

# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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## Methods – Adult Association



This method is somewhat confusing, especially at the troop level for parents coming from the Cub Scout program. I say this because it is different.

I'll explain as we go. First and foremost, no matter what level of Scouting you participate in Adult Association starts with being a good example. An example of what right looks like, attitudes, habits, and the Scout Oath and Law. This is a lofty ask, but it is without a doubt the most important part of being a Scout leader when talking about the methods.

How you carry yourself, talk and act, wear the uniform, demonstrate skills, and teach and coach these young men will leave a lasting impact. Remember that you must practice what you preach. I hate to say this, but if you unwilling to be a good example, Scouting does not need you.

Adults need to model the expected behavior and demonstrate good character.

We practice adult association when we conduct boards of review, Scoutmaster conferences, and work with the Scouts on skills and merit badges. They see modeled behavior and we expect them to act like we do. So we need to be our best.

Scouts look to adults for guidance, for coaching and a person to be a mentor. We are that person in Scouting.

I have seen too many adults that carry this a bit far. Boy Scouts are still Boy led. We need to know when adult interaction or interference is needed. Two deep leadership can be achieved from a safe distance while maintaining a healthy level of adult association.

Cub scout parents that come to a Troop often find it hard to get used to adults not being so hands on. But as I often say, there are no adults in a Boy Scout troop who's patch say's leader.

We teach, coach, train, and mentor and maintain a healthy adult association through modeled behavior that reinforces good character, citizenship, and fitness. Oh and we are supposed to have fun too!.. Remember the Scouting way.. that's the game with a purpose!

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### Quick Calendar:

- Aug 8 – Roundtable
- Aug 17-18 – Training - IOLS
- Sep 12 – Roundtable
- Sept 22-23 – Webelos-o-ree
- Sept 28 – District Dinner
- Oct 6 – Training – BSLS
- Oct 10 – Roundtable
- Oct 13 – Training – Den Chief
- Oct 20-21 – Training – IOLS/OLSWL
- Oct 20-21 – JOTA/JOTI

### Newsletter Key:

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

## District News

District Website: [www.GooseCreekDistrict.org](http://www.GooseCreekDistrict.org)

### New District Director



Please give a welcome to our new District Director, Peggy Durbin, who will be serving as Sue Hogan's replacement in the Goose Creek District. Peggy previously served as District Executive for Aquia District. Sue is now in charge of the Mountain West Service Area which includes Goose Creek

Peggy can be reached at [Peggy.Durbin@scouting.org](mailto:Peggy.Durbin@scouting.org) or 540-359-5335.

### Webelos-o-ree 2012



This fall (Sept 22-23) our District will be holding our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Webelos-o-ree, an overnight camping event, at Meadowkirk in Middleburg VA. This camping event is designed to introduce Webelos and their parents to the fun Scouting adventures ahead and to help make the transition into Boy Scouts exciting.

The Webelos-o-ree starts off with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and wraps up Sunday after chapel services. Activities will be run by our own Boy Scout troops and can include such things as: Fire building, cooking, monkey bridge, BB shooting and/or archery, a campfire run by the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow, and much more. For the adults we'll provide plenty of Scout leaders to answer questions about camping, joining Boy Scouts, and camping equipment. We will also hold a Webelos to Scout orientation for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos and an Introduction to Webelos meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> year Webelos and their parents.

A full information/registration packet is posted on the District website.

### Troop Participation in the Webelos-o-ree



Over the years we have heard from several troops that one reason that they don't participate in the Webelos-o-ree (Sept 22-23 at Meadowkirk in Middleburg) is that they already have enough Webelos joining their troop and don't need to do another recruiting event. What the troops who do participate, and keep coming back, found is that this is not a recruiting event; it's a chance for their Scouts to teach skills to others. Teaching others is the best way to really acquire deep knowledge of an area. By sharing their skills, Scouts retain their knowledge better and provide service to others.

At the Webelos-o-ree each troop selects a different activity/skill that their Scouts teach the Webelos and their parents during a morning and afternoon session. Troops may elect to either camp at the event (there is space for 7-8 troops to stay over) or to just come in for the day to run their activity. And the cost? Nothing! There is no registration fee for Boy Scouts, even if they camp. The only thing required is a service project to help keep the event running (starting cooking fires, cleanup, food prep, etc.).

If your troop is interested in participating in this year's Webelos-o-ree, even if you were at last year's, please contact [Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org) or [GCProgram@verizon.net](mailto:GCProgram@verizon.net) so that we can coordinate the activities to be.

### 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.

### District Dinner and Award Banquet



Please mark your calendars for our annual District Dinner and Awards Banquet on Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the ADAMS Center (46903 Sugarland Road Sterling, VA 20164-8520).

