



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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from Scoutmaster Jerry, <http://thescoutmasterminute.net/2015/10/13/living-or-dying/>

## Living or Dying

A Scout Troop is a family.. and it's either living or dying. It's either growing or shrinking, viable or withering on the vine. There are many reasons for this, but the point of the matter is that if we are not watching for it we will let units fail. It isn't always easy to pinpoint one thing or another, but the more you focus the clearer the issues become and the faster a unit can recover when it finds itself dying.

I find that a close examination of how the unit is using the methods is a great start. Oh and by the way, this is important for units that are living and living well too. You may just find that you are slipping in an area that down the road can lead to a cancer that can not be cured in the unit.

Is the unit using all eight of the methods or just picking and choosing which ones are important to them? I liken that practice to picking and choosing which of the values in the Scout Law are less important and need not apply.

A strong program relies on the methods to achieve the goals of Scouting. Too many units favor advancement over other methods. I have seen those units race their Scouts to Eagle and then die.. they lost the older Scouts and leadership. The families disengage once their son "Eagles Out" [a term that does not have any place in Scouting]. There is no longer a dog in the hunt for the family and the Scout feels as though he has reached the end. NO NO... he has just begun. Now it's time to give back and be a leader. But with the emphasis on advancement, the Scout and his family see no other needs that the unit can provide.

Some Troops believe that the Patrol Method is all you need. While I agree that the Patrol method is everything to the Patrol and health of the Troop, it is certainly not all you need. Where do you practice the Patrol method? At Troop meetings? Sure, some, but its the Outdoor program that makes the Patrol method come alive.. so no the Patrol method is not all you need. How do you put into practice the Ideals of Scouts, you know those ideals and values found in the Scout Oath and Law? You need a well planned and executed Service program in the life of the Troop. Service opportunities that engage the Scout and teach him to be a selfless servant to others. This is a wonderful leadership trait as well. Being a servant leader will certainly get the young man farther and reinforce the ideals of Scouting.

I once heard a quote, and I want to say it came from Baden Powell, "Show me a poorly uniformed troop and I'll show you a poorly uniformed leader." The uniform is an important part of Scouting. I have talked about this before so I won't beat that horse to death, but the uniform is an essential part of Scouting. It builds the team. It helps with discipline. It is a great equalizer. The uniform connects us in the World Brotherhood of Scouting and is the most visible part of the Scout in public. It should be worn completely and correctly. Many adult leaders make a choice to allow jeans and other parts of the uniform to be exchanged. They claim that it is a money issue. It isn't. A Scout is thrifty. He can always go mow a lawn, rake some leaves, or even sell popcorn to buy a new uniform or pants for it. Taking the easy way out on the uniform reflects the attitude of the leader to not use the methods of Scouting completely. "Attitude reflects leadership" so says my favorite quote from the movie Remember the Titans. This attitude of pick and choose can do more harm than good in the long run and it has been my observation that it can ultimately lead to a unit dying.

And no.. it's not about the uniform. It's about the methods. Those tried and true methods that lead our youth to a better understanding of who they are and what they will become. It teaches Character, Citizenship, and Fitness. And that my friends is why do Scouting. We believe this works and that is proven daily, weekly, monthly in units all across our country. It is proven in the Eagle Scouts that go on to do great things in their lives and in the Scouts that go into the world and become Dads that raise wonderful people. Scouting works, but we need to keep it alive. Using the eight methods will keep it from dying.

The methods need to be visible in your annual plan, in your interactions with the Scout, and in your attitude. That will reflect great leadership.

Have a Great Scouting Day!

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- Dec 14 - Roundtable

## Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout

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 Boy Scout /  
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## District News

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

### New District Director



As Peggy Durbin moves over to a new position as Field Director of the Mountain West Service Area (which includes Goose Creek), Goose Creek has been given a new District Director, Jamie Larounis.

Jamie Larounis hails originally from Newtown, Pennsylvania where he journeyed through his youth Scouting trail culminating with Eagle Scout with the Bucks County Council, now the Washington's Crossing Council. He has a political science degree from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA, and served his college years as an Assistant Scoutmaster, and also the Captain for volunteer EMS for the City of Fredericksburg.

Prior to coming to Goose Creek, Jamie started as the District Executive and later promoted to Senior District Executive with the Aquia District (Stafford County), where he motivated the district committee to membership and finance growth for 4 years. In 2013, Aquia District chartered the first Exploring Club in the National Capital Area Council, chartered to the Stafford County School District. Following this, he was promoted to District Director of the Aquia and Mattaponi (Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, King George and Caroline Counties) Districts, leading the Aquia team to over 10% Friends of Scouting growth in 2016, and the Mattaponi team to achieve FOS growth in 2016, the first time in over 5 years. For the past several years, Aquia District has had the distinction of having the highest Journey to Excellence score in the council, and this year, Mattaponi district is projected to receive JTE Gold, the first time they've attained that level in their existence as a district.

In addition to Jamie's responsibilities as District Director, he is responsible for Exploring for the National Capital Area Council, and will serve on the 2017 National Jamboree Rescue/EMS services staff. In Jamie's free time, he enjoys serving on several volunteer Boards of Directors, including Rotary, volunteering as an Advanced Life Support provider with his local rescue squad, as well as traveling, where he's been cited as an industry expert in major media such as the New York Times, CNN and FOX News.

Jamie will be working with Ray Posluszny, our new District Executive, to handle all of Goose Creek. He can be reached at 215-983-5732 and [james.larounis@scouting.org](mailto:james.larounis@scouting.org). Please send to them any requests that you would have sent to Peggy.

