyder Summer Programs



Online registration for Camp Snyder's summer programs is now open on the Council website (Camps → Register for Camp Snyder Programs). Registration can either be done at the pack or individual level.

Pack Registration requires 8 or more Scouts, and the Pack will be able to register the two free "Adult Leaders." The extra adults, "Parents" on the registration page, will be registered at the appropriate cost levels. (With the exception of Adventure Days, where, like Day Camp, Den Walkers do not pay a fee)

Scouts who register as a family/individual will still be grouped together as a Pack in campsite, but they will not be eligible for the two free leader pricing, regardless of whether they bring eight or more Scouts.

Tiger Safari Day – \$20/youth with Tiger Partner

New Tigers get to experience a day at camp with dinner and a closing campfire. Activities will include programs in The Fort, The Big Dig, The Ship, BBs, Archery, Nature and more. This is for all boys that in kindergarten in May of 2011 (boys currently in the Tiger program officially become Wolves on June 1).

- July 9, 1:00-8:30 p.m.

Adventure Days – \$175/youth, \$0/adult (Den Walkers)

Ideal for the new Cub Scout! All sessions are four day long day camps based on the theme "Super Hero Scouts" and offer a large variety of programs at the various theme areas for Scouts to enjoy themselves. The program sessions will include projects, archery, nature, sports, BBs, and exploring the various theme areas such as The Ship, Big Dig, and the Fort. Lunch is included in the program. Cub-age sisters can attend at the same cost as boys and participate in the program.

- June 27-30
- July 11-14
- July 18-21

Cub Resident Camp – \$160/youth, \$70/adult

This is an overnight camp that covers 3 days and 2 nights. Meals and tents (wall tents with cots on a platform) are part of the package. Cub-age sisters can attend at the same cost as boys and participate in the program. For every 8 or more boys that sign up 2 adults will be free (**if registered as a pack**).

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

- June 24-26
- July 15-17
- Aug 5-7
- Aug 12-14

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

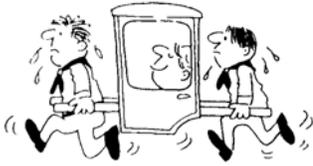
- Aug 1-3
- Aug 8-10

Webelos Advancement – \$210/youth, \$85/adult

This is an overnight camp that covers 4 days and 3 nights and is open to all Scouts that are currently either a Webelos or a Bear (advance to Webelos on June 1). Meals and tents (wall tents with cots on a platform) are part of the package. For every 8 or more boys that sign up 2 adults will be free (**if registered as a pack**).

- July 5-8

Coping with High Gas Prices



When your pack, troop, team, or crew sat down several months ago to create a budget for your next big trip, you and your Scouts thought of everything—except soaring gas prices. Six months ago, gas was \$2.69 a gallon on average. Today, it's \$3.49. That's a larger increase than even the most foresighted Scouters could have predicted.

Let's say you planned a trip to a camp that's 200 miles from home, and 10 leaders are scheduled to drive. That's 4,000 miles of driving (roundtrip). If the cars average 25 miles per gallon, you're talking 160 gallons of gas. Taking that trip will cost your unit \$128 more than it would have six months ago. Most Scout units would rather spend that extra \$128 somewhere else.

That higher cost grows for larger Scout units or longer distances, of course.

But short of canceling your trip—nobody wants that—what's a cash-strapped unit to do? Here are five tips to get you started:

- Consolidate your caravan. Do you really need 10 Suburbans to haul 30 boys to camp? Probably not. Create a "seating chart" of leaders' vehicles to maximize space, and make sure that each boy and adult has a seat belt.
- Get some payback. Many Scout units reimburse leaders who use their personal vehicles. On Facebook, Scouter Mike D. said that his troop pays 33 cents per mile. And Tim H. told me that his troop added \$3 per person to event fees to cover higher gas costs.
- Take turns. If your pack, troop, or crew doesn't reimburse drivers, consider a scheduled rotation so that the same group of leaders doesn't have to eat the travel costs every weekend.
- Swap your ride. Consider alternate forms of transportation, such as buses, trains, or planes. On Facebook, Scouter Peg T. said that her unit has secured a bus fleet for an upcoming trip. Get some quotes and determine what's best for your specific situation, because it could be a bus rental. An added bonus of riding a bus: It's a great opportunity for your guys to bond through conversation and group songs.
- Be flexible. If you didn't pay a deposit for that location 350 miles away, why not consider somewhere closer to home? That was Scott L.'s advice on Facebook. By looking at closer locations, you'll save money and can start having fun sooner.