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 2011-2012 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. For more information and to register on-line:

[www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=11055222](http://www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=11055222)

### District Service Date at Meadowkirk



The District is setting up Sept 8 as a service date to do some trail maintenance at Meadowkirk (38012 Delta Farm Lane, Middleburg, VA) as a thank you for letting us use their facilities for this year's camporee and Webelos-o-ree. If your troop, or individuals from your troop, would like to participate please contact Alan Steiner at [GCProgram@verizon.net](mailto:GCProgram@verizon.net) or call 703-727-2163.

### Scouting Program at ADAMS Center on the News



Recently Fox 5's morning news (Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>) did a broadcast on the celebration of Ramadan by Muslims in the Washington, DC, area that featured the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) in Sterling. It starts off with a call to prayer by the ADAMS troop's newest Eagle Scout and ends with a short segment on their support of the Scouting program. A copy of the broadcast can be seen at:

[www.myfoxdc.com/story/19088204/muslims-in-the-washington-dc-area-begin-ramadan-celebration](http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/19088204/muslims-in-the-washington-dc-area-begin-ramadan-celebration)

## Fall Join Scouting Night (JSN)



It's More Official, It's More Official, It's More Official....

Fall Join Scouting Night (JSN) is **Wednesday September 19, 2012 from 7-8 pm**. With August rapidly approaching, training is lined up in the same locations as last year but will happen about 1 week earlier. This leaves more personal preparation time for the collateral and your presentation. After the final training presentation, Chris Goda will send out the Dropbox link to the files that are discussed in the training presentation. Also after the final training, he may conduct a webinar on the same material if there is demand.

### **Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**

Pinebrook Elementary  
25480 Mindful Court  
Aldie, VA 20105

### **Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**

Purcellville Train Station  
200 North 21st Street  
Purcellville, VA 20132

### **Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**

Ashburn Library  
43316 Hay Road  
Ashburn, VA 20147

### **Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – 7pm**

Sterling United Methodist Church  
304 E Church Road  
Sterling, VA 20164

Let's make JSN this year the best year yet....!!!!!!

## 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  
**TROOPS** – Boy Scout Troops  
**CREWS** – Venture Crews

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](mailto:Webmaster@GooseCreekDistrict.org) or [Communications@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto: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.

## Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet



There are Scouting programs in over two hundred fifteen countries and not everyone can attend the World Jamboree so once a year Scouts and Scouters from around the globe come together by way of radio and computer. October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> marks the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “Jamboree on the Air” (JOTA) and the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “Jamboree on the Internet” (JOTI) and the Boy Scouts of America will be well represented.

While anyone (Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venture Scout) is welcome to participate, not everyone has a broadband connection to the Internet or a shortwave radio that they can take advantage of. With that in mind the Goose Creek District of the National Capital Area Council will host any and all Scouts and Scouters who wish to reach out across the world for this once a year event. Join us Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> in Ashburn, Virginia from 11 AM to 2 PM and talk to your fellow Scouts from around the globe. There is no associated cost and a fun time should be had by all. Depending on participation levels we hope to be part of the World Scout Challenge, an event sponsored by the Headquarters of the World Scout Organization Movement in Geneva, Switzerland.

For more information: [www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=29760&orgkey=1988](http://www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=29760&orgkey=1988) or contact: [Mike.Sierra@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Mike.Sierra@GooseCreekDistrict.org).

## Webelos Invitation to a Campout



Troop 966 (<http://members.doubleknot.com/Troop966>) invites Goose Creek District's Webelos II's to camp with us at Lake Fairfax on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> and/or to come to our open house troop meeting on Monday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> (7:30 - 9:00 PM at the Sterling Ruritan Club, 183 Ruritan Road, Sterling). Webelos and their parents are welcome to camp overnight or just visit for a day of fun activities.

Please RSVP to [CommitteeChair @ Troop966.org](mailto:CommitteeChair@Troop966.org)

## Goose Creek Patchboard



Since mid 2006 Goose Creek has maintained a board with a patch from each district event that we have run and is brought out for display at several events during the year.

Now while the board is pretty impressive we would like to see if we can make it even better by back filling in those years prior to 2006. If you have a patch from any Goose Creek district event (camporee, derby, Freeze-o-ree, Webelos-o-ree) prior to 2006, or a patch from either the 2006 Freeze-o-ree or Pinewood Derby that you would like to donate to the board please contact Alan Steiner ([GCProgram@verizon.net](mailto:GCProgram@verizon.net)) or bring it to a district Roundtable.