### Rechartering 2017



Remember, we are calling 30 November as our drop-dead date for recharter turn in. No one wants to work recharter over the Christmas holidays, and getting your chartering organization's signature while they are away for the holidays can be very trying. For that matter, turn it in prior to Thanksgiving and then enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner too.

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## Reflections on Webelos-o-ree 2015



Over 260 Webelos from 23 packs, with their parents, came out for a beautiful weekend and got themselves exhausted at the activity areas of BBs, archery, slingshots, monkey bridge, human foosball, cooking, wilderness skills, pioneering, fire building, and first aid. Topping it all off was an evening campfire, started by Goose Creek's Order of the Arrow with a wonderful opening ceremony, skits (with pies in the face), and songs.

Not only is the Webelos-o-ree popular with the packs but we had 10 troops come to run the different activities and help with the food prep. They had just a much fun showing the Cub Scouts about what Boy Scouts do and had a great opportunity to use the EDGE method in their teaching.

A special thanks to all the adult volunteers who came out to help set up, take down, pickup trash bags, distribute charcoal and fire pit stands, prepare foil strips, manage traffic, and run the food distribution area.

And when will next year's Webelos-o-ree be? We already have Camp Snyder booked for September 23-24, 2017 (with all bathhouses open) so put it in your unit's calendar.

## Order of the Arrow Ceremonialists Available for Pack Cross-Over Ceremony



Cubmasters, the Goose Creek Order of the Arrow (the Boy Scout Honor Society) Ceremony Team is currently taking requests to perform a short recognition ceremony at Pack Cross-Overs. Two of our ceremonialists will wear Native American regalia during the ceremony and will distribute a keepsake memento to each Cub Scout at the end of the ceremony. If you are interested, please contact the OA Chapter Chief Henry Baime ([chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org)) as soon as possible to reserve a date.

## Updating Youth Protection Training (YPT)



Per BSA policy, all registered adults must have a current Youth Protection Training (YPT) certificate in order to renew their registration at recharter time. For this year, YPT must have been completed no more than two years prior to the new charter date, i.e., January 1, 2015 or later.

In addition to whatever reminders unit leaders give their registered adults about updating YPT, BSA also sends automated email notices starting 90 days before each adult's YPT expires. In those notices, there's a link to the YPT web site intended to make renewal as easy as possible.

**PLEASE DON'T USE THAT LINK!** If you do, you'll be sent to the generic web site rather than your personal training record, so your personal record won't be updated when you complete the training.

Instead, always go to your personal training record on <https://my.scouting.org>, click on the Menu tab, then on My Dashboard. That will take you directly to your personal training record, where you can "Retake" YPT.

## Order of the Arrow - Unit Elections



The annual OA Unit Election season runs from November 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017. Troops and Teams may hold only one election per season and it is recommended that the election be held prior to April 1, 2017. This will allow all elected candidates to be able attend the Goose Creek Chapter Ordeal the weekend of April 28-30, 2017. If you wish to have Arrowmen visit your Troop prior to your election, to discuss the OA with your Scouts, please contact the Goose Creek Chapter Chief, Henry Baime ([chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org)).

If you would like to schedule an OA Election, Scoutmasters should send an email to the Vice-Chief for OA Elections ([gc\\_oa\\_election\\_request@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:gc_oa_election_request@goosecreekdistrict.org)) and provide the following information:

- Scoutmaster Name; email address; phone number
- Troop OA Representative Name
- Troop Number
- Troop Meeting Location & Time
- Requested Election Date
- Alternate Election Date (In case of inclement weather)

The Vice-Chief for OA Elections will confirm the receipt of your request and confirm your election date within one month after receiving your request.

## Webelos Invite to an Open House



"Where I Choose..."  
"Where I Guide..."

You Are Cordially Invited to Troop 1941's Open House

Date: November 28, 2016

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Farmwell Station Middle School  
44281 Gloucester Pkwy, Ashburn, VA

Who's Invited: All Webelos and their families.

Please RSVP to: [info@troop1941.com](mailto:info@troop1941.com)

## Race Director Wanted



The Goose Creek Championship Pinewood Derby is looking for a new Race Director. Responsibilities include promoting event, working with sponsors and volunteers, coordinating Derby Diner, and running the event, including registration and tech inspection. Benefits include hundreds of smiles from hundreds of Cub Scouts watching their cars fly down the track. Can also be used as a fundraiser for the right unit, Pack, Troop or Crew. Turnkey operation, proven successful methods and plenty of support. Interested parties please contact Vice Chair of Programing at [stevewolfson@verizon.net](mailto:stevewolfson@verizon.net).

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## “Cheerful Service Chatter”

Chapter News for our Arrowmen  
Lodge Website: [www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA](http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA)

### OA Troop Representative Duties



The OA Troop Representative is a youth serving his troop as the primary liaison to the troop's lodge or chapter. He meets the unit's needs by providing a communication and programmatic link to and from all Arrowmen, Scouts who are not presently members of the Order, and adult leaders. By setting a good example, he will enhance the image of the Order as a service arm to his unit.

