

Goose Creek District Newsletter



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Like the Scouts of nearly every troop, our boys recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law at the beginning of troop meetings.

How often do they – or you – stop to ponder what those words mean?

They are the essence of our movement, reduced to forty words in the Oath and twelve points of the Law: Duty to God and country. Help others. Be trustworthy, helpful, courteous, reverent... you know these things.

What do Boy Scouts do, mostly, though? They hold meetings and they go camping. That makes up, I'd say, 80 percent of their time and efforts.

Is there anything in the Oath and Law about camping or meetings? No!

So how do they fit in?

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to instill the values of the oath and law. Camping – the outdoors – is one of eight methods by which Scouting instills these values in our young people, and meetings are the process by which they learn the necessary skills and prepare to go camping. If we stop to think about it, I'm sure we can all come up with how each point of the Scout Law is put into practice on a weekend campout.

When we lose sight of these things, we start to lose the meaning of Scouting. The object of our weekends is not entirely to go enjoy the outdoors, and the object of our meetings is not to fill their schedules one night a week, or keep our boys off the streets, or play games, or give them a place to do their homework or run around.

We, as adults, help to provide opportunities for the boys to meet so they can learn the skills and make their plans, and to go camping so they can learn leadership, self-reliance, cooperation, and a spirit of helpfulness. These are life skills that will benefit them in their future years. You could say we are meeting them on their level by doing things that interest them.

Our job is not to provide an outdoor program for them. We don't make the plans, and we don't run the show. What we provide is the support and assistance that can only be given by adults, so they can plan and prepare and go camp.

Can these values be instilled by other methods? Yes – there are seven others besides the Outdoors – but without an outdoor program, we just wouldn't have Scouting as we know it. In addition to these life skills, they're learning to conserve our natural resources, to Leave No Trace, and to gain an appreciation for the world around us by experiencing it first-hand. If you don't think today's youth are nature-deprived, just look at multi-state initiatives like No Child Left Inside and author Richard Louv's description of the problem as nature-deficit disorder, comparing the syndrome to ADD and proposing the lack of outdoor experiences as a possible cause.

The genius of Baden-Powell's teachings was to get urban London youth into the outdoors where they can exist in a microcosm among nature, and it grew into the Scouting movement we have today. It's up to us to use the outdoor method to instill the values, and that means using it as Baden-Powell designed it – as a laboratory for youth leadership. .

Chairman's Corner



The 'About Us' page on our website has now been updated to reflect our current Committee members. Whether Officers or At-Large, everyone who chartered on the district committee is there: <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/about-us/18455>

An email address has been created for everyone (meaning any Scout, Scouter, interested party, etc.) to use to provide feedback to the the District about anything under the sun. The email address is Feedback@GooseCreekDistrict.org. All emails to that address automatically go to our District Chairman and Scout Executives.

In an effort to increase our presence throughout the District and specifically within units, we also have created an email address for folks to make requests of District Committee members. For example, if your unit wants one of us to be a guest speaker at their Blue & Gold. The email address for requests is Request@GooseCreekDistrict.org.

District News

District Website: www.GooseCreekDistrict.org

Day Camp 2013



This year's Day Camp theme will be Wild Western Adventure.

Activities vary from camp to camp but most will offer traditional Scouting activities like archery and BB gun instruction, crafts, nature study, games, and fishing. Tiger Cubs through Webelos are eligible to attend day camp. Packs must provide one adult per five boys plus an adult partner for each Tiger to escort the adventurers through camp. All adult leaders must be Youth Protection Trained!

Online registration will begin mid-February, 2013. Cost per Cub is:

- Registered on or before April 16, 2013 – \$165
- Registered on or before May 17, 2013 – \$185
- Registered after May 17, 2013 – \$205

Goose Creek's Day Camp: June 17-21, at Morven Park (41793 Tutt Lane, Leesburg).

- Day Camp: 9 AM – 4 PM, M-Th; 9 AM – 2 PM, Friday
- Twilight Camp: 6:30 PM – Dusk, M-Th

Want To Be on Day Camp Staff?

Parents serving full-time on camp staff get one free registration for their Cub Scout! Registered youth members ages 14+ can earn \$75 towards their week at Goshen Scout Reservation! Service hours can also be earned by youth who work at Day Camp.

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Arrow of Light Recognition Ceremony

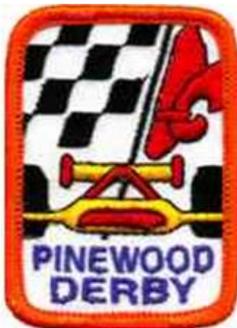


The 11th Annual Arrow of Light Recognition Ceremony will be conducted by the Order of the Arrow (OA) on Thursday March 7, 2013 at 7:00 at the Leesburg Church of the Nazarene (17667 Roxbury Hall Rd · Leesburg). This very impressive Ceremony is presented by the Goose Creek OA ceremony team, wearing handcrafted native Powhatan Indian regalia.

This event does NOT replace your own pack Arrow of Light ceremony, nor will the Webelos receive their actual Arrow of Light patch at the ceremony. The Ceremony honors their achievement in a unique way by the older Scouts who are waiting to welcome them into their troops and all of the fun and adventure they will have along the Trail to Eagle Scout! The Webelos will receive a special OA-Arrow of Light Ceremony badge, designed by the OA chapter for this event.

Cubmasters/WeBeLos leaders need to email Bobbie Scales (ScalesBobbie@yahoo.com) by March 6th with their numbers of Cubs attending, and how many leaders will be with them, so that we can have the seats saved for them.

District Championship Pinewood Derby



The 2013 Goose Creek District Championship Pinewood Derby, hosted by Venture Crew 7070, is pleased to announce the support of Easterns Automotive Group. And, returning for a second year, Leesburg's family restaurant, Chic-fil-A. All participating scouts at this championship event will receive a coupon redeemable for a free 4-piece chicken meal at the Leesburg location. Also for another year, prizes will also be awarded to the top three overall winners, provided by Leesburg Hobbies & Collectibles. Please support these businesses in Loudoun County that support the Goose Creek Boy Scouts of America.