## “Onward and Upward”

### On the Advancement Trail

#### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagle Scouts:

Chandler F. Beardsley - Troop 2970  
 Scott D. Bolar - Troop 1550  
 Aaron J. Branch - Troop 1910  
 William Cantrall - Troop 966  
 Isaac R. Clizbe - Troop 1154  
 Matthew F. Davis - Troop 2970  
 Kristopher E. Fortier - Troop 761  
 David C. Freiert - Troop 956  
 John A. Hayes - Troop 961  
 Matthew T. Hayes - Troop 961  
 Kush Kakkad - Troop 572  
 Jackson N. Leibach - Troop 572  
 Scott S McCrae - Troop 572

Matthew J Micheli - Troop 761  
 Paul E Monk - Crew 533  
 Matthew T Newberry - Troop 2970  
 Charles P Palmiotto - Troop 950  
 Tyler R Raffensperger - Troop 1910  
 Caleb Michael Routh – Lone Scout  
 Arjun Vinayak Sastry - Troop 997  
 J. Alexander (Alex) Tucker - Troop 761  
 Cameron M Turner – Troop 2970  
 Mohammad Azraf Ullah - Troop 1576  
 Nathan B Whipple - Troop 1154  
 Brenden White - Troop 982

#### New Search and Rescue Merit Badge



Every year, thousands of people who were reported missing are saved by specialized search and rescue (SAR) teams. With high-tech navigation tools readily available, many people are able to self-evacuate from remote areas. But the critical skills of SAR are still essential to saving lives. That's why the BSA is announcing its first Search and Rescue merit badge.

To meet the requirements of the Search and Rescue merit badge, Scouts must complete a series of nine requirements relating to SAR fundamentals such as:

- The process and safety methods of working around specialized teams such as aircraft, canine, and aquatic rescue teams
- Identifying differences between search and rescue environments, such as coastal, wilderness, rural, and urban landscapes
- Determining when Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) and latitude and longitude (Lat/Lon) should be used

#### Kayaking Merit Badge



Say hello to another of Boy Scout’s new merit badge, Kayaking. This is a basic-level merit badge for flat-water kayaking — whitewater kayaking will still fall under the Whitewater merit badge.

Scouts and Scouters interested in learning more about earning the Kayaking merit badge can click on [www.scouting.org/meritbadges](http://www.scouting.org/meritbadges) for additional information and requirements.

### Cycling Merit Badge Updated



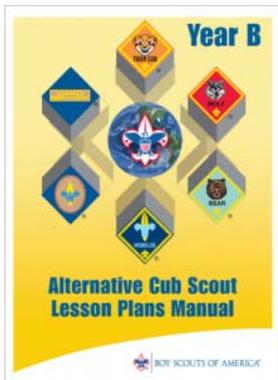
The BSA has approved a mountain biking option for Cycling, a merit badge mainstay since 1911. So for the first time, Scouts who prefer fat tires instead of thin can earn the badge.

The news comes in advance of next summer's opening of the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, where mountain biking will play a big role in the high-adventure fun.

Here's what we know about the change:

- The patch design will stay the same.
- An updated requirements book will allow Scouts to choose one of two tracks: road cycling and mountain biking.
- Expect new pamphlets in late 2012 or early 2013, but Scouts who start the merit badge with the old pamphlets can still finish with those requirements.

### New Cub Scout Lesson Plans Introduced



Help deliver the promise with the new Alternative Cub Scout Lesson Plans Manual: Year B, <http://scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/523-021.pdf> (please note: huge PDF file, will take a while to download). This follow-up manual to Year A consists of the traditional Cub Scout program and can be delivered by volunteers and program managers. The easy-to-use guide is suited for mixed-age packs/dens and guarantees rank advancement for each Cub Scout.

For more information, please call the Membership Impact Department at 972-580-2119.

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## Interpreting Camping Merit Badge Requirement 9a



When it comes to the Eagle-required Camping merit badge, there's no substitute for Requirement 9a. It reads as follows:

9. Show experience in camping by doing the following:

- a. Camp a total of at least 20 nights at designated Scouting activities or events. One long-term camping experience of up to six consecutive nights may be applied toward this requirement. Sleep each night under the sky or in a tent you have pitched. If the camp provides a tent that has already been pitched, you need not pitch your own tent.

Here are some key points (from Chris Hunt of the National Advancement Team):

- The requirement begins with "Camp a total of 20 nights. That means **20 overnights**, so a weekend trip from Friday through Sunday is two nights.
- Next it says, "at designated Scouting activities or events." This means the experiences are **held under the auspices of some level of the BSA**, and that "Scouting" happens on them. For example, an individual family or a couple of Scouts and their parents heading off into the woods doesn't count.
- A long-term camping experience is defined as **at least five consecutive nights**. One of these experiences is allowed, and **up to six nights may count** toward the requirement. For example, Sunday through Saturday. If a Scout goes on a 10-night trek, only six of those nights counts.
- If a Scout goes to summer camp twice for a total of 12 nights, only one of the summer camps will count — for up to six nights.
- The remainder of the camping nights **must be accumulated through short-term camping** — normally weekend troop campouts. The long-term camping experience must also be a "**designated Scouting activity or event**." This could be at a council summer camp or on a troop's own 50 miler, a Jamboree, high-adventure base, etc. (*GC Newsletter note: This means that "summer camps" done by troops that are not at a council camp do not qualify.*)
- All 20 nights **must be spent under the sky or in a tent, so nights in cabins don't count.**