OA Troop Representative Duties:

- Attends troop **and** chapter or lodge meetings regularly as a youth representative of the troop and Order.
- Serves as a two-way communication link between the troop and the lodge or chapter.
- Arranges with the lodge or chapter election team to conduct an annual Order of the Arrow election for the troop at a time approved by the Patrol Leaders Council.
- Arranges with the lodge or chapter for at least one camp promotion visit to the unit annually.
- Makes at least one high adventure presentation to the troop, to include the OA programs, annually.
- As requested by the SPL, participates in Troop Courts of Honor by recognizing: high adventure participation of troop members, induction of new OA members, changes in OA honors of troop members, leadership of troop members, and other appropriate activities.
- Coordinates the Ordeal Induction process for newly elected candidates by: ensuring they know the time and location of the Ordeal, providing information of what to bring to the Ordeal, assisting (as needed) in arranging transportation to the Ordeal, and offering assistance (as needed) to the lodge in the Ordeal process.
- Assists current Ordeal members in the troop in sealing their membership by becoming Brotherhood members by: ensuring they know the time and location of Brotherhood opportunities, assisting (as needed) in arranging transportation to the Brotherhood opportunities, and offering assistance to the lodge (as needed) in the Brotherhood process. He may also, at the discretion of the PLC, offer periodic training and discussions of OA principles, symbolism, and the Legend as needed by and appropriate for the troop members of the Order.
- Leads at least one troop service project for the community or charter partner during the year. May also serve, at the discretion of the PLC, as the troop's service chairman.
- Assists the troop (as appropriate) as a trainer of leadership and outdoor skills.
- In all cases, advocates environmental stewardship and Leave No Trace camping.
- Sets a good example by: wearing the Scout uniform correctly, showing Scout spirit, and living by the Scout Oath, the Scout law and the OA Obligation.

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## OA Supports Scouting for Food



This year the Goose Creek Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will be working at the "LINK Against Hunger" food drop off location in Sterling, VA. The drop off point will be at Christ the Redeemer Roman Catholic Church at 46833 Harry Byrd Highway. Arrowmen are needed to assist in unloading vehicles, weighing food donations, and sorting food. We will be working from 8:00AM - 1:00PM on Saturday, November 12th. Arrowmen who can help should wear their Class "A" uniform and their OA sash. Please come and help for an hour or the entire time. If you need additional information, please contact the Goose Creek Chapter Chief, Henry Baime ([chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org)).

## "Onward and Upward" On the Advancement Trail

### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

- Nolan Bashore** – Troop 2970
- Powell A. Benedict** – Troop 2970
- Chad Thomas Bessette** – Troop 956
- Calvin Chenault** – Troop 1158
- Andrew Gleason** – Troop 39
- William Greer** – Troop 969
- Aidan Jessup** – Troop 966
- Andrew Leitner** – Troop 2011
- Zachary Lukasiak** – Troop 39
- Nathan Monk** – Crew 533
- Grange Newton** – Troop 711
- Casey Sutara** – Troop 2011
- Adam J Weber** – Troop 2970

### Tech Talk at Microsoft for Cub Scouts



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

The Tech Talk! Class is for Cub Scouts (2nd grade - 5th grade) and covers requirements 3-5 of the Tech Talk! Nova Award. Scouts will also participate in an Hour of Code Minecraft activity. Please note that Tigers are not eligible for the STEM Award and should not register for this class. Cost is \$7.

Workshops are held on Thursdays, once a month, at the Tysons Corner Center Microsoft Store and Tuesdays at the Westfield Montgomery (MD) store. To register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-TechTalkMSFT>

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### Question on Switching to the 2016 Requirements



Q. Suppose a (Scout) is in the middle of a rank on 12/31/ 2016, and has to finish that rank using the new requirements. Will he need to “start over” and repeat all of the requirements for that rank?

A. No, not all—only new requirements and any new elements of (existing) requirements. More specifically:

- If the wording of a completed rank requirement has not changed and that requirement was signed off on or prior to 12/31/2016, the approval should be transferred to the corresponding new requirements. For Tenderfoot through First Class ranks, this may include approvals that were previously listed in a different rank.
- When the rank in progress has new requirements (or new elements of requirements) that were not in a previously completed rank under the current (2015) requirements, those new requirements or elements will need to be completed in 2017 and beyond.

### Life-to-Eagle Training



The next Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training session for Goose Creek is coming soon. These training conferences are primarily targeted for the Life-to-Eagle Advisers & Coordinators at the unit level – but are by no means limited to same. Life Scouts and their parents are strongly encouraged 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.

**Date:** Saturday, Nov 19th

**Place:** Purcellville Library, Robey Meeting Room

**Time:** 10:30-13:45

There is no cost to attend the session.

Also, if you ARE a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit, and have not attended one of these within Goose Creek within the last 2 years, you really should make an attempt to do so. Lots of things have changed over the years, and even the long-standing and experienced L2E Advisers will learn something new.

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Murphy's Laws of Camping:

- Rocks and sticks rise above dirt when irritated by tent flooring fabric.
- Feet expand when removed from hiking boots. The same law applies to tents and tent bags, clothing and backpacks, and sleeping bags and stuff sacks.
- Backpack strap widths decrease with the distance hiked. To compensate, the weight of the backpack increases.
- The one new tent on the trip that leaks will be yours.
- The side of the tent that leaks will be your side.
- 95% of a backpack's contents could have been left at home. The 5% left at home will be needed.

## Webelos Camping



The Arrow of Light rank requires boys complete the Camper Adventure which includes a camping outing.

The question often comes up – “I’m a Webelos leader, and want to take my den camping, without the rest of the pack. Is that allowed?”

The answer is “ABSOLUTELY!” The training needed to make this happen is called “Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders.” This training course is available in your local council or district. It may just be a one day course, but is frequently offered as an overnigher. It may also be offered in conjunction with a “Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills”, which would be the Boy Scout leader version of the training.

The OLSWL training is currently under revision and is expected to be available after the first of the year. The revision will include the Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) material and will feature one training course that will cover all Cub Scout camping options. Once the training is complete, Webelos leaders can provide opportunities for the boys to complete their Camper Adventure for the Arrow of Light rank and to be ready for the adventure of Boy Scouting.