The 2013 Goose Creek District Championship Pinewood Derby will take place on **March 9, 2013 at Tolbert Elementary School** and is open to all Unit Event Winners placing 1st thru 3rd in all ranks including Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelo 1 and Webelo 2. This year a special "**Cow Cub**" rank will be eligible to race against the Chic-fil-A Cow, which took home 1st place honors in last year inaugural event. This class is open to all Cub Scout age siblings, or younger, of entrants.

Unit Leaders:

On-line registrations is now open. Registration can be accessed from the district website either from the calendar or the Cub tab on the left sidebar. Please have you scouts pre-register to facilitate the registration process the day of the event. Registration fees will be collected at the event.

Any questions can be directed to Steve Wolfson at SteveWolfson@verizon.net.

Companies Matching Donations



A list of companies that match charitable donations (such as Friends of Scouting) and sometimes give money for hours worked is now available on the District website under Friends of Scouting. Check to see if your company is listed.

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Spring Camporee



The Spring Camporee is scheduled for April 22-14 and will be located at Willowsford. This is a new development area in Loudoun, south of Leesburg around the Route 50 area. The developer has set up a large tract of land that will not be developed and is eager to have Scouts use the area and to help expand its trails and to do conservation/Eagle projects (not part of the camporee, however).

The theme for the event is being planned to revolve around shooting sports (rifle, archery, maybe shotgun – dependent on noise concerns). A full information/registration packet is expected to be available on the district website by mid-March.

Adult Boy Scout Leader Specific Training will be offered at the camporee but will require a separate registration.

Webelos Visiting the Spring Camporee



Webelos Leaders! Now that your Scouts have earned their Webelos badge you should start planning on how to do some of the AOL requirements, one of which is visiting an Boy Scout outdoor oriented activity.

Since the district only runs two of these during the year, the Freeze-o-ree in February (cold, subject to last minute date changes due to icing conditions, sometimes cancelled with 3 feet of snow on the ground, your only choice if you forgot about this requirement and must get it in before the Blue & Gold so they can get their badge) and the April Camporee (warm and sunny, flowers blooming, smiling Scouts without icicles hanging from their noses) you have a choice of when you want to do this.

No registration is required to come to the Spring Camporee 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 that will be available on the district website.

Note: There are no planned activities for the Webelos at this event and there is no camping, you are day visitors to see Boy Scouts in action. You can stay through the campfire during the evening, however.

Looking for 'Foster Packs'



One of the great joys and experiences of being a Webelos Scout is being able to go to Goshen for summer camp. One of the great disappointments is finding out you can't go because of family or other commitments the same week that your pack is going. Well there is an answer to this problem – go with another pack!

If your pack is going to Goshen this summer and would be willing to 'foster' a Scout or two from another pack (and most likely their parent) we would like to hear from you. Just send to us, GCProgram@verizon.net, your pack number, a contact point (name and phone # or email address), the week you are going, and which camp (PMI or Ross). We'll post this information in upcoming newsletters and on the district web site for others to see and contact you to make arrangements.

Local Scouts Earn Meritorious Action Awards



Eight Scouts from NCAC received National Court of Honor Lifesaving and Meritorious Action Awards in 2012 for remaining calm in a crisis, making quick use of Scout training and for living up to the words “to help other people at all times.” One of the Scouts, **Joshua David Willis**, is from Loudoun County.

On May 14, 2011, Life Scout Joshua Willis was attending his church’s annual father-son campout at Watermelon Park in Berryville, VA, with his father, David Willis, and younger brother. Joshua and several other Scouts were playing in the Shenandoah River when his brother got his foot stuck under a rock in chest deep water directly upstream from a stretch of rapids. Joshua waded out to his brother and supported him while freeing his foot, then organized the other Scouts and their parents into a human chain that brought him and his brother back to shore. Both boys sustained minor bruises and scratches but no major injuries.

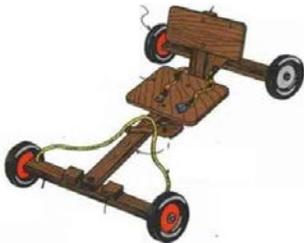
For his actions, Joshua received the Heroism Award. Joshua is a member of Crew 1167, chartered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Ashburn, VA.

The list of eight Scouts includes one Scout who received the prestigious Honor Award, Scouting’s highest lifesaving and meritorious action medal.

To read more about these Scouts’ accomplishments, visit:

www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/Heroes

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 third annual Cubmobile Derby on May 4, 2013.

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. Every Scout on a team will be given a chance to race their cubmobile twice down the course.

Teams from the same pack will be allowed to use the same cubmobile if they want to. Cubmobiles built for last year’s derby may be used again this year.

Derby fee is expected to be \$6 per Scout and all teams must pre-register with an \$18 deposit (i.e, the fee for three Scouts). A full information/registration packet and instructions on how to build a cubmobile will be soon be available on the district website.

Scouting for Bricks™



Fans of all ages please join us in Leesburg, Virginia to share in the exciting world of LEGO® creations from every imaginable category, all to support a great cause: growing young men of character through Scouting & our local Boy Scout Troop 39! This is a special event for LEGO enthusiasts to exhibit their LEGO masterpieces ~ or for spectators to come marvel at the creations of others!

One of the highlights of the show will be an exhibit by the Washington Metro Area LEGO Train Club: <http://wamaltc.org/>. There will also be vendors selling various LEGO-related items, as well as a LEGO Mindstorms Robotics scrimmage - anyone can participate, so BYOBot! Guidelines for robots are listed on our website.

When: May 4, 2013 ~ 11 am - 5 pm -- special "MAY the FOURTH Be With You" exhibits

May 5, 2013 ~ 12 pm - 4 pm

Where: Heritage High School ~ Leesburg, VA

Cost: \$5 admission ~ if you just want to come visit the show - fun for ages 3-103
\$25 exhibitor fee ~ includes an exclusive event t-shirt - anyone ages 10-adult may exhibit

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Spring 2013 Join Scouting Night Event



Goose Creek District will be holding a Spring "Join Scouting Night" that will focus on the recruitment of new Tigers to get a head start on summer activities with packs, leading to the fall startup of cub scouting to coincide with the beginning of school. We will be reformulating and refocusing our approach to the Spring JSN event and look to tentatively hold this in April (no later than May) immediately after the March Spring Break week. Our goal is to get the message out to the greatest audience possible detailing the value of Cub Scouting in the development of a young boy. To that, we are looking at a new District-wide Tigers event during the summer months to show that the fun never ends in scouting.

Please look forward to the upcoming JSN-specific Newsletter which will detail a more focused year-round plan for unit and membership growth across Loudoun County along with firm details of these new events currently being planned.

If you have any questions, comments or constructive advice, please route it directly to Chris Goda at ChrisGoda@gmail.com.

OA Elections



Any unit still interested in scheduling an Order of the Arrow election, please contact Vice Chief, Nicolas Freeman and Chapter Adviser, Bobbie Scales as soon as possible to get your election on the calendar. We need at least a two week window to get a team in place and the forms to be filled out to the unit. Contact us at NFreeman1996@aol.com and ScalesBobbie@yahoo.com with your first and second choice of dates. The elections need to be held by the first week of April in order to have your boys called out at the Camp-O-Ree, and by then in order for us to get the Ordeal information to them in time. Any questions, contact the Chapter Adviser.

From the District Membership Committee



Along with the forthcoming Spring JSN focusing on driving the recruitment of new Tigers, the Membership Committee is also recruiting people for a number of new positions in specific areas. These positions are as follows:

- 1) New Unit Coordinator / Trainer
- 2) Webelos to Boy Scout Transition Coordinator
- 3) Hispanic Outreach Coordinator
- 4) Membership Event Coordinator (JSN, etc.)
- 6) Commissioner / Membership Committee Liaison

Goose Creek is also looking to startup a new SeaScout Unit. We are seeking individuals with sailing experience to work with an established SeaScout Unit as a basis of forming our first Goose Creek SeaScout Unit.

If you have any questions, comments or constructive advice, please route it directly to Chris Goda at ChrisGoda@gmail.com.

Den Chief Training



Den Chief Training will be held on March 6, 2013. The schedule is for 9 AM to 12 PM at the Train Station, 210 N 21st Street, Purcellville, VA 20132. Registration will soon open on the district website.

You might have been a Scouter too long when:



- You always cook enough food for twelve
- Your favorite cologne is "Deep Woods Off!"
- You don't mind losing power to your house for three days.

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail

New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle Scouts:

Eric Scott Bailey – Troop 1154

Nicholas G. Hawkins – Troop 1154

Life to Eagle Conferences



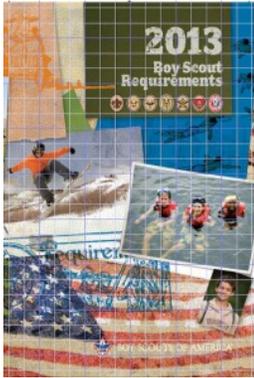
As promised in last month's Newsletter, Life-to-Eagle Conferences (aka Training) will be held soon. Thus far, we've scheduled two to take place in the next couple of months, with the prospects of having a 3rd (& 4th?) in the months soon thereafter.

These training conferences are primarily targeted for the Eagle Advisers & Coordinators at the unit level – but are by no means limited to same. Life Scouts and their parents are invited to attend. The key goal is to get each of the unit Eagle Advisers up to speed on changes to the process, and some of the district-level mechanics of same. That way, they can help share the message to the Life Scouts in their units on a more frequent basis.

Scheduled thus far are two L2E Conferences; serving the eastern & western portions of our district. The 3rd one (to be scheduled once I find an opening on my calendar) will be held in the central part of the county.

- **Saturday, March 30** ... Rust Library, Meeting Room
 - 10:30am - 1:30pm
 - 380 Old Waterford Rd NW, Leesburg
 - Room will be set up for ~130 people.
- **Saturday, April 6** ... Cascades Library, Room C
 - 10:30am - 12:30pm
 - 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls
 - Room will be set up for ~100 people.

New Edition of Boy Scout Requirements



A new edition of Boy Scout Requirements (BSA Publication No. 33216) was released in mid-January, 2013. When there is a conflict between two published lists of requirements, such as Boy Scout Requirements and a Merit Badge Pamphlet or the Boy Scout Handbook, the requirements book should be considered to be the controlling document, until a newer edition of Boy Scout Requirements is issued.

The new Boy Scout Requirements booklet has changes to the Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle rank requirements, a very minor change to the wording of Joining (Scout) requirement 7, and changes to 21 merit badges, plus the requirements for the 2 new merit badges which were released in 2012 (Kayaking and Search and Rescue). In addition, the Alternate Requirements for Eagle Scout rank were rewritten. The booklet also contains announcements regarding the new Sustainability merit badge, which will become available later in 2013, and the upcoming (January 1, 2014) change to require Cooking merit badge for the Eagle Scout rank. Although not identified on the Inside Front Cover, the Special Opportunities section includes new information on the Morse Code Interpreter Strip, the Cyber Chip, the Nova Awards, and the Supernova Awards, and some revisions in the Religious Emblems listing.

To see a listing of all the changes:

Online: www.scoutmastercg.com/boy-scout-requirement-changes/

PDF: <http://usscouts.org/advance/docs/AdvancementChanges2013.pdf>

Introducing the New Game Design Merit Badge



Whether it's capture the flag on campouts, tic-tac-toe in the lunchroom, or World of Warcraft back home, virtually every Scout plays games. Starting March 6, Scouts can begin earning a merit badge for playing games—and for creating their own.

The new Game Design merit badge teaches planning and critical-thinking skills, while introducing Scouts to an industry that's bigger than Hollywood

What are the badge requirements? Scouts begin by learning gaming terminology and analyzing various types of games they've played. They then pick one game, tweak its rules or objectives, and track how the changes affect players' actions and emotional experiences. After that, they design a new game, a process that includes writing rules, creating a prototype, and play-testing. Finally, as with other career-oriented badges, they learn about jobs in the game-development industry.

For more information about this new badge check out this Scouting magazine story:

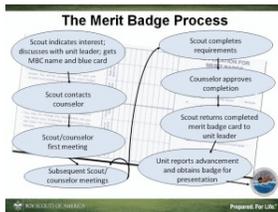
<http://scoutingmagazine.org/2013/02/introducing-the-new-game-design-merit-badge/>

Merit Badge Updates



In addition to the new Sustainability and Game Design merit badges, BSA has announced plans to release new merit badges for Programming and Digital Technology (which is to replace the Computers merit badge) at various times during 2013, and five more in 2014 or 2015 (Animation, Signs, Signals and Codes, Multi-Media, Computer Aided Design, and Advanced Computing). In addition to the announced major revisions to the Cooking merit badge, a major update to the Cycling merit badge is also scheduled for some time in 2013

Advancement Educational Presentations



The Advancement Educational Presentations page on Scouting.org has a number of resources and videos that efficiently and effectively reviews and teaches many of the areas covered in the Guide to Advancement, giving some depth and insight into the topics. None of this information supersedes or replaces the information found in the often updated Guide to Advancement, so you still need to keep abreast of that, but this stuff sure does a great job of supplementing!

Getting the Most from Internet Advancement

A PowerPoint slide show with speaker notes and an FAQ sheet produced by volunteers for volunteers. Designed to be a 60- to 90-minute instructor-led presentation, it guides participants through methods to make effective use of the Internet Advancement software.

The Essentials of Merit Badge Counseling

This PowerPoint presentation with speaker notes covers the required procedures for merit badge counseling, clarifies the role of counselors in the BSA advancement program, and discusses the appropriate approaches to use in working with Scouts. It is intended as an instructor-led presentation to counselors of any experience level and takes 60 to 90 minutes to complete.

Guide to Advancement and Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook Overview

Converted to video format from PowerPoint presentations with voice-over, these presentations provide further insight into the two most critical publications produced by the BSA national Advancement Team. The files may be opened and viewed on your computer or downloaded for later viewing or for presentation at a roundtable, University of Scouting, or other gathering. The intent is to provide a better understanding of how BSA advancement policies and procedures should be interpreted and implemented.

Site:

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/GuideforMeritBadgeCounselors/Resources/advancement_presentations.aspx

Life-to-Eagle Process Reminders (and FYIs)



Pre-review of Eagle Scout Rank Applications ... Council personnel have explained that there are still a surprisingly large number Eagle Scout Rank Applications (ESRAs) that are sent in to Council in 'less than ideal condition'. Since the staff is so thin there, Council is asking district Eagle Advisers to conduct a preliminary review of the ESRAs – and to initial same – before the unit sends them into Council. This should cut down on the number of ESRAs that need to be modified and re-submitted. At some point – perhaps April or May – Council will insist upon this review, but for the time being, it's only a request ... but one we would be well advised to adopt soonest.

Eagle Notebook Overload! ... There is an overabundance of Eagle packages (notebooks, project workbooks, etc.) piling up at the Council office ... and they're begging for people to come retrieve them. Once the unit receives the postcard from National confirming the youth's advancement to Eagle, those notebooks can (and must) all be retrieved from the Council offices. They're running out of space!

Council / National News

Council Website: www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org

Nationwide Survey on BSA Membership Policy



There is a lot in the news of late concerning the BSA membership policy. The potential for change in the policy will be discussed by the 1,400 members of the National Council at the National Annual Meeting on May 22nd in Grapevine, Texas. In advance of this, there will be a nationwide survey of registered adults, conducted through Voice of the Scout on March 8th, 2013. If you would like to participate you must have an up-to-date email address in ScoutNet. If you have taken Youth Protection Training online, then you are in the system! Voice of the Scout is a very important tool that helps improve the Scouting program. But it only works when many people take part.

National Memorial Day Parade



The 2013 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC, is currently accepting applications for the 9th annual parade, scheduled for 2:00PM on Monday, May 27, 2013. This parade has grown to be a significant event in Washington, DC, and will be televised in select markets nationally. Scouts ages 11 and up are needed to help carry parade identification banners in the parade line up. The registration deadline is March 30.

For more information download the invitation and registration form (www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ShowPage.aspx?3238353336307L3732323934) and visit the website at www.NationalMemorialDayParade.com.

National Outdoor Challenge Award



The National Outdoor Challenge recognizes troops that maintain or increase the amount of outdoor activity when compared to the previous year. With the release of this award, the National Camping Award has been discontinued.

The award is recognized with a streamer for the unit flag.

The application is available at: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/430-016_WB.pdf

National Outdoor Achievement Award

The National Outdoor Achievement Award recognizes Boy Scouts/Varsity Scouts who excel in outdoor participation. The award has five areas of emphasis (camping, aquatics, hiking, riding, and adventure) with rigorous requirements to earn each segment.

For Scouts looking for an extra challenge, there's the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement. This challenging award requires earning at least three of the National Outdoor Achievement segments, planning and leading a trek, earning Wilderness First Aid certification, and becoming a Leave No Trace Trainer, as well as fulfilling several other requirements.

Cub Scout Day at the National Building Museum



During Cub Scout Day at the National Building Museum, boys can participate in interactive, hands-on activities to earn badges and explore the built environment!

- Work with the American Society of Civil Engineers to build a bridge out of straws;
- Take part in a historical scavenger hunt;
- Construct a crazy catapult;
- Learn how to draw building plans; and
- Design and construct a newspaper chair!

Where: National Building Museum, 401 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

When: March 16, 2013; Morning Session 10 am to 1 pm, Afternoon Session 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$10 per Scout or sibling, free for adults (fee includes a special event patch)

How: Register online at www.go.nbm.org/scouts

Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?



Mark your calendars for 8 p.m. Eastern (7 p.m. Central) on Monday, March 4, for *Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?*, the National Geographic Channel reality show. The six-episode series continues every Monday night until the season finale on April 8.

A Monday night show seems tailor-made for Scouting, because many Scout units meet on Monday nights. Why not make watching the show as part of your weekly meeting? Scouts or Scouters could facilitate a discussion about the show during the commercial breaks and after it's over.

Now's the time to check your provider's programming guide to make sure you subscribe to a TV package with the National Geographic Channel. Here's the channel number for a few major TV providers: DirecTV, 276; Dish, 186; Verizon FiOS, 121 (SD) 621 (HD); ATT U-Verse, 265 (SD) 1265 (HD).

Virgin Islands & National Capital Area Councils Join Forces



The National Capital Area Council Executive Committee is pleased to announce that the U.S. Virgin Islands Council (USVIC), BSA will be joining with NCAC to provide better program support to the youth of both territories. The USVIC Executive Board initiated the process in November, 2012 and the NCAC Board confirmed the affiliation at their annual business meeting on February 7, 2013.

"Scouting in the Virgin Islands stands on some pretty broad shoulders," said Les Baron, CEO and Scout Executive of NCAC. "This next step in the growth of Scouting in the USVI is only possible because of those who have generously devoted their time, energy and resources, as well as those who contributed financially, through the years. For that, they have our gratitude and profound respect."

"This is a positive step for both councils," said USVIC Board Member David Zumwalt. "Our overarching mission is to encourage the growth of Scouting in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Partnering with NCAC gives us access to the training and program resources of a big council while creating a bridge of friendship between the USVI and Washington, DC."

USVIC initiated the process at the recommendation of BSA's national office. The affiliation was prompted by challenges arising from a prolonged economic downturn which included the closing of the HOVENSA refinery in St. Croix, the USVI's largest private sector employer. As one of the largest Boy Scout councils in North America, NCAC emerged as the best option and following careful consideration and review by legal counsel, the affiliation was approved by both organizations.

USVIC Board Chair Stuart Lewis indicated that all the Scouting resources resident in the USVI, including the Howard M. Wall Scout Camp on St. Croix, will now be able to be shared by the newly affiliated council. Plans are already under way to offer an expanded Scout camp program at the St. Croix facility in the near future.

Michael Dow, a long-time Virgin Islands resident and involved USVIC Scouter has been hired as a new full-time staff member to provide support to USVI's volunteers, and NCAC anticipates it will expand the staff to assist in the merger and further improve local support.

District Website: www.GooseCreekDistrict.org

District Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/NCAC-Goose-Creek-District/150234058338739

Roundtable Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Goose-Creek-District-Cub-Scout-Roundtable/122441441115224

Eighth Annual NCAC Scout Orienteering Meet



Where: Kings Landing Park, near Huntingtown, MD
(<http://calvertparks.org/klp.html>)

When: Saturday, March 23th, starting at 8:30 am till 5:00 pm

Cost: \$8 per Scout; \$3 per Adult Leader, camping available at \$2 per person

What to Bring: Compass and a sense of direction

Summary: Scouts will be paired up and compete for awards to be presented to the first 15 places in each event. The morning sessions will include: instruction in Orienteering for Scouts new to the sport, competitions in one of three levels of orienteering courses, and a map skill-building event. Each Scout pair will have an opportunity to choose two events in the morning. Competition will be broken into two age groups, under 14 years of age and Scouts 14 years of age or older. After a brief break at 1pm, the afternoon event will be a 90-minute Orienteering score course. The event will be completed with awards from the morning events at 5:00pm.

This event is being supported by the NCAC and with the experienced help from the Quantico Orienteering Club (<http://qoc.us.orienteering.org>).

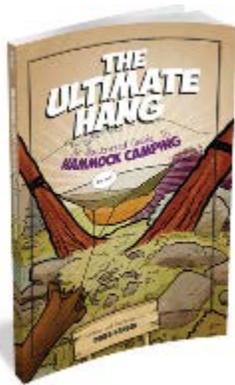
Competition will be both on the Scout pair level and on the unit level. Each troop or crew unit will have a unit score from this event based on the average of the unit's top five pairs from that unit.

Camping will be available within walking distance of the event on both Friday and Saturday nights. Camping cost is by unit at a cost of \$2.00 per person per night. Leaders from individual units need to reserve a space for camping when they complete the online registration of their scouts for this event.

Registration: Registration is to be done on a unit level: register all of your unit's Scouts at the same time, in one registration. Online registration is now open and will close 3/19. www.boyscouts-ncac.org/event/1305574

For more information and updates, contact James Chaplin at (703) 380-9631, or by email at jhchaplin@comcast.net.

The Ultimate Hang



Derek Hansen, Scoutmaster, lightweight backpacker, and as his website says "hammock enthusiast", has a book out called *The Ultimate Hang*. It is an illustrated guide to hammock camping and a book that even the most experienced hammock camper or backpacker should have on their shelf. The book takes the novice and experienced camper step by step to ensure a great hammock camping experience. Even if you are not a hammock camper, there is something in this book for you. How to select a good camp site. The "Bermuda Triangle" and an extensive discussion on tarps. The book is interactive with QR codes that lead to web sites for more information.

Available in paperback, and in digital editions for Kindle, Nook, and iTunes at <http://TheUltimateHang.com>

Spring Cub Family Campouts



This spring Camp Snyder will host two Cub Scout Family Campouts. These campouts are a great experience for both Cub Scouts and their families to spend a weekend camping together. There will be a variety of activities ranging from shooting sports, outdoor camping skills, crafts and games, to academic and sports belt loops and much more. Each weekend will be different providing the opportunity for families to attend both weekends for different experiences.

This year's dates are:

- April 12-14
- May 10-12

Registration will be open for individual families, dens or entire packs. Individual families may also choose to join us for just the day if they don't wish to campout, although the campout is encouraged.

For more information and to register: www.GoToSnyder.org (Select Year-Round Programs to find Family Campouts).

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 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/>

For the best advice, find a professional, use tax-preparation software, or check out the IRS website.



Scout Programs in Old Town Alexandria



This year Historic Alexandria has a number of opportunities for Packs. To make reservations for any of the programs below, you can purchase tickets directly through Alexandria Online Store (https://cheyenne.alexandriava.gov/cgi-bin/oha_shop/index.htmlCubmail%2003%202012.doc). When purchasing tickets, don't forget to buy one for each person coming, both youth and adults. Each program costs \$6 per person. If you have any questions about the following programs or would like recommendations for other things to do in Old Town during your visit, please feel free to contact Michele Longo at 703-746-4739.

Swordsmen's Rendezvous – March 9, Gadsby's Tavern Museum (134 N. Royal Street, Alexandria, VA)

En garde! Learn a skill all 18th century gentleman would know - swordplay. Includes re-enactment of swordplay and a display of 18th century weapons. Ideal for everyone 2nd grade and older, this program includes some audience participation as you practice your new-found talents. Groups can reserve space for up to 24 people, including children and adults, for this one-hour program. A new group starts the program every thirty minutes between 12:30 and 4:30 PM.

Wonders of Science – March 16, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum (105-107 S. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA)

Recommended for 4th grade and older, explore the Apothecary through a tour and hands-on demos of 18th century natural and medical science. Discover curious objects, from poison bottles to dragon's blood, and find out how there were used (and if they worked). Scientific demonstrations led by Project Enlightenment, McLean High School's historical reenactment society. Groups can reserve space for up to 16 people, including children and adults, for this one-hour program. A new group starts the program every thirty minutes between 1:00 and 3:00 PM.

Mad Science! – Sunday, April 28, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum

What do super heroes, crazy animals, and explosions have in common? A Mad Scientist probably made them! Explore where real science and mad science collide through tours that feature historic medicines with surprising side effects and the Museum's own mad scientist leading hands-on science experiments and the making of goop. Maximum group size of 16 people, including children and adults. Program is approximately 1 hour long, and a new program begins every 30 minutes between 2:00 and 4:30 PM.

Social Media Guidelines



It's an exciting time to be part of the BSA for many reasons. One of those is that new communication vehicles now enable current and past Scouts and Scouters, as well those who are interested in participating or are just interested in Scouting in general, to communicate directly with each other about Scouting. Online social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube have made it possible for virtually anyone with an Internet connection to create and be part of online communities where people can discuss Scouting and share stories, photos, videos, and other types of media.

Although using social media is not a Scouting activity, their use to connect with others interested in Scouting can be a very positive experience. But the creation and maintenance of these channels requires forethought, care, and responsibility. For that reason, the Boy Scouts of America has developed guidelines to help you navigate the use of social media channels. These guidelines are a complement to the BSA's existing Youth Protection policies and training:

<http://scouting.org/scoutsource/Marketing/Resources/SocialMedia.aspx>

2013 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key: Available Almost Full Full

Camp (as of 11/06/2012)		Week					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bowman (Patrol Cooking)						
	Marriot (Heater Stack)	LDS Week					
	Olmsted (BS Dining Hall)						
	Lenhok'sin High Adventure						
	PMI (Dining Hall)						
	Ross (Dining Hall)						

Week 1 – 6/22 to 6/29

Week 2 – 6/29 to 7/6

Week 3 – 7/6 to 7/13

Week 4 – 7/13 to 7/20 (National Jamboree week)

Week 5 – 7/20 to 7/27 (National Jamboree week)

Week 6 – 7/27 to 8/3

Specialty Week will be held during the week 6, July 27 to August 3, at Camp Marriott. Trail to Eagle, Beach & Yacht, and Field & Stream are the featured programs for this year. Scouts attend these specialty programs provisionally, rather than with their home troops and will spend the entire week earning merit badges and participating in activities focused around the program theme. Specialty week is open to Scouts ages 13 and up.

Cub Scout Resident Camp



Camp Snyder will conduct five 3-day sessions (Thursday 6 PM – Sunday 9 AM) for Cub Resident Camp in 2013. Cub Resident Camp is your introduction to what Boy Scout camp can be like. Scouts and their adult leaders/parents will live in 5-person BSA wall tents with cots and platforms, eat at the camp dining hall and experience a wonderful program. The program at camp includes opportunities for Scouts to earn Achievements, Pins, Belt Loops, and several just-for-fun activities. The importance of Cub Resident camp to a Cub Scout and their family is tremendous! Resident Camp will develop your son's or den's self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing learning experiences in which campers acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to their well being.

Session 1: July 4-7	Cost: \$160 – register by March 15
Session 2: July 11-14	\$180 – register by April 15
Session 3: July 18-21	\$200 – register by May 15
Session 4: July 25-28	\$220 – register after June 15
Session 5: August 1-4	\$85 – adults

Cub Adventure Days



Camp Snyder will conduct four Adventure Days sessions for Cub Scouts in 2013. Cub Adventure Days is a great Day Camp experience for all Scouts from Tiger through Webelos and their families to experience a campout without the overnight sleeping. Each day will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 4:00 PM with lunch included in the cost of camp. Every day will be different from the one before with Scouts visiting all of the Camp Snyder program areas by the end of the week.

Session 1: July 8-11	Cost: \$175 – register by March 15
Session 2: July 15-18	\$195 – register by April 15
Session 3: July 22-25	\$215 – register by May 15
Session 4: July 29 – Aug 1	\$235 – register after Jun 15
	\$20 – one adult for a week (may be a different adult each day)

Webelos Camp



Camp Snyder will conduct two Webelos Resident Camps in 2013. Webelos camp is a big step for the Webelos I or II working on Activity Badges. Scouts will camp overnight just like when they become Boy Scouts to get the full summer camp experience in a shorter setting. Most of your time will be spent working towards advancing in your Webelos trail on the way to becoming a Boy Scout. There are plenty of other fun activities to fill your week including games, trips to the pool and more. Webelos will also be able to work on some free time activities that will include the more advanced pins from the Cub Scout Academic and Sports program. Camps go from Sunday 6 PM to Friday 9 AM.

Session 1: Aug 4-9	Cost: \$210 – register by March 15
Session 2: Aug 11-16	\$230 – register by April 15
	\$250 – register by May 15
	\$270 – register after Jun 15
	\$50 – adults

Can Tiger Cubs Attend Resident Camp?



That's a trick question. Yes, they can. Effectively immediately, the policy forbidding Tiger Cubs from attending resident camp has been reversed. This change allows Tiger Cubs to go to resident camp with their adult partner or guardian.

Overnight camping by Tiger Cub, Wolf, and Bear Cub Scout dens as dens is still not OK, and certificates of liability insurance will not be provided by the Boy Scouts of America.

The language in the Guide to Safe Scouting and other publications will be updated as those documents are reprinted.

Leave No Trace Trainer Course



This course is offered to train Boy Scouts (age 14 and older), Venture Scouts, and adults (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venture) to serve as Leave No Trace Trainers for Scouting and the wider public. For a Scout/Venturer to serve as a Leave No Trace Trainer, they must complete the Leave No Trace Trainer Course. For that reason and since space is limited, Scouts will be given priority for registration.

This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and ethics and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. Through focused activities, hands-on field experience and both formal and informal discussions, you will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

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

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

Dates: March 15 (6pm) – March 17 (10am)

Location: Camp Snyder

Cost: \$46, non-refundable, which includes educational materials, trainer patch, trainer pin, and meals

Registration: deadline for this course is March 6, 2013. Registration is via the NCAC website. (Campsite location, equipment list, and other course details will be emailed to participants upon registration. Each participant will have pre-read materials and an assignment for the training.

For additional information, please contact Victor Bieniek at vbieniek@gmail.com or 703-855-8428

NYLT (IMPEESA) 2013



The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is the council-level youth leadership course provided by BSA. In order to reach the widest possible youth audience with our BSA training, NYLT is open to Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturing members and Sea Scouts. This is in line with the Mission and Vision of the BSA as well as the Strategic Plan of BSA. In NCAC, the course has adopted a Baden-Powell nickname, "Impeesa" (the wolf that never sleeps), to further identify our program.

The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scout unit and in LIFE. Impeesa brings together Scouts from all over the Council to learn and practice the leadership techniques in a risk-free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

NYLT is an experience designed to train the participant in team building and leadership skills, taught in an outdoor setting. The course is led by a staff of Scouts from the Council. These peer level instructors have completed the Impeesa course and an intense staff development process.

The course is presented around actual Scout events and activities. Scouts will get to SEE the Scouting program modeled and the Scouting ideals come to life as they learn and practice their leadership skills.

Impeesa is not another summer camp; it is an intense and challenging leadership experience. There is no merit badge training offered. Every game, activity, ceremony, and even each meal is designed to be part of a total training experience. Participants are treated with the respect they are due as future leaders in their troops. They are expected to put forth the time and energy needed to learn and practice the leadership skills.

The course fee is \$225 there is a \$25 discount if the youth is registered prior to April 16, 2013. A \$50 non-refundable deposit must accompany the participant application.

There are three courses during 2013:

Impeesa Weeklong Course

Date: June 23-28, 2013

Time: 1:00 PM (Sunday) - 5:00 PM (Friday)

Location: Cheltenham, MD

Impeesa Weeklong Course

Date: July 14-19, 2013

Time: 1:00 PM, July 14 - 5:00 PM, July 19

Location: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket Virginia

Impeesa Weekend Course

Date: July 26-28, 2013 and August 2-4, 2013 (2 Week-ends)

Time: 1:00 PM (Friday) - 5:00 PM (Sunday)

Location: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket Virginia

For more information go to: www.boyscouts-ncac.org/impeesa-nylt/18907

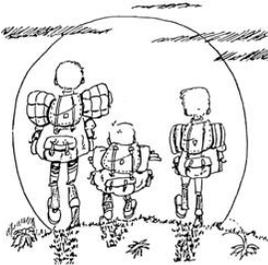
High Adventure – Space Available on Provisional Crews



The Council is on the verge of losing its Philmont P716 (7/14-28/2013) provisional crew unless 2 more individuals are recruited. With shakedown and other preparations starting soon, we really need to fill these seats. Trip cost is estimated at \$2,150 per person and includes the Philmont fee, all air and ground transportation, two days of sightseeing and activities in New Mexico (including a tram ride up Sandia Peak and whitewater rafting), all meals, lodging en route to Philmont, and all admission fees and gratuities. For more information contact Dave Talbott at Dave.Talbott@uspto.gov or 301-933-0048 or Wes Haynes at Wes.Haynes@scouting.org or 301-943-8376

Philmont still has 2013 unit-crew openings available. For a list of available slots see: www.PhilmontScoutRanch.org/Camping/75.aspx

On-Line Resource of the Month



www.TheBackpacker.com is a website dedicated to the backpacking and hiking community. It is intended as a place for beginners to learn about backpacking and also as a gathering place for more experienced backpackers. Many people have used TheBackpacker.com to meet fellow outdoor enthusiasts in their area. All the backpacking gear reviews and hiking trail reviews are submitted by the people just like you. Some reviews are positive and some reviews are negative. There are no "professional experts" here. Everyone is welcome to voice their opinion, that includes occasional day hikers, weekend backpackers, thru-hikers and those just dreaming about starting to backpack



Training Opportunities

Training Records



At the last NCAC Leadership Training Committee meeting they announced an improvement in the www.MyScouting.org site that allows the unit Key 3 to get a Training Report for everyone in their unit.

To access these reports, log into the MyScouting site, and in the upper left-hand frame, just under Training Validation, there is a new link titled "Unit Training Tracking." Clicking this link allows a unit Key 3 to retrieve the Training Report. District Committee members can select District and Unit from dropdown lists, and then obtain the report.

NCAC Powder Horn 2013



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 that 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 4-days long, August 22-25, and will be held at Camp Snyder. Details for registration and cost (in the past it was about \$275) will be forthcoming. It is for any older Scouts, Venturers, and adult leaders interested in experiencing a unit-level, high-adventure program.

For more information: contact Steve Wolf at NCACPowderhorn2013@gmail.com

Catholic Religious Emblems Counselor Training



The Catholic Committee on Scouting - Diocese of Arlington presents Catholic Religious Emblems Counselor Training on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at St. Michael's Parish School, 7401 St. Michael's Ln., Annandale, VA 22003

Courses offered:

- Cub Scout Pack Coordinator
- Boy Scout Counselor (Middle School grades)
- Boy Scout Counselor (High School grades) & Venturing Facilitator

Cost: \$10 payable at the training. Covers cost for workbook, coffee, juices, snacks. Those in the Boy Scout classes should bring a bag lunch.

Schedule:

- 8:30 AM – Mass
- 9:30 AM – Opening Session (all)
- 10 AM – Noon – Cub Scouts
- 10 AM – 3 PM – Boy Scouts

For more information: www.ArlingtonDioceseScouting.org

Leave No Trace Master Educator Course



Sponsored by the Baltimore Area council, this five-day, five-night course trains interested adults, ages 18 and up, to serve as Leave No Trace Master Educators. Master Educators work with their council's Outdoor Ethics Advocates to provide Leave No Trace Trainer, BSA Leave No Trace 101 and outdoor ethics awareness courses. Each BSA Master Educator course is taught by a set of nationally-designated Master Educator Instructors, so your Master Educator standing is recognized nationally the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

When/Where: April 12 (7 pm)-14 (2 pm) & May 2 (7 pm) -5 (2 pm), 2013 at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation (1929 Susquehanna Hall Road, Whiteford, MD 21160-1703).

Prerequisite: Leave No Trace Trainer or approval from Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate

Instructed by: Nationally-designated Leave No Trace Master Educator Instructors

Participants receive: Leave No Trace Master Educator card from BSA, BSA Leave No Trace Trainer Course Manual, Leave No Trace 101 Course Guide, Leave No Trace Master Educator certificate from the BSA and the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, and National Park Service Leave No Trace DVD courtesy of the National Park Service.

Cost: \$250—Includes meals for both weekends, educational materials, LNT The Center for Outdoor Ethics Membership Fee. Attendance at both weekends is required.

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2013. Campsite location, equipment list and other course details will be emailed out to all participants on April 1, 2013

For additional information: please email Thomas Willis at willisthomasmichael@gmail.com or 410.599.8840

Backcountry Outdoor Leader Skills



This course is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Explorer). This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders. All participants must have completed Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area prior to attending this course and be able to meet physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

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 shakedown will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure.

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

Part 1 — Sat. 3/9/2013 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.

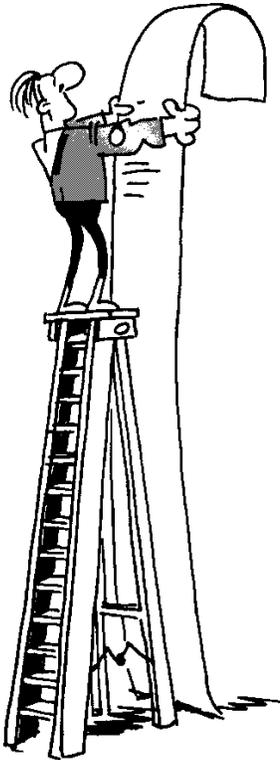
Part 2 — Sat. 4/6/2013, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 4/7, 1:30 PM (Camp Highroads, Middleburg, VA) — Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, 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, 2013, closes Mar 8. Registration can be done on the Council website, under Training → Back country Outdoor Leader Skills.

District Calendar



March 2013

- 7 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**
- 9 **District Pinewood Derby**
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 Venturing Forum
- 14 Commissioner RT
- 25-29 Spring Break
- 27 District Committee
- 30 **Training – Life-To-Eagle**

April 2013

- 1 Moveable School Holiday
- 6 **Training – Den Chief**
- 6 **Training – Life-To-Eagle**
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 Venturing Forum
- 11 Commissioner RT
- 12-14 **Spring Camporee**
- 13 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific (at camporee)**
- 24 District Committee
- 26-28 **OA Ordeal**

May 2013

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

June 2013

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

July 2013

- 4 Independence Day
- 15-24 National Jamboree

August 2013

- 8 Commissioner RT
- 9-10 **Training - IOLS**
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 Venturing Forum
- 28 District Committee

September 2013

- 2 Labor Day
- 3 First Day of School
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 Venturing Forum
- 12 Commissioner RT
- 28-29 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 25 District Committee

October 2013

- 5 **Training - BSLST**
- 7 Columbus Day
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 Venturing Forum
- 10 Commissioner RT
- 14 Columbus Day
- 19 **Training - IOLS**
- 19-20 JOTA/JOTI
- 23 District Committee

November 2013

- 2 **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution**
- 4-5 Student Holiday
- 9 **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 Venturing Forum
- 14 Commissioner RT
- 16 PowWow
- 20 District Committee
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

December 2013

- 11 Roundtable
- 11 Venturing Forum
- 18 Annual District Business Meeting
- 23 Winter Break Starts

January 2014

- 1 Winter Break Ends
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 Venturing Forum
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 20 MLK Jr. Day
- 27 Moveable School Holiday
- 22 District Committee

February 2014

- 2 Scout Sunday
- 8 Scout Sabbath
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 Venturing Forum
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 17 President's Day
- 26 District Committee