If camping is done at a camp that provides tents that are already set up, then all is good. If tents are not already pitched, the Scout must pitch his tent. If he is sleeping in a two-man tent, then it would be reasonable that he and his buddy set the tent up together. Sleeping in a tent that Dad or the Scoutmaster, etc., pitched doesn't count

## Baloo's Bugle – August 2012



The August issue of Baloo's Bugle with September theme information is now available at <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle2012-2013.asp>. Baloo's Bugle has loads of information for Packs and Dens to help with monthly program needs. This month features the Core Value of Cooperation and is available in both Word and PDF versions

## Council / National News

Council Website: [www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org](http://www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org)

### Tour Permit and Activity Plan is Online



The new digital Tour Permit and Activity Plan is now online. NCAC will be accepting paper tour plans until September 1, 2012, to ease the transition, but please encourage your leaders to use the online form for new events. To use the online form you will need to log in to [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org) and select the tour and activity plan under your "Unit Tool".

All Leaders listed will receive a proof of insurance. Currently there is not a way to identify a "tour leader," so please verify all email addresses to ensure you receive your proof of insurance. If you have any questions, please contact your District Executive.

For additional information:

[www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?LinkKey=47599&orgkey=370](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?LinkKey=47599&orgkey=370)

### NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award



The deadline to submit applications for the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award is September 30. This new council-level award recognizes Eagle Scouts who have demonstrated outstanding achievement at the local, state or regional level.

For more information about the award or to download the application, go to:

[www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=46684&orgkey=1989](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=46684&orgkey=1989)

### BSA's new Cyber Chip



Today's youth are spending more time than ever using digital media for education, research, socializing, and fun. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the Boy Scouts of America introduces the Cyber Chip. The Cyber Chip joins the Totin' Chip and Whittling Chip as important safety tools your Scouts should earn and carry with them. In developing this exciting new tool, the BSA teamed up with content expert NetSmartz®, part of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children® and training expert for many law enforcement agencies.

NetSmartz® has created a Scouting portal showcasing Cyber Chip resources, including grade-specific videos, for each level. Topics include cyberbullying, cell phone use, texting, blogging, gaming, and identity theft.

For more information:

[www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection/CyberChip.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection/CyberChip.aspx)

## Office Depot Discount Card for Scouting



The Boy Scouts of America has negotiated a new discount offer with Office Depot for its members to help defray some of the costs associated with Scouting.

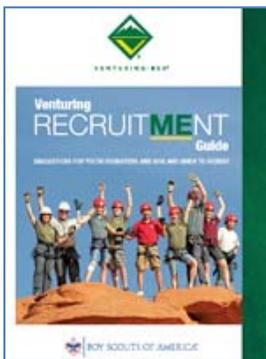
Effective immediately, BSA members can get a 10% discount from Office Depot for office product purchases using a BSA discount card. Please note that if an Office Depot store has a better discounted price, you can use it or the BSA discount but not both. The card can be used by any leader in a unit.

If you are planning on making a purchase, please make sure you have your BSA membership card with you. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Horner, BSA Director of Purchasing, at [Jim.Horner@scouting.org](mailto:Jim.Horner@scouting.org)!

To print your discount card go to:

[www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ShowPage.aspx?3233323335397L3732323934](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ShowPage.aspx?3233323335397L3732323934)

## Venturing Recruiting Tools



Have you ever slept 300 feet underground? Stood atop a 14,000-foot peak? Created a robot? The BSA is betting those questions and other enticing messages will help bring prospective members to your Venturing crew. It's all part of the new Venturing Tool Kit,

<http://scouting.org/scoutsource/Marketing/Recruiting2/VenturingToolKit.aspx>, released by the BSA's Marketing Group.

At the link above, you'll find posters and fliers designed for you to print and tack onto bulletin boards, hand out to friends, or otherwise distribute to young men and women looking for an organization that's enriching, engaging, and exciting. There's even a handy recruiting guide (PDF) that tells you when, where, and how to attract new Venturers.

## BSA's Tool-Use Guidelines



When it comes to service projects, nobody does it better — or safer — than the Boy Scouts. But before you gather equipment for your next Good Turn, ask yourself some questions:

- Can my 14- and 15-year-old Boy Scouts use lawnmowers and string trimmers to cut the grass at the local church?
- Can my 16- and 17-year-old Venturers use a chain saw and log splitter to cut firewood for elderly residents?

In this case, the answer is no and no.

That's why it's critical to follow the **Age Guidelines for Tool Use and Work at Elevations or Excavations**, a new document that details how old Scouts should be to use certain hand tools and power tools at service projects (including Eagle Scout service projects). The guideline can be downloaded at:

<http://scoutingmagazine.files.wordpress.com/2012/05/age-guidelines-2012.pdf>

## BSA Messengers of Peace



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For more than 90 years, Scouts have been answering Lord Baden-Powell's call to "help to develop peace and happiness in the world and goodwill among all Scouts." To recognize their efforts - and to inspire more young men and women to help Scouting create a better world - the World Scout Committee has launched the Messengers of Peace (MOP) initiative.

Units can participate by going online to register any MOP-related community service projects - including Eagle Scout projects - they undertake. Scouts who complete MOP projects will earn a special recognition: a ring patch that goes around the World Crest. That patch will symbolize their participation in an ever-widening circle of Scouts who are not just visualizing world peace but are helping to make it a reality. To learn more about the Messengers of Peace program, go to: <http://scouting.org/messengersofpeace.aspx>

## BSA National Introducing "Unit Tools"



BSA is in the process of releasing Unit Tools, a new set of online tools that will replace MyScouting.org. This is an important step in moving toward a more user-friendly, service oriented BSA. Like MyScouting.org, Unit Tools will give unit leaders, volunteers, parents and Scouts the opportunity to create a profile, take and track training, recharter their unit, update advancement, plan activities, and more. There will also be improved administration capabilities, access to unit rosters and attendance tracking applications. More information will be coming soon about these new online resources.

## 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Day



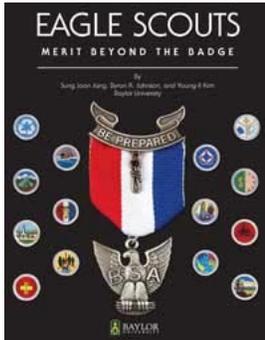
The 36th Annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Day will be Saturday, Oct. 27, 8:30 am-4:45 pm. This year the event is at Patuxent River Park's Jug Bay Natural Area. Instruction and courses are suitable for beginners, emphasizing fun map skills on a special six-color orienteering map, in addition to compass games. Registration deadline is October 12. For more information or to register, [www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1188516](http://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1188516)

## Scout Day at Navy Football



Join the Naval Academy Athletic Association for "Scout Day 2012" at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, MD on Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Navy vs. Texas State home football game. Kickoff is tentatively set for 3:30pm. More than 10,000 Scouts and family members have attended in the past years, making it one of the largest football events in recent history. Scouts can also take tours of the United States Naval Academy or camp for the weekend. For more information, go to [www.navysports.com](http://www.navysports.com) and use the promo code "SCOUTDAY".

## Eagle Scouts: Merit Beyond the Badge



An independent study examining the effects that being a Scout as a youth has on men's later life was funded by the John Templeton Foundation and conducted by Baylor University. The first report from this study, released by Baylor University during the 2012 National Annual Meeting, focuses on the difference earning the Eagle Scout Award makes in the lives of men. This report provides us with empirical evidence that, compared to men who were never Scouts, Eagle Scouts demonstrate:

- Greater lifelong connections to family, friends, and neighbors;
- A higher sense of responsibility to give back through leadership, service, volunteering, and donating;
- Greater connections to and concern for their community;
- More self-discipline to plan ahead and set and achieve goals;
- Higher self-expectations;
- A greater appreciation of and concern for the environment; and
- Increased respect for religion and religious diversity.

This study is available in PDF format at:

[www.scouting.org/About/Research/EagleScouts.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/About/Research/EagleScouts.aspx)

## BSA Policy Statement on Political Activities



Boy Scouts of America policy prohibits Scouts from participating in political activities. BSA membership applications, under Program Policies, state: Citizenship activities are encouraged, but partisan political activities are prohibited.

Uniformed unit members and leaders may participate in flag ceremonies at political events and may lead the Pledge of Allegiance; however, they should retire after the ceremony and not remain on the speakers' platform or in a conspicuous location where television viewers could construe their presence as an endorsement or symbol of support. In addition, photos of candidates or Scouts in uniform or BSA marks and logos are not allowed in political campaign materials of any kind. Leaders must be alert to situations that would imply that the BSA favors one candidate over another. Strict observance of our long-standing policy against the active participation of uniformed Scouts and leaders in political events is mandatory.

## Washington Nationals Scout Days

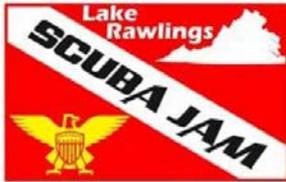


The Washington Nationals will be hosting their popular Scout Days again this season. The Nationals are already off to a great start – especially at home games – and have one of the best pitching staffs in the league. Be part of the excitement:

- Saturday, August 18 (vs. New York Mets)
- Sunday, September 23 (vs. Milwaukee Brewers)

For more information visit [www.nationals.com](http://www.nationals.com).