## Eagle Scout Project Showcase



Looking for Eagle Scout service project ideas? Look no further than *Boys' Life's* new Eagle Scout Project Showcase: <http://eagleprojects.boyslife.org/>

The site includes more than 101 Eagle Scout projects that visitors can browse by keyword, category and location. And you can submit your own project — or that of a Scout in your troop — to add it to the database.

That's the cool thing about this new resource from *Boys' Life* magazine: And it will only get better as more and more projects get added. Other features include:

- A searchable directory of projects: Know a Scout who wants to do a project at his church or at a historic site? Quickly find examples of those to get him started.
- A map of projects: Looking for projects near you?
- Tips for planning an Eagle project: Essential tips for Life Scouts.

A place to submit completed projects: Showing off is encouraged.

## How to Add Interest to the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge



To many adults, discussing citizenship is inspiring. To many Scouts, it's sleep-inducing. Especially when working on the Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

"If you just talk about 'What does it mean to be a citizen?', they're going to go to sleep," says Danny Van Horn, a Memphis attorney who serves as council commissioner of the Chickasaw Council. The solution, he says, is to focus on what Scouts find interesting, mixing in discussions of citizenship the way a parent might hide vegetables in a casserole.

Rather than turn the badge into a civics class, Van Horn highlights relevant examples of citizen action. For example, since many of his Scouts run or ride bikes on the Shelby Farms Greenline, he explains how a group of citizens made the popular rails-to-trails project happen. "It wasn't some random government person," he explains. "It was a group of citizens who got together and said, 'This is something that's important to us.'"

Van Horn likes to connect requirement 4 (learning about a local issue) with requirement 7 (working with a local charitable organization). He encourages each Scout to focus on an issue that affects him personally and then get involved with an organization that's addressing that issue. "The Scouts who get more out of the merit badge are the ones who tie their service hours to some community issue that they want to work on," he says. One Scout admitted that homeless people in downtown Memphis made him uneasy, so Van Horn connected him with the Memphis Union Mission. Another Scout was proud of the city's musical heritage, so he volunteered with Stax Music Academy.

One of the most nap-producing parts of Citizenship in the Community is the visit to a council meeting, school board meeting or court session (requirement 3). Before Van Horn takes a group of Scouts to a Memphis City Council meeting, he likes to get a copy of the agenda and pick an issue they might find interesting. He presents both sides of the issue to his Scouts — or has them research the issue — and holds an informal debate. The Scouts then guess how council members will vote. At the council meeting, he says, "When that item comes up on the agenda, they actually listen because they have some context with which to understand the conversation."

Piquing Scouts' interest is also important with requirement 5 (watching a movie that shows citizens in action). Lots of movies could work, but Van Horn's go-to choices are sports movies like *Remember the Titans*. Although most of his Scouts have seen that film before, "by the end, they've looked at it in a new light," he says.

Van Horn strives to achieve the same goal with the whole badge. He wants Scouts to understand how their community came to be and how they can make it better: "To me, the whole idea behind Citizenship in the Community is a realization that you don't have to be a politician to make a difference in your community."

## Updates in Process



Both the Eagle Scout Rank Application and the ScoutNET system are in the process of being updated. This revision will reflect a number of positions that have been updated to qualify as Eagle Scout positions of responsibility.

Please note that several are new entries in the area of Sea Scouting and Venturing. Also notice one position name change—changing Leave No Trace Trainer to Outdoor Ethics Guide

### Boy Scouting

- Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Senior Patrol Leader
- Guide
- Order of the Arrow Representative
- Den Chief
- Scribe
- Librarian
- Quartermaster
- Webmaster
- Outdoor Ethics Guide
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
- Chaplain Aide
- Instructor
- Historian

### Varsity Scouting

- Captain
- Co-captain
- Program Manager
- Webmaster
- Outdoor Ethics Guide
- Squad Leader
- Secretary
- Librarian
- Historian
- Quartermaster
- Chaplain Aide
- Instructor
- Den Chief
- Order of the Arrow Representative

### Venturing

- President
- Vice-president
- Secretary
- Historian
- Den Chief
- Treasurer
- Guide
- Quartermaster
- Chaplain Aide
- Outdoor Ethics Guide

## National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award



The National Eagle Scout Association has established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award. Each local council will choose a council-level winner, and from that pool, each region will pick a region-level winner. A national winner then will be selected from the four regional finalists. The national award winner will receive a certificate, a silver device for the Eagle embroidered knot, and a cash award of \$2,500 that will be available for the Scout's future educational purposes or for him to attend a national or international Scouting event or venue.

The nomination shall be submitted to the NESA committee of the council in which the service project was completed on or before January 21 of each year. The submission must include the application (found at [www.nesa.org/PDF/542-026.pdf](http://www.nesa.org/PDF/542-026.pdf)), a name and summary of the project, and the Eagle Scout's contact information. A complete duplicate copy of his Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (previously submitted by the Scout to his Eagle board of review committee) must be attached to the application.

Each local council NESA committee shall select one service project of the year from among those meeting the submission guidelines. The included criteria and other factors are all appropriate for consideration by the committee in selecting the winners. Evaluation criteria for this award should include consideration of at least the following:

- Project planning required
- Effort to develop the project
- Extent and character of the leadership provided by the Scout
- Extent of achievement of the planned result, including changes or modifications required to complete the project
- Project's impact on the beneficiary and/or on the community at large
- Originality of the project
- Scope of the work
- Time and materials contributed
- Level of skill employed to complete the project

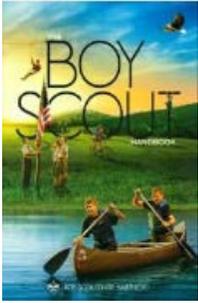
## MITRE Scout Engineering Day



MITRE Scout Engineering Day was pioneered in 2012 at the headquarters of The MITRE Corporation in the Washington, DC area. Each year since its inception, Scout Engineering Day has hosted between 300 to 400 Scouts (both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts) and 70 to 100 Scouters, Merit Badge Counselors and volunteers for an exciting day of STEM activities.