(copied from *Bryan on Scouting*, March 8, 2011)

On-Line Resource of the Month

A great source for Scouting articles is www.ScouterMom.com. Written by a Scouter who has been through it all it offers a lot of information and useful tips from Cub Scouts to Venturing. Resources are listed for every rank with lots of ideas on what to do for den meetings, camping ideas and gadgets, and committee helps.



Training Opportunities

Wood Badge



Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, in all leadership positions for the BSA. The Wood Badge course incorporates the traditions of over 80 years of Wood Badge, while adding the management and leadership training necessary to become a successful leader in the 21st Century. Wood Badge is more than a classroom; it's entertaining, fun games, hands-on projects, team building, and inspirational events. You will come away with an appreciation of Scouting's heritage, as well as a vision of the role you will play in its future, and the impact you will make on the youth in your own unit, the district and our council. Participation in this course will provide skills to help you achieve success in other aspects of your life or in your career! The course starts with a 2-weekend, fun-filled practical training period where the Scouter lives as a member of a team progressing through Scouting, and learning the skills of leadership. The outdoor experience is followed by a period of up to eighteen months during which the Scouter applies the skills learned during the practical experience in his or her Scouting position – at the unit, district, or council level. Through this period, each Scouter is assigned a counselor who acts as a resource, evaluator, and Scouting mentor to assist the participant in putting into action those points discussed during the course. This is demonstrated by the process known as working your ticket.

Prerequisite Training for Wood Badge:

Complete the basic training courses for your primary Scouting position. Cub Leaders must have completed New Leader Essentials and the position specific training for their position. Boy Scout and Varsity leaders must have completed New Leader Essentials, their position specific training as well as Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Venture advisors must complete New Leader Essentials, their position specific training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Other unit, district, and council leaders must complete New Leader Essentials, plus their position specific training (e.g. Committee, Commissioners, District Chairs, or Council Chairs, ?)

Spring Wood Badge (100th NCAC Wood Badge Course!):

Session 1: 5/6/2011 - 5/8/2011

Session 2: 6/10/2011 - 6/12/2011

Fall Wood Badge:

Session 1: 9/9/2011 - 9/11/2011

Session 2: 10/14/2011 - 10/16/2011

Location: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Cost: Total cost for Spring & Fall courses is \$250.00 (participants sleep in tents). All registration fees are due at NCAC 45 days prior to the start of each course.

For more Information: On the Council website (Training → Wood Badge).

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Training



Dates: April 17, and May 22, 2011.

Each class is limited to the first 24 registrants.

Cost is \$50 per person

Location - Hynton Training Center at Camp W.B. Snyder

Online registration is required

For more information or to register: On the Council website (Council Events)

NCAC Powderhorn 2011



Scouting leaders want to provide challenging and fun outdoor programs to meet the needs of their older youth members, but may lack the knowledge and/or resources to do so. Powder Horn responds to this problem with an exciting training opportunity that exposes Venturing, Boy Scout, and Varsity adult leaders to a wide range of outdoor, high-adventure activities. Powder Horn provides its participants with valuable resources and contacts to assist leaders in delivering the promise of Scouting's high-adventure experiences to our youth.

Powder Horn is based on the requirements for the prestigious Venturing Ranger Award. This award requires demonstrated proficiency in a challenging set of core and elective topics. During the course, presentations on Ranger topics are made by knowledgeable consultants with demonstrated skills and certifications, as appropriate. They demonstrate the skills required and explain where resources, such as equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications which can be obtained locally. Most of the presentations involve actual hands-on experience by the participants, including, shooting (pistol, rifle, shotgun), archery, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, fly fishing, mountain biking, SCUBA, land navigation, Leave No Trace, Project COPE, and much, much more.

Many participants report that they picked up a new hobby as a result of a Powder Horn class.

The course is 6-days long over 2 weekends. You must attend both parts to complete the course:

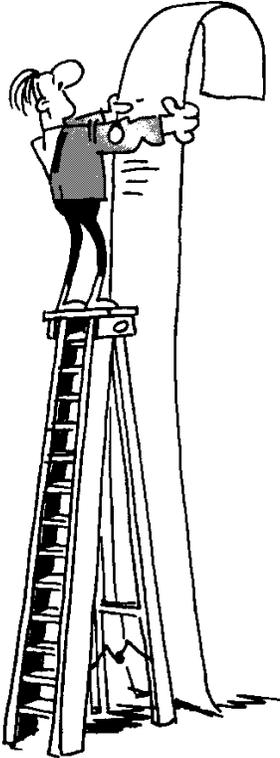
Part 1: August 26 – 28, 2011, at Camp St. Charles; 15375 Stella Maris Drive; Newburg, MD

Part 2: September 16 - 18, 2011 at Camp Snyder, 6100 Antioch Rd., Haymarket, VA.

The fee is \$275 (includes course materials, instruction, meals, recognition items). A \$75 deposit, along with the completed application will reserve your place for the course. The deposit is due by June 1, 2011 with full payment by July 15, 2011.

For more information: On the council website (Training) or contact NCACPowderhorn2011@gmail.com

District Calendar



April 2011

- 2 **Training - Den Chief**
- 4 School Holiday
- 13 Roundtable
- 14 Commissioner Roundtable
- 18-22 Spring Break
- 27 District Annual Business Meeting
- 29 Goshen Early Bird Payment Deadline
- 29-30 **Spring Camporee**
- 30 **Training - Boy Scout Leader Specific (at camporee)**

May

- 7 **Cubmobile Derby**
- 8 Mother's Days
- 11 **Program Launch**
- 12 Commissioner Roundtable
- 13 **District Award Banquet**
- 14-15 **Training - IOLS/OLSWL**
- 20-22 **OA Ordeal**
- 25 District Committee
- 30 Memorial Day

June

- 3 Goshen Camp Fee Deadline
- 3-5 OA Conclave
- 4 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
- 8 Roundtable
- 9 Commissioner Roundtable
- 15 District Committee
- 16 Last Day of School
- 19 Father's Day
- 24 Cub World Summer Program begins
- 25 Goshen Week #1

July

- 2 Goshen Week #2
- 4 Independence Day
- 9 Goshen Week #3
- 11-15 **District Day Camp**
- 11-15 **District Twilight Camp**
- 16 Goshen Week #4
- 23 Goshen Week #5
- 30 Goshen Week #6

August

- 5-6 **Training - IOLS/OLSWL**
- 10 Roundtable
- 11 Commissioner Roundtable
- 24 District Committee
- 29 School Starts

September

- 5 Labor Day
- 14 Roundtable
- 15 Commissioner Roundtable
- 24-25 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 28 District Committee

October

- 1 **Training - Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 10 Columbus Day
- 12 Roundtable
- 13 Commissioner Roundtable
- 14 **Training - Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 15-16 **Training - IOLS/OLSWL**
- 21-23 **Hike-o-ree (tentative)**
- 26 District Committee
- 29 **Training - Den Chief**

November

- 4-6 NCAC Venturing Hike-o-ree
- 5 **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution**
- 7-8 Student Holiday
- 9 Roundtable
- 10 Commissioner Roundtable
- 12 **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**
- 16 District Committee
- 19 **PowWow**
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 14 Roundtable
- 15 Commissioner Roundtable
- 22 Winter Break Starts
- 28 District Committee

January 2012

- 11 Roundtable
- 12 Commissioner Roundtable
- 16 MLK Jr. Day
- 23 Moveable School Holiday
- 25 District Committee

February

- 3-5 **Freeze-o-ree**
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 8 Roundtable
- 9 Commissioner Roundtable
- 11 Scout Sabbath
- 20 President's Day
- 22 District Committee
- 25 **University of Scouting**

March

- 9 Roundtable
- 14 Commissioner Roundtable
- 28 District Committee