## ScubaJam Virginia 2012



**What:** The ScubaJam Virginia program was created to provide a great SCUBA diving experience to BSA registered youths, boys and girls, ages 11-20. The event has been created by interested divers representing dive shops, scuba training operations, and various BSA Troops and Venturing Crews.

**Where:** Lake Rawlings, VA (in Rawlings, VA; roughly 1 hour south of Richmond)

**When:** Labor Day Weekend Aug 31 – Sept 3

**Cost and Registration:** [www.scubajam-va.org](http://www.scubajam-va.org) (Note: ScubaJam is not a BSA sponsored event but rather an event provided for BSA Units and Crews).

**Prerequisites:**

- Youth must be 11 -20 years of age
- Hold an Open Water Certification Card or be under the training supervision of a current and insured Scuba Instructor (Non Divers are welcome to camp and snorkel. Or better yet – get certified before you arrive!); and be registered with a participating BSA Troop or Crew or other youth group.

## Snorkel and Scuba Patch Workshops



Earn your Snorkeling Patch, then your Scuba Patch in two individual Workshops at Claude Moore pool. Each Workshop is taught by PADI instructors and divemasters and upon completion of each workshop, Scouts will earn a certificate that their Troop can then award along with the patches. We recommend taking the Snorkeling workshop as a prerequisite to Scuba. These two programs are an excellent way to give younger scouts who are thinking of attending Sea Base an introduction to scuba. Kids 8+ and Adults are welcome! (BSA Swim test is given at each session, so it is not necessary for scouts to re-fresh their annual swim test prior to coming to our workshop).

**When:** July 28, Aug 11, Aug 25

**Fee:** \$45 for snorkel, \$59 for scuba and INCLUDES ALL GEAR!

**Where:** Pool Sessions are held at Claude Moore Pool in Sterling.

**For additional information and to register:** [www.nvasports.org](http://www.nvasports.org)

## Scuba Merit Badge Workshops



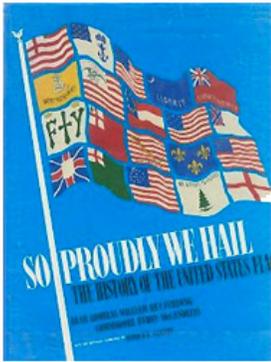
SeaBase Bound and have already earned your PADI open water certification? Do not miss your opportunity to earn your Scuba Merit Badge. Bring your PADI and Blue Cards, and we will work as a group on the remaining 5 requirements. Workshops are held at Sterling Silver Scuba Shop on Church in Sterling.

**When:** Aug 16, Sept 20, Oct 18

**Fee:** \$35

**For additional information and to register:** [www.nvasports.org](http://www.nvasports.org)

## Book on U.S. Flag History and Protocol



*So Proudly We Hail, The History of the United States Flag* by Rear Admiral William Furlong and Commodore Byron McCandless. Published by the Smithsonian Institute Press, 1981. The cover flap of this book reads:

“A richly illustrated history of the American flag, *So Proudly We Hail* weaves the fascinating and definitive story of the country’s central symbol from colonization to the present.

Written by Rear Admiral William Rea Furlong, designer of the new star arrangement when the 49th and 50th stars were added to the flag and, Commodore McCandless, a consultant to three presidents on flag protocol, this book is eminently readable as well as authoritative.

*So Proudly We Hail* is the first broadly researched history of the United States flag that includes both historical and technological information, and becomes the most up-to-date account of the history of our nation’s flag. It will stand as *the* definitive reference book on this subject for many years to come.”

The book is available from Amazon at:

[www.amazon.com/So-Proudly-We-Hail-History/dp/0874744490](http://www.amazon.com/So-Proudly-We-Hail-History/dp/0874744490)

## On-Line Resource of the Month



In 1996, Ron Crabb, the then editor of Scouting magazine (UK), commissioned a series of articles on basic Scouting skills and decided that Scout Troops should be encouraged to rediscover pioneering projects and activities. The basic idea was to produce a set of pioneering instructions for a selection of Scout pioneering projects that would aid a Scouter with little or no experience to achieve the successful build of a pioneering structure for the Boy and Girl Scouts.

The authors of **Pioneering Made Easy** ([www.PioneeringMadeEasy.co.uk](http://www.PioneeringMadeEasy.co.uk)) have rummaged through all the books they could lay their hands on, from John Sweet's Scout Pioneering and John Thurman's Fun with Pioneering Ropes and Spars to line sketches in the old PLs Handbook. They added a few original designs and some sent to them by Scouters around the country after the articles began appearing in the magazine.

Pioneering Made Easy is being well received by the Scouting pioneering community across the world.



There's three ways for a Scoutmaster to get something done; he can ask the Troop committee to do it (and then do it himself), or he can just do it himself, or he can absolutely forbid his Scouts from doing it.



## Training Opportunities

### Adult Training Requirements for 2012



The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has set the training requirements for all units to re-charter in 2012. For 2012 all Direct Contact Leaders must be trained in their positions. This means that if a leader has direct contact with a youth (i.e. outings, meetings, etc.) then they will have to be trained for their position. This includes all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Associate Advisors and their assistants, all Den Leaders (Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos) and their assistants, and any other registered leaders that have contact with youth.

For a listing of the training required for leaders please go to:

[www.Scouting.org/Scoutsource/BoyScouts/Adults/Training/Trained%20Leader.aspx](http://www.Scouting.org/Scoutsource/BoyScouts/Adults/Training/Trained%20Leader.aspx)

#### Notes:

- New leaders are required to complete **Youth Protection** training within 30 days of registering. It must be renewed every 2 years
- **This Is Scouting** is no longer required, it is now supplemental training.
- **Fast Start** training is no longer required.

### Sunday Friendly Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)



Outdoor skills are critical to the success of any Scouting program. IOLS provides leaders with the basic outdoor skills needed to start a program right and keep it going. IOLS is the **required** outdoor training for all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Varsity Scout coaches. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on building confidence and competence in Leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

**Prerequisites:** Youth Protection Training, (available online at [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org)).

**Where/When:** Training will be conducted at the Blue Ridge Regional Park, Blueridge Mountain Road, Bluemont VA, 20135. It will begin Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 4PM and conclude on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. There is a \$30 fee for this class.

- All Leaders should wear their Class A Scout Leader Uniform and know their current BSA membership number (on membership card). Please bring a chair and a water bottle for class sessions. Also bring full camping gear for an overnight stay; camping overnight is part of the course. Meals will be provided. Please provide any dietary restrictions.

**Registration and additional information:**

[www.Doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=1202229](http://www.Doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=1202229)

## New Training Awards for Cub Scout Leaders



Last year, the BSA's national training team announced it was revising many of the training awards, or "knots," that Scouters earn for service, training and performance in their volunteer roles. Chief among the changes is the revamping of the many knots that a Cub Scout leader can earn.

Now, the specific changes have been put into effect and the sunset dates for the previous awards announced.

- The Cubmaster Award has been discontinued. Cubmasters may now earn the Scouter's Key Award and may wear the Scouter's Key knot with a Cub Scouting device (a small pin worn on the knot).
- The Cub Scouter and Pack Trainer Awards have been discontinued. Cub Scout pack leaders may earn the Scouter's Training Award and may wear the Scouter's Training Award knot with a Cub Scouting device.
- The Tiger Cub and Webelos Den Leader's Awards have been discontinued. All den leaders may earn a new Den Leader's Training Award medal that is being created, and may wear the Den Leader's Training Award knot (identical to the previous Cub Scout Den Leader Award knot) with the appropriate device. A Tiger Cub den leader device is also being developed.

The application forms and requirements have been simplified, but the awards carry roughly the same degree of difficulty as previously. The form is no longer a "pocket checklist" but a PDF with fillable fields that can be printed and filled in or completed on a computer and printed or submitted. The new forms and requirements are available on the adult training page of the training section on BSA's website (<http://scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx>), in the paragraph headed Training Awards for Adult Leaders in Units.

Scouters who are currently working on Cub leader training awards (currently registered in a position) may continue to use the old requirements, and earn the old knots (while supplies last), but all requirements must be completed by specific dates:

- Tiger Cub and Webelos Den Leader awards, by December 31, 2012
- Cubmaster, Pack Trainer and Cub Scouter awards, by December 31, 2013

After these dates, the new requirements must be satisfied and the new knots will be earned. Of course, if you've already earned the old knots, they can still be worn on your uniform indefinitely.

## Cub Leader Pow Wow



This Year's Cub Leader Pow Wow will be **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2012**

### ***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. Begin electronic registration here. 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](mailto:NCAC.PowWow@gmail.com)

## Paddle Craft Safety Training



Float trips are popular Boy Scout and Venturing activities. Safety Afloat awareness training provides guidelines for safe float trips and is required of unit leaders, but does not provide the skill training mandated by those guidelines. BSA Paddle Craft Safety expands Safety Afloat training to include the skills, as well as the knowledge, needed for a unit leader to confidently supervise canoeing or kayaking excursions on flat water. Persons completing the training should be better able to assess their preparation to supervise paddle craft activities. The training is open to any registered adult leader, Scout, Venturer, or Explorer who is age 16 or older. The training must be conducted by a council approved instructor, takes roughly eight hours and is valid for three years.

Registration is \$25 and classes are held at the Hylton Training Center, Camp William B. Snyder 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169. Classes will be held:

Oct 27                      registration deadline: Oct 19

**To register or for more information:** [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics) or contact Mike Meenehan (703) 400-2176 [MMMeenehan@cox.net](mailto:MMMeenehan@cox.net).

## BSA Swimming & Water Rescue



Training for BSA Swimming & Water Rescue provides BSA leaders with information and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to swimming emergencies during unit swimming activities. The BSA recommends that at least one person with this training is present to assist with supervision whenever a unit swims at a location that does not provide lifeguards. This training is open to any registered adult leader, Scout, Venturer, or Explorer who is age 16 or older. The course takes approximately eight hours and is valid for three years.

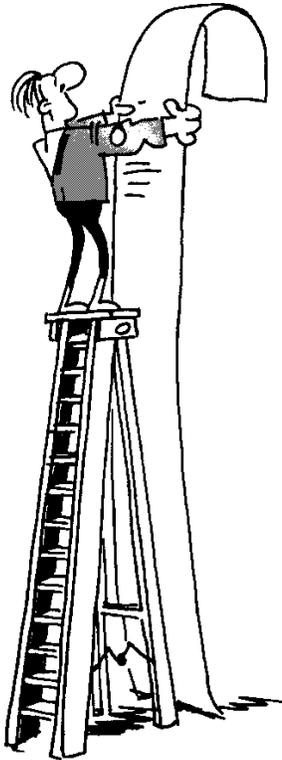
Although the training is consistent with training provided professional life-guards, the Swimming & Water Rescue course is not a lifeguard training course and is not a substitute for BSA Lifeguard training for summer camp aquatics staff. On the other hand, this course addresses important information that may not be covered in generic lifeguard training programs such as: preventive measures, including the buddy system and swim classification tests; how to set up a safe swim area in diverse situations; the use of non-standard rescue equipment; and emergency action plans in remote settings. Therefore, BSA leaders with lifeguard training from other agencies are encouraged to complete this course prior to supervising unit swim activities in remote settings. A 'challenge' option is provided to foster cross-training of individuals with training from other agencies.

Registration is \$25 and classes are held at the Hylton Training Center, Camp William B. Snyder 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169. Classes will be held:

Sept 29	registration deadline: Sept 21
Dec 8	registration deadline: Nov 30

**To register or for more information:** [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics) or contact Mike Meenehan (703) 400-2176 [MMMeenehan@cox.net](mailto:MMMeenehan@cox.net).

# District Calendar



## August 2012

- 8 Roundtable
- 9 Venturing Forum
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 17-18 **Training – IOLS**
- 22 District Committee
- 27 First Day of School

## September

- 3 Labor Day
- 12 Roundtable
- 13 Venturing Forum
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 19 Join Scouting Night
- 22-23 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 26 District Committee
- 28 **District Dinner**

## October

- 6 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 8 Columbus Day
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 Venturing Forum
- 11 Commissioner RT
- 13 **Training – Den Chief**
- 20-21 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
- 20-21 JOTA/JOTI
- 24 District Committee

## November

- 2-4 NCAC Venturing Hike-o-ree
- 3 **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution**
- 5-6 Student Holiday
- 8 Venturing Forum
- 8 Commissioner RT
- 10 **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**
- 14 Roundtable
- 15 District Committee
- 17 PowWow
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Break

## December

- 12 Roundtable
- 13 Venturing Forum
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 19 District Committee
- 24 Winter Break Starts

## January 2013

- 1 Winter Break Ends
- 9 Roundtable
- 10 Venturing Forum
- 10 Commissioner RT
- 18 Moveable School Holiday
- 19 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 21 MLK Jr. Day
- 23 District Committee
- 25-27 Freeze-o-ree

## February

- 10 Scout Sunday
- 13 Roundtable
- 14 Venturing Forum
- 14 Commissioner RT
- 16 Scout Sabbath
- 18 President's Day
- 23 Univ. of Scouting
- 27 District Committee

## March

- 4 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**
- 10 Roundtable
- 11 Venturing Forum
- 11 Commissioner RT
- 25-29 Spring Break
- 27 District Committee

## April 2012

- 1 Moveable School Holiday
- 6 **Training – Den Chief**
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 Venturing Forum
- 11 Commissioner RT
- 13 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 19-21 **Spring Camporee**
- 24 District Committee

## May

- 4 **Cubmobile Derby**
- 4 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 8 **Program Launch**
- 9 Venturing Forum
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 12 Mother's Day
- 18-19 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
- 22 District Committee
- 27 Memorial Day

## June

- 1 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
- 6 Last Day of School
- 12 Roundtable
- 13 Venturing Forum
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 17-21 **Day Camp**
- 26 District Committee

## July

- 4 Independence Day