This year's event is scheduled for April 1, 2017 with registration opening up around January.

## List of Requirement Page Numbers for 13<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout Handbook



There's a lot to love about the 13th edition of the Boy Scout Handbook. But one bit of feedback the BSA has heard about the Handbook is that the rank requirements section (beginning on page 438) doesn't include page numbers next to each requirement, as it has in past editions.

That was an intentional step designed to encourage Scouts to actually read the Handbook instead of jumping to a specific page. Nevertheless, the BSA has heard you. Those page numbers will be included in a future edition.

In the meantime, Bob Gayhart, an enterprising volunteer from Peoria, Ill., has prepared a list of the page numbers for each requirement through First Class.

Check it out in this PDF: <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2016/08/13th-Boy-Scout-Handbook-requirements-supplement-.pdf>

## Eighty-three Have Earned Venturing Summit Award



Since the creation of the Summit Award only two years ago, 83 intrepid Venturers have earned Venturing's pinnacle award, which is similar to that of the Eagle Scout rank for Boy Scouting or the Quartermaster Award for Sea Scouting.

To attain the Summit Award, each Venturer must first work their way up through the prerequisites and earn in sequence the Venturing, Discovery, and Pathfinder awards. The Summit Award itself then focuses on four distinct areas revolving around adventure, leadership, personal growth, and service. By design, the award is meant to challenge a Venturer, provide a mentorship opportunity for the Venturer, and personally grow the Venturer's abilities.

Both Venturing youth and adult leaders can help to support members of a Venturing crew to earn this prestigious award. Most crews provide a program structure that already fits into the awards model for Venturing. Leaders should help ensure that each award requirement is understood so that as the crew's planned program structure is carried out and individual requirements are completed, those requirements can be signed off as appropriate for each crew member in attendance. A helpful tracking template is available at [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing/Awards.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Venturing/Awards.aspx)

One recommended best practice is to review this chart or spreadsheet with each crew member periodically during the year to see what is still left to be completed.

Imagine the success of the Venturing crew with having multiple Summit Award recipients able to provide a mentorship aspect to the crew's younger members? Not only that, but it helps to keep the youth members engaged in the program, and the longer they are engaged, the longer they will remain in the program.

## Council / National News

Council Website: [www.NCACBSA.org](http://www.NCACBSA.org)

### A Note about "Permissions" for Photos and News Regarding Scouting Activities



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### Normandy Camporee



Have Boy Scouts studying French? Do they want to earn their International Scouter's Award? Do you want to visit one of America's oldest ally? Then you might want to consider the Normandy Camporee (and yes, that's in France).

The Normandy Camporee, April 21-23 2017, is open to all Boy Scouts of America youth, leaders and families regardless of their location. The event is hosted by the Transatlantic Council, BSA and all Scouting youth are welcome. In the past they have welcomed Scouts de France, Polish Scouts, German Scouts, and large contingents from the Scout Association (UK).

The Transatlantic Council's website for the Normandy Camporee in France is now live for registration ([www.tac-bsa.org/program/camping/normandy](http://www.tac-bsa.org/program/camping/normandy)). Even if you can't make it, there is a great 19 minute film at this site explaining D-Day and explaining the theme for the camporee "Remembering Valor: The Seeds of Peace." This would be a great short film to show at a Den meeting for understanding Veteran's Day in November.

### 2018 VenturingFest will Celebrate the Program's 20th Anniversary



Venturing turns 20 in 2018, and you and your crew are invited to the party. The BSA's high-adventure program for young men and young women has announced that the next VenturingFest, celebrating the program's 20th anniversary, will take place July 1 to 6, 2018, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

As always, the best place to get Venturing news first is on the Venturing Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/BSAVenturing/](http://www.facebook.com/BSAVenturing/)). Be sure you're following the updates there.

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## 2017 Journey to Excellence



It's rechartering time for just about everybody, and with it comes our annual self-evaluation, the Journey to Excellence.

With us since 2011, this program allows units to assess how they are doing compared to how high-performing units operate. It's a set of eleven guidelines (nine for Venturing crews) along with a means to evaluate each item from basic to outstanding.

Each year, we look back on how we served our Scouts in the previous twelve months. It's also a good time to look ahead to the next twelve and see where we can tweak and improve. The 2017 scorecards are available now.

Every year since the inception of the Journey to Excellence program, the national committee that oversees it has made some changes. This has caused troops and packs to shift their focus slightly in these areas to concentrate on the items that the scorecard measures.

The good news for 2017 is that the committee seems to have arrived at a winning formula, for there are very few, if any, changes going forward. Here's a quick summary:

### **Cub Scouting**

There are no changes to the Cub Scout Pack scorecard for 2017. Everything is exactly as it was on the 2016 scorecard, so packs should continue to measure up to the current scorecard standards. It also makes it easier to improve your existing performance – for instance, finding a way to go up a step in percentage of Scouts advancing.

### **Boy Scouting**

As with Cub Scouting, no changes have been made to the eleven items on the scorecard. The only change that I can see is in the last item, which clarifies what qualifies as an advanced training course. Previously, the description mentioned Wood Badge or similar training, but the new specification is for a training experience involving five days or more and, besides Wood Badge, gives courses conducted at the Summit or Philmont training centers as examples.

### **Venturing**

As with Cub Scouting, no changes have been made for 2017 in either the scorecard items or their point values.

The complete set of scorecards for 2017 can be found at [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence/scorecards/2017.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence/scorecards/2017.aspx), including those for ships, teams, posts, and councils and districts as well.

The JTE website has lots of other great information, including guidebooks (which replace the spreadsheets used in past years), a glossary, frequently-asked questions, service hours tracking, and council-specific planning tools.

Make sure your unit is using this valuable tool. Check with your unit commissioner if you have any questions about how to complete the form or to get his or her approval on your scorecard.

## How to Earn Scouting's International Spirit Award



All Scouts and Scouters wear the World Crest, that purple circle symbolizing their membership in the world movement of Scouting. But that patch is just the beginning of your introduction to international Scouting. With the world Scout jamboree coming to the Summit Bechtel Reserve in 2019, the time is right to start working toward the International Spirit Award.

**WHO CAN EARN THE AWARD?** Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers and adult leaders. Requirements vary by group.

**WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?** At each level, a Scout or Scouter must complete several core requirements, as well as several of 10 experience requirements. The core requirements generally focus on knowledge; the experience requirements generally focus on activity.

**WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF CORE REQUIREMENTS?** Cub Scouts must learn 10 words in a foreign language and play two games from another culture. Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge and the World Conservation Award. Adult leaders must learn about the World Organization of the Scout Movement and read the most recent International Department newsletter. At each level, an applicant must organize a World Friendship Fund collection at a unit meeting or district roundtable and participate in Jamboree-on-the-Air or Jamboree-on-the-Internet, sister activities that occur each October.

**WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS?** These include hosting an international Scout or unit, participating in an international Scouting event like the world Scout jamboree, earning the Interpreter strip, learning how to obtain a U.S. passport, and visiting another country with your family or Scout unit.

**IS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUIRED?** No.

**IS THERE A TIME LIMIT?** All requirements must be completed within five years of starting work.

**WHAT ARE THE RECOGNITION ITEMS?** The International Spirit Award emblem (\$4) is a temporary patch worn centered on the right uniform pocket. It does not replace the World Crest.

**WHO SIGNS OFF?** For youth members, the unit leader approves the application. For adult leaders, the council's international representative signs off. Completed applications should be mailed, with payment, to the International Department, S340, Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015.

**HOW DOES THIS AWARD RELATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY EMBLEM AND THE YOUTH EXCHANGE EMBLEM?** This award replaces those emblems.

**WHAT ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL SCOUTER'S AWARD?** That award, which is represented by a knot worn on the adult uniform shirt, is still available. It encourages Scouters to broaden their involvement in Scouting through participation in world Scouting activities and recognizes Scouters for their contributions to world Scouting.

**WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?** Visit <http://scouting.org/international>

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## How to Host a Pinewood Derby Workshop with your Pack



**WHEN 90 PERCENT** of your Cub Scouts show up at an event, you must be doing something right. That was the case last February when Pack 402 in Urbana, Ill., held its first Pinewood Derby workshop. Offered a few weeks before the pack's annual race, the Saturday workshop offered apartment dwellers, single moms, and not-so-crafty dads access to the tools and expertise some Cub Scout families take for granted.

"Parents were sort of frustrated because they didn't know where to start," says Cubmaster Tori Exum. "It was like, 'You've given me this block of wood; what do I do with it?'"

At the workshop, boys and their parents learned just what to do with their blocks of wood. Pack and community volunteers were on hand to help families with every step, from planning to painting. Some boys arrived with nothing but an idea and left a few hours later with a finished car. Others dropped by on the way to various activities to get help with roughing out their cars, leaving the sanding and painting for later.

A similar scene plays out each spring in David McRae's Cedar Falls, Iowa, garage. McRae, the Cubmaster of Pack 55, has hosted annual derby workshops since he took over the pack three years ago. "I just wanted people to have a good solid start on figuring out the right ways to do things," he says.

### Just Like Henry Ford

McRae and Exum both use an assembly-line approach, dividing their workspace into stations for different tasks. The typical Cub Scout starts at the design table, where he sketches his dream machine onto a car-size template. After an adult makes sure the design isn't impossible, the boy transfers it to wood.

Then, it's on to the cutting station, where the Scout either uses a coping saw or hands off his block to an adult to cut out on a band saw. (Note: It's not appropriate for Scouts of any age to use power tools.)

From there, it's on to the sanding station. Once the car is as smooth as time and patience will permit, he takes it to the weigh station, where he can check it on an official scale and add extra weight if needed. The final step is the paint station, where the Scout paints and then blow-dries his car.

Boys also can add wheels to their cars at the workshop, but McRae says doing so could cause problems. "If you get the car completely done, they'll go home and play with it," he says. "A lot can happen in a couple of weeks' time."

### Centering on the Scout

Exum says the workshop has an added bonus: It reduces the number of dad-built cars in her pack's derby.

## Hometown USA Award Rewards Scouts for Efforts to Keep America Beautiful



Always leave a place better than you found it.

For more than 100 years, Scouts have followed that doctrine everywhere they go. It's in our DNA. And it's why the Boy Scouts of America has teamed up with Keep America Beautiful, a nonprofit devoted to ending littering, improving recycling and beautifying America's communities.

The embodiment of that partnership is the Keep America Beautiful Hometown USA Award, a fun way to honor Boy Scouts who help improve their communities in demonstrable ways.

Boy Scouts can earn the award by completing a community service project and earning three merit badges from a list of 13.

For a complete listing of the requirements, the application, and how to get the patch go to:

[www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/Youth/KeepAmericaBeautiful.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/Youth/KeepAmericaBeautiful.aspx)

## 2017 Goshen Summer Camp Staff Applicant



Every year, the seven camps and programs which make up the Goshen Scout Reservation employ close to 250 highly motivated individuals to participate in the experience of a lifetime. If you are 14 years of age or older by this summer, you could be a part of something huge!

Information will be available in early October. Staff must be able to work from June 17 until August 9, 2017.

Interviews will be the first two Saturdays in January.

Please call or email Goshen Reservation Director Phil Barbash at (301) 214-9195 or [Philip.Barbash@scouting.org](mailto:Philip.Barbash@scouting.org) with any questions.

## 2017 Camp Snyder Summer Camp Staff Applicant



Camp Snyder is seeking friendly, outgoing, fun and responsible individuals age 15 and up to be program wide Camp Counselors, and age 18 and up to lead our Fort, Big Dig, Ship, Nature, and Handicraft program areas. We are looking for age 18 and up to direct BB and Archery ranges. 21 and up to be Camp, Program and Aquatics Directors.

Registration opens 12-01-2016. Contact Camp Snyder for more information. Phone: (571) 248-4904, Email: [Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org](mailto:Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org)

## Great Outdoors!



**When:** Nov 19, 10 - 3 pm

**Where:** Camp Snyder (6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA).

Activities include Air Gun Shooting ranges, Archery, Tomahawk throw, rock wall climbing and elements from the COPE Challenge Course.

Food Trucks will be on hand and there will be vendors from around the area showcasing recreational activities of all different types. Learn about kayaking, canoeing, skiing, white water rafting, rock climbing, shooting, archery, hiking, and backpacking. Along with representatives from the nearby county, state and federal parks, Scouts can meet staff from area stores that carry everything to meet your outdoor adventure needs.

Don't miss out on the exciting door prizes, games and food throughout the day!

Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships and Explorer Posts are encouraged to camp with us Friday and Saturday night to take full advantage of all that the Great Outdoors! event has to offer. As a special bonus campers will gather together at the end of the day for a group campfire program.

**Register at:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-GreatOutdoors>

## Goshen@50 Camporee



NCAC is commemorating the opening of the Goshen Scout Reservation in 1967 with a council-wide celebration! Mark your calendars for this one of a kind camporee on Memorial Day Weekend 2017.

The Camporee will be a great event for Scouts (of all ages and program levels) and their families. Activities will include waterfront, shooting sports, COPE and climbing courses, as well as a special arena show, campfires and Scouting skill competitions. There will also be Alumni events honoring key contributors to Goshen's history.

## Be on Staff for Goshen Camporee 2017



2017 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Goshen Scout Reservation, and to celebrate, Council is throwing a huge party with a council-wide camporee! Volunteers of all different skills are needed to be part of the team. If you are interested in helping out, send an email to [camporee@ncacbsa.org](mailto:camporee@ncacbsa.org).

Note: There will be no District Spring Camporee in 2017

## On-Line Resource of the Month



Ever since two siblings began their blog *It's Not About The Numbers*, they have had two sets of stats to deal with ... their own geocaching figures and those involving their rapidly-growing online readership.

Every day, up to 1000 cachers visit the site to check out the latest geo-news, product reviews and opinion pieces. Most hail from the United States, New Zealand, Australia and, more recently, Portugal – with representatives from Groundspeak, Geocaching Australia and Garmin regularly logging in.

And much like their favorite cache types differ (long bush walks and large containers for one, but cleverly disguised urban hides for the other), both bloggers prefer to cover opposing aspects of their hobby.

You can check out these pieces – and help keep the pair's online numbers up – at [www.NotAboutTheNumbers.com](http://www.NotAboutTheNumbers.com)

## Equipment / Gear / Tips

### The Best Scouting Apps of 2016



It's 2016. The smartphone doesn't detract from the Scouting experience; it enhances it.

Where in the past there was a debate over whether smartphone use is appropriate in Scouting, these days most Scouters see the devices like pocketknives. They are multitools that — with guidance to prevent misuse — are an important part of the Scouting experience.

With the right apps, your smartphone becomes a navigation device, sous chef, first-aid adviser, weather radio, camera and reference library. All inside a pocketable rectangle of glass, plastic and metal.

But which are the "right apps"? A fair question, given that the Google Play and Apple App Store each house more than 2 million of them.

For this list, Bryan on Scouting (<http://blog.ScoutingMagazine.org>, BSA's official blog for adult leaders) tapped Scouting magazine's Facebook audience and consulted with Doug Goldring, an assistant Scoutmaster in the National Capital Area Council who compiled a list of Scouting apps for a Wood Badge ticket item.

Here's the list with links to download them:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2016/10/03/the-best-scouting-apps-of-2016/>

## Books

### Blue and Gold (The Complete Guide to Working the Scout Market)



This 60 page book is jammed full of the most relevant information you could ever ask for in regards to working not only Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinners, but also how to work any scouting program and event. This is one of the **ONLY** books that is devoted solely to giving YOU the information you need to work a market that can generate income for you in the slow times of the year and year round.

If you are already performing for children, work a family-focused show or if you are even a strolling magician, then Blue and Gold Banquets are a perfect extension of what you are already doing. You can learn to work them well with simply modifying your current show and having an understanding of how to market effectively to them. This is what Kyle gives to you and so much more.

This book teaches you not only how to understand the Scout market, but also answers questions that Scout groups are specifically looking for in an entertainer. It shows you step-by-step techniques on exactly how to market to scout groups to land the gigs you want to be doing. Kyle also gives you his full lead generation letter, follow-up letters and full templates that he has used for years to handle all aspects of communication and marketing.

For more information about this book go to:  
<http://www.penguinmagic.com/p/S14003>

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## Training Opportunities

### Pow Wow 2016



**What is Pow Wow?** Pow Wow is a supplemental, action-packed training event for adult Cub Scout Leaders, Pack Committee Members, Charter Organization Representatives, parents of Cub Scouts and just Cub Scout-interested persons. You'll spend the day learning new ideas and concepts and having hands-on experiences that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scout boys.

**When is Pow Wow?** Pow Wow is Saturday, November 19, 2016. Doors open at 7:45 am with 8:00 am for walk-in registration (please, no early arrivals) and pre-registered package pick-up in the cafeteria. Opening ceremony begins at 8:25 am. The first training session starts at 9:00 am.

**Where is Pow Wow?** We're gathering at Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, Virginia. Here is a map. Registration and check-in is in the cafeteria.

**Who should attend Pow Wow?** All registered adult Cub Scout Leaders, potential leaders, and interested parents. That would include: Cub Masters and their Assistants; Tiger Den Leaders and their Assistants and partners; Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Den Leaders and their Assistants; Pack Committee members and activity/event Chairpersons; and anyone who wants to learn more about how to have a better Cub Scout program. Oh! And let's not forget Charter Organization Representatives, they need to come too.

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

Pow Wow is an all-day adult training event and the course sessions are intended for adults only. Unfortunately, we do not have provisions or accommodations for children watching and their daycare. The day is just for adults. Thank you.

**How much does Pow Wow cost?** Pre-register, on-line by November 16, 2016 and get the early bird registration fee of \$35.00. After midnight on November 17, 2016, we stop electronic registration and, then you will have to register as a 'walk-in' at the event. The cost for walk-in registration on the day of the event is \$50.00. Of course, we will take mail-in registrations as well, but it must be postmarked by November 13, 2016 to take advantage of the \$35.00 early bird registration fee.

All courses have limited enrollment and many fill very quickly. Courses that reach maximum enrollment will not be available when you electronically pre-registration or at walk-in registration. So register here, now!! Remember on-line registration closes on midnight on November 16, 2016.

For more information about Pow Wow and how to register go to:

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/pow-wow/>

## Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS)



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 (Venturing, Varsity or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course, and be able to meet physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

The target audience are leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedowns will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure. Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills is offered by the Council Training Committee as an optional follow-on to the basic course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Part 1 – Addresses ways to effectively work with older youth and 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 are also made for the weekend overnight session.

Part 2 – 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.

### **2017 Spring Course**

**Classroom:** Sat. 18 March, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Scientist Cliffs Community (Alder Rd and Acacia Rd) 3500 Alder Rd, Port Republic, MD

**Overnite:** Sat. 22 April, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 23 April, 1:30 PM. American Chestnut Land Trust 676 Double Oak Rd, Prince Frederick, MD

### **2017 Fall Course**

**Classroom:** Sat. 23 September, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Aldersgate United Methodist Church 1301 Collingwood Rd, Alexandria, VA

**Overnite:** Sat. 21 October, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 22 October, 1:30 PM. Camp William B. Snyder 6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket, VA

## Leave No Trace Trainer Classes – BSA Outdoor Ethics



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

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

**What will I learn?** This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills.

This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

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

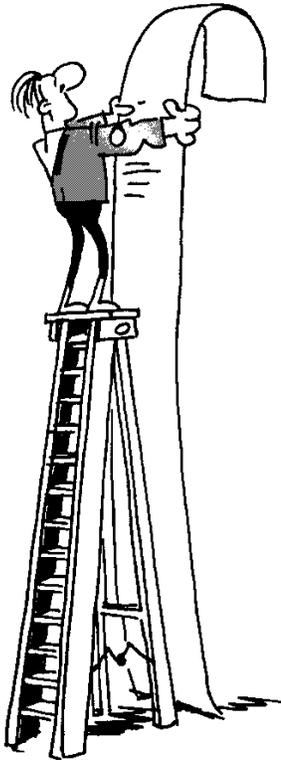
This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers. Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required.

**When:** Mar 31, 2017 (5pm) – Apr 2 (10am)

**Cost:** \$75, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals are included. Registration for all courses is via the NCAC website [www.ncacbsa.org/training/outdoor-ethics/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/outdoor-ethics/)

**Where:** Northern Virginia (Editor Note: their site and flyer doesn't give the full address, please contact Victor Bieniek at [vbieniek@gmail.com](mailto:vbieniek@gmail.com) or 703-855-8428 (cell))

## District Calendar



### NOVEMBER 2016

- 5 **SFF Bag Distribution**
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 **SFF Food Pickup**
- 16 District Committee
- 19 **PowWow**
- 19 **Life to Eagle Seminar**
- 30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

### December 2016

- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 **Annual District Business Meeting**
- 22 Winter Break Starts

### JANUARY 2017

- 2 Winter Break Ends
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 16 MLK Jr. Day
- 25 District Committee
- 27 Moveable School Holiday
- 27-29 **Freeze-o-ree**

### FEBRUARY 2017

- 5 Scout Sunday
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Scout Sabbath
- 18 **University of Scouting**
- 20 President's Day
- 22 District Committee

### MARCH 2017

- 2 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**
- 4 **District Pinewood Derby**
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 22 District Committee

### APRIL 2017

- 7 Student Holiday
- 10-14 Spring Break
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Student Holiday
- 26 District Committee
- 28-30 **OA Spring Ordeal**

### MAY 2017

- 10 **Program Launch**
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 24 District Committee
- 29 Memorial Day

### June 2017

- 3 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
- 7 Roundtable
- 7 OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 Last Day of School
- 21 District Committee

### JULY 2017

- 4 Independence Day

### AUGUST 2017

- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 24 District Committee

### