

Goose Creek District Newsletter



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- Dec 14 – Roundtable
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- Jan 27-29 – Freeze-o-ree

Newsletter Key:

-  Cub Scout Interest
-  Boy Scout / Venturing Interest
-  For Everyone



Even though neither the official mission statement nor the aims of the Boy Scouts of America makes mention of it, leadership is one of the hallmarks of the Scouting program. In fact, while leadership development is one of the methods used to accomplish the aims of Scouting, the end result is that in the process of developing character, citizenship and fitness, we happen to produce great leaders.

This leadership development happens at all levels. Yes, there are adult leaders who run the Cub Scout program and serve in Boy Scouts, but it is the development of leaders at the youth level that, to paraphrase the old GE commercial, is our most important product.

Starting with the denner in a Cub Scout den, we give a bit of responsibility. Moving on up to Boy Scouts, boys learn to take ownership of a job and do it for the good of their patrol, such as serving as patrol cook or scribe. Many take on roles such as patrol leader after having some experiences in how to manage a process, like cleaning the latrine, or other scouts (such as supervising others in meal preparation and cleanup, or navigating a patrol on a hike). Eventually, through acquisition of a set of leadership tools, boys become assistant senior patrol leaders, the senior patrol leader, or hold other jobs of importance in a troop.

But the most important lesson in Scouting is that leaders are teachers. The goal of every leader is to develop leadership skills in others, to teach them so that they can take over someday, and aggregate the leadership skills of a variety of people for the good of the organization. Then, these leaders can pass along their talents to the next wave. It happens on a fast track in Scouting, much more so than in the corporate world, but the process is the same: Leaders develop other leaders, who then move on up and continue the development cycle.

Besides youth leadership, you have a group of adults moving in, up and out with your unit. Make sure that every member of your adult leadership knows that they should be looking out for, and training, his or her replacement. Most of us only stay as long as our sons are involved, and our tenure in any given position is on a year-to-year basis. This gives us an opportunity to explore new challenges, and for others to share in the leadership experience.

The patrol method and the concept of youth leadership in a troop are the perfect vehicle for this development. How can you apply the lessons of leadership in your unit?

District News

District Website: www.GooseCreekDistrict.org

Rechartering



BSA requires each Scouting unit - whether Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, Ship, or Post - to renew its Charter annually. This assures that the Chartered Organization is still using Scouting's programs to serve youth and assures that the unit roster is up to date at least once a year. In addition to renewing the unit charter, recharter time is when all youth and adult members (leaders) renew their BSA membership.

Charter turn-in dates:

9th Nov 2011, 6:15pm-7:15pm LUMC (before RT)

16th Nov 2011, 6:15pm-7:15pm LUMC (before District Com mtg)

30th Nov 2011, 6pm-9pm Leesburg Starbucks

1st Dec 2011, 6pm-9pm Countryside Starbucks

District Award of Merit Nominations



The District Award of Merit is a Council award presented by the district in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by Councils. It is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. A nominee must be a registered adult volunteer member of the BSA.

For nomination forms and submittal information: District website splash page. Nominations are due in to the District by Nov 30th.

Silver Beaver Nominations



This national award is the highest form of recognition that a local council can bestow on an adult volunteer. Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to people within a BSA local council. A recipient must be a registered adult volunteer member of the BSA and show significant service and leadership in three areas: Boy Scouts, youth programs other than Boy Scouts, and the community.

It is extremely important that the nomination form includes information about all three of the service and leadership areas. The Council review committee can base their decision only on the submitted documentation and missing or ambiguous information often means that a deserving person does not get the award.

In order to ensure that all Goose Creek nominations have the best information before they are sent in to Council the District has set up a Goose Creek Silver Beaver Review committee. The purpose of this committee is not to decide which nominations to send in, but to review the nominations and to identify where additional information or clarification should be included. All members of the committee are Silver Beaver recipients including some who have served on the Council review committee.

For nomination forms and submittal information: District website splash page. All nominations must be in to the committee by Nov 15.

Freeze-o-ree Date Change



The date for the Freeze-o-ree has been changed to Jan 27-29, 2012. The OA is planning to hold it at the Claude Moore Training Area in Ashburn again.

Scouting's Journey to Excellence Program



Has your unit been tracking your progress towards meeting your Journey to Excellence goals? Forms will need to be turned in at the end of the year so now would be a good time for your unit's committee to start filling in the scoresheet.

Scouting's "Journey to Excellence" is the new performance measurement and recognition program that replaced the Centennial Quality program. Its goal is to align performance to maximize results in key performance areas that are directly related to producing a successful, growing, and sustainable Scouting program (such as membership retention, financial strength, camping, and advancement).

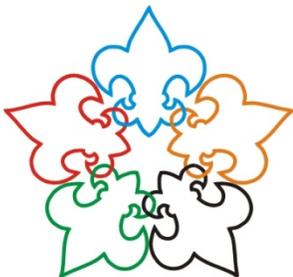
The purpose of the awards program is to encourage and reward success; measure performance versus process; and achieve Scouting's mission of serving more youth with a higher-quality program. For units, this program brings a framework for planning the year, an evaluation method, the identification of early warning signs, guidance in areas of concern, recognition, and benchmarking.

Recognition levels are bronze (satisfactory), silver (excellent), and gold (outstanding).

For more Information:

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx

Should We CANCEL the Spring Camporee?



A camporee takes a lot of planning time and requires troop involvement. We have been asking each unit to assign a contact person (adult Scouter) to work with the camporee committee on designing/selecting the events and to serve as a conduit for further information. To date we have had only one troop send in the name of a contact person for the Spring Camporee. If we do not have enough troops involved in this process by mid-December the committee sees no other option than to cancel the event.

To send in the name of the unit's contact person please send an email to: GCCamporee@verizon.net.

Claude Moore Park Nature Programs



Claude Moore Park (21544 Old Vestal's Gap Rd. Sterling VA 20164,) is offering several Cub Scout badge programs that meet most of all badge requirements.

Bears Sharing World With Wildlife – Visit a nature center, learn about animal extinction, and what a naturalist does. Make a bird feeder.

161225-01 \$6 Saturday 11/5 12:30PM – 2:00PM

Webelos Naturalist Badge – Visit Frogshackle Nature Center and the park trails to explore animal food chains, bird flyways and more.

161223-02 \$6 Saturday 11/5 2:30PM – 4:00PM

Webelos Geologist Badge – Rocks and minerals are in almost everything around – and in us! Explore their importance to us and to nature.

161234-01 \$6 Saturday 11/19 10:00AM – 11:30AM

161234-02 \$6 Saturday 11/19 1:00PM – 2:30PM

Parents must register their own scouts online at www.loudoun.gov/webtrac or at any Loudoun Parks & Recreation site. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Save \$1 using on-line registration. One parent must accompany each individual scout (no siblings permitted).

For information: Call 571-258-3700, www.loudoun.gov/claudemoorespark

Goose Creek Email Distribution Lists



Goose Creek District maintains a number of email distribution lists that we use to provide for quick dissemination of information to our Scouts, Scouters, and families. This includes notices of upcoming events and important district news such as rechartering, JSN, camporees, this newsletter, etc. Here are some of the mailing lists currently available:

PACKS – Cub Scout Packs

LDSPACKS – LDS Cub Scout Packs

TROOPS – Boy Scout Troops

LDSTROOPS – LDS Boy Scout Troops

CREWS – Venture Crews

TEAMS – Varsity Teams

There's no limit to the number of people from a unit that may subscribe to the lists, so multiple leaders from each unit should subscribe.

To be subscribed to one or more mailing lists, send an email to our Communications Committee at either Webmaster@GooseCreekDistrict.org or Communications@GooseCreekDistrict.org. In your message, please include your name, unit affiliation(s), and the list(s) you wish to subscribe to. You can unsubscribe to a list by sending an email to the same addresses.



There's only one way a group of Scouts wants to put out the campfire, and they'll have no way of knowing how bad an idea this is until they actually do it.

It's a Wonder Life Special Scout Showing



The Sterling Playmakers are performing six shows open to the public and one special scout performance of It's a Wonderful Life. The scout show is Saturday Dec 10th @ 2 at the Sterling Middle School. It is by advanced ticket sales only and there will be no tickets sold at the door. Tickets are \$8 per person instead of the regular price of \$12. The \$4 discount applies to everyone in the group, not just the scout. There is also a patch available for \$3. This show will fill a requirement for both the Tigers and Wolves.

For information: Please contact Linda Garofolo at ZoeGarf95@verizon.net or call 703-421-8360

News from Our Units



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle Scouts:

Kevin Connell – T961

Alex Cooney – T761

Justin Farmer – T572

Roberto Garcia – T997

Murjan Hammad – T1576

Garrett Hancock – T1154

Nathan Pede – T1154

Kyle Perka – T572

Alex Perryman – T997

Christopher Shutler – T2970

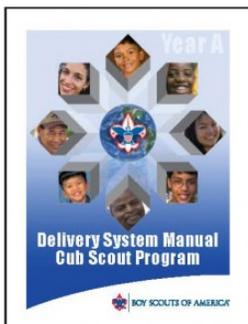
Matthew Thiede – T1158

Joseph Tullock – T572

Council / National News

Council Website: www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org

Delivery System Manual Cub Scout Program



Deliver the promise. This manual consists of the traditional Cub Scout program and can be delivered by volunteers or program managers. This easy-to-use, 36-week guide is suited for mixed-age groups and guarantees rank advancement. It can be implemented in any pack in the country.

For help, call the Membership Recruitment Team at 972-580-2119.

For English, go to <http://bit.ly/ri0cu8>

For Spanish, go to <http://bit.ly/rIVXx2>

New Guide to Advancement



The 2011 Guide to Advancement is ready. The Guide is the **official** source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. It replaces the Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures and Advancement and Recognition Policies and Procedures, which are no longer valid.

It has a few significant changes and gives individual units more room to define their own expectations:

- *Active Participation* requirements updated. Units may establish 'reasonable expectations' to active participation and position of responsibility requirements. This change does allow units to attach metrics to the requirement but it does not allow metrics alone to be the sole determination of 'active'.
- *Position of Responsibility* requirements updated. Units can set expectations to define the fulfillment of the position.
- Merit badge section revamped.
- Board of review practices clarified, including wearing the uniform.
- Changes in the Eagle Scout Service Project requirement.
- Awards and recognitions moved to a separate *Guide to Awards and Insignia*.

Councils may choose to make a transition over the next few months from the former advancement publication to the new Guide to Advancement. After January 1, however, the new guide must be consulted for all advancement procedures.

It would be a good idea to get this new document into the hands of your committee chair, advancement chair, and unit leader as soon as you can.

PDF version: <http://boyscouttrail.com/docs/guidetoadvancement-33088.pdf>

The Scout Law



Since Scouting exists around the world, most other countries have their own versions of the Law as well. This Wikipedia page (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scout_Law) lists the Scout Laws of many countries' Boy and Girl Scout and Guide Associations. While most parallel the BSA or Baden-Powell's law, many include points not found in ours. In Japan, for instance, scouts are thankful; in Norway, a scout works for peace and understanding; Polish scouts do not smoke or drink alcohol; and many laws include that a scout is independent.

The Scoutmaster's Other Handbook



With his first book Mark Ray revolutionized the Eagle Scout court of honor, showing tens of thousands of readers how to make Scouting's greatest moment truly great. Now, he turns his attention to an even bigger task: building great Boy Scout troops.

In this unique and highly personal book, Mark offers hundreds of proven ideas for building strong, successful, sustainable troops that truly achieve the promise of Scouting. Beginning with Scouting's aims and methods, the book moves quickly through every aspect of the program, from troop meetings and outings to fundraising and administration.

You'll learn:

- How to recruit and retain Scouts and leaders
- Techniques for nearly painless fundraising
- Suggested board-of-review questions for every rank
- Tips for developing troop newsletters and Web sites
- Ideas for strengthening patrol operations
- Where to find dozens of print and online resources

This book is also available in a Kindle edition.

Bookshare, BSA Opens a New Chapter



For some boys, reading doesn't come easy. And that makes the Boy Scouts of America a challenging place. *The Boy Scout Handbook*. Merit Badge pamphlets. BSA training manuals. Daunting prospects for boys with print disabilities.

Fortunately, the BSA has some great resources for those Scouts, starting with Bookshare. This summer, the BSA signed a memorandum of understanding that cements a partnership aimed at improving the Scouting experience for boys and girls with print disabilities.

Bookshare's cool online library (www.bookshare.org) allows Scouts in your pack, troop, team, or crew to "listen to books, see words and hear them read as they are highlighted on a screen, read in Braille, and much more."

The best part? It's free for U.S. students with a qualified print disability (visual impairment, a physical disability, or a learning or reading disability). For non-students or students who don't qualify, there's a \$25 setup fee and \$50 per year charge. But if you use the promo code SCOUTS, Bookshare will waive the \$25 setup fee.

Once logged in, users can view or listen to Scouting materials on desktops, laptops, iPads, iPhones, MP3 players, and assistive technology devices. Check out this PDF (www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/bks-scout.pdf) for complete details about the program.

Nearly 40 publications — all current — are available on the site right now, and more will be added over the next six to nine months. The goal is to keep adding publications until the complete Merit Badge Series and most commonly used manuals become available.

The site features non-Scout materials, too, including children's books and literature, newspapers, magazines, and textbooks for grade school and college.

Why Clean Your Sleeping Bag?



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A sleeping bag that's dirty tends to mat and kill the insulation properties, especially for down bags. There are also different ways to clean down and synthetic bags. Below are some web sites that go over how to wash, dry, and store your sleeping bag.

www.rei.com/expertadvice/articles/caring+sleeping+bag.html

www.dickssportinggoods.com/info/index.jsp?categoryId=400039

www.squidoo.com/washing-sleeping-bags

www.tommangan.net/twoheeldrive/hikehacker/?p=14 (Mainly for down bags)

On-Line Resource of the Month



Boy Scout Store (www.boyscoutstore.com) is an independent website and provides scouting collectibles since 1996. They are not affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America®, the Girl Scouts of the USA or the World Organization of Scout Movements.

Their site has Merit Badges, Merit Badge Books, Council Shoulder Patches, Order of the Arrow Flaps, Spoof Patches, Books and Handbooks, Eagle Scout, Cub Scout items, National Jamboree, World Jamboree, Scouting Coins and much more.



Training Opportunities

Cub Leader Pow Wow



This Year's Cub Leader Pow Wow will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011**

What is Cub Leader Pow Wow?

Cub Leader Pow Wow is a supplemental, action-packed all day training event for adult Cub Scout Leaders. You will spend the day learning new ideas and concepts with hands-on experiences that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scout boys.

Who should attend Cub Leader Pow Wow?

Everyone! All registered adult Cub Scout Leaders, potential leaders, and interested parents.

Training sessions offer relevant topics for every Cub Scout position to help you make your Cub Scout program more fun for the boys ... and you too!

What do I need to do to register online for Cub Leader Pow Wow?

Download and carefully review the course description and course schedule, then make your course selections. Have a major credit card handy when you register. All courses have limited enrollment and many fill quickly. Courses that reach maximum enrollment will not be available to select for registration. So... register when it becomes available.

For additional information: e-mail to Bill Mayo, at NCAC.PowWow@gmail.com

Wilderness & Remote First Aid



Classes: Nov 19, Jan 28, or Feb 11. 8am – 6pm, Camp Snyder

Now required by the Boy Scouts of America for its high-adventure bases, Philmont and Northern Tier, this 16 hour intensive course teaches students how to properly assess, treat, and manage common illnesses and injuries in a remote environment where definitive care of a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available.

Time is the essential element distinguishing wilderness first aid from standard first aid. When calling 9-1-1 is not an immediate option, or when help could be an hour or even days away, the task of managing the injured and the ill will challenge you beyond basic first-aid knowledge, and require the skills you will learn in this course.

Long hikes, extended lengths of rivers, large expanses of ocean, and miles of asphalt may separate the patient from a medical facility. You may have to endure heat or cold, rain, wind, or darkness. The equipment needed for treatment and evacuation may have to be improvised from what is available, and communication with the “outside world” may be limited or nonexistent. Remote locations and harsh environments may require creative treatments. All these things may be a part of the world of WFA.

PREREQUISITES:

- Participants must be at least 14 years of age.
- Participants must hold current certification in Adult CPR/AED

An American Red Cross Adult CPR/AED is being offered on the Friday evening prior to the course.

For more information: www.Wildsafe.org or call Toll Free (888) 945-3402

To register: Cost \$165, Council website – click on Council Events

Adult CPR & AED



Classes: Nov 18, 7:00 – 10:30 PM; Jan 27, 2012, 7 – 10 PM; Feb 10, 2012, 7 – 10 PM. All three classes will be held at Camp Snyder

This hands-on adult CPR skills training course could help you save the life of a family member, a friend, or a stranger by preparing you to correctly and confidently respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults. Training on how to properly use an AED is also included in this course.

You will learn to:

- Protect yourself against disease transmission when giving care.
- Follow the emergency action steps: Check-Call-Care.
- Call for and work with EMS.
- Care for conscious and unconscious choking victims.
- Perform CPR and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in
- Use an automated external defibrillator (AED) on a victim of cardiac arrest.
- Gain the confidence you need to act quickly and effectively in the face of an emergency.

Certification: This American Red Cross certification is valid for 2.

For more information: www.Wildsafe.org or call Toll Free (888) 945-3402

To register: Cost \$70, Council website – click on Council Events

Backcountry Outdoor Leader Skills



This course is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Venture Patrol, Varsity Scout, Venturing Crew, or Explorer Post). The target audience is leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedowns will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure.

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills is offered by the Council Training Committee as an optional follow-on to the basic course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

The course is in two parts: one 6-hour classroom session followed by a two-day weekend outdoor session.

Part 1 — Sat. 3/17/2012 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Aldersgate UMC, 1301 Collingwood Rd, Alexandria, VA) — Addresses ways to effectively work with older youth. Covers the detailed preparation and planning that must be done before you go out including risk management. Summarizes the personal and crew equipment used for lightweight camping. Plans the weekend overnight session.

Part 2 — Sat. 3/31/2012, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 4/1, 12:30 PM (Camp Highroads, Middleburg, VA) — Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, wilderness first aid issues, expedition health and hygiene, team building.

Scouters planning to accompany a crew to any of the BSA-sponsored High Adventure Camps should also attend the High Adventure Training provided by the Council's High Adventure Committee.

Cost: \$40, class size limited to 32.

To Register: Registration opens Jan 1, 2012, closes Mar 15. Registration can be done on the Council website, under the Council Events menu listing.

The Buckets



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 two weekend, fun-filled practical training periods 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 2012 Wood Badge at Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA:

Session 1: 5/4/2012 - 5/6/2012

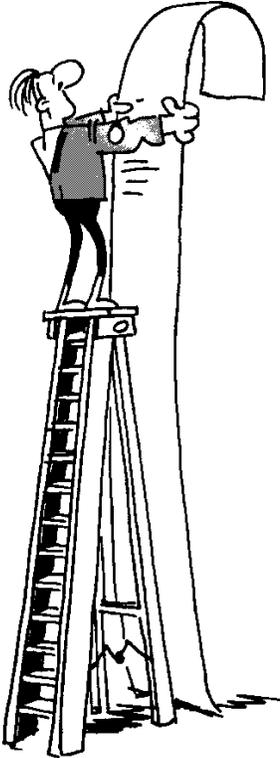
Session 2: 6/1/2012 - 6/3/2012

Cost: Total cost for the course 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).

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

District Calendar



November 2011

- 4-6 NCAC Venturing Hike-o-ree
- 5 **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution**
- 7-8 Student Holiday
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 **Recharter Turn-In**
- 10 Commissioner Roundtable
- 12 **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**
- 16 District Committee
- 16 Popcorn orders #3 due
- 16 **Recharter Turn-In**
- 19 **PowWow**
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Break
- 30 **Recharter Turn-In**

December

- 1 **Recharter Turn-In**
- 3 Popcorn Pickup
- 14 Roundtable
- 15 Commissioner Roundtable
- 21 District Committee
- 22 Winter Break Starts

January 2012

- 11 Roundtable
- 12 Commissioner Roundtable
- 16 MLK Jr. Day
- 21 **Merit Badge College**
- 23 Moveable School Holiday
- 25 District Committee
- 27-29 **Freeze-o-ree**

February

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

March

- 8 Commissioner Roundtable
- 14 Roundtable
- 17 **Pinewood Derby**
- 28 District Committee

April

- 2-6 Spring Break
- 5 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 9 Moveable School Holiday
- 11 Roundtable
- 12-13 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
- 15 **Training – Den Chief**
- 20-22 **Spring Camporee**
- 25 Annual Business Meeting

May

- 4-6 **OA Ordeal**
- 5 **Cubmobile Derby**
- 9 **Program Launch**
- 10 Commissioner Roundtable
- 13 Mother's Day
- 18 **District Award Banquet**
- 23 District Committee
- 28 Memorial Day

June

- 2 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
- 8 Last Day of School
- 13 Roundtable
- 14 Commissioner Roundtable
- 27 District Committee

July

- 4 Independence Day

August

- 8 Roundtable
- 9 Commissioner Roundtable
- 22 District Committee

September

- 3 Labor Day
- 12 Roundtable
- 13 Commissioner Roundtable
- 22-23 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 26 District Committee

October

- 8 Columbus Day
- 10 Roundtable
- 11 Commissioner Roundtable
- 24 District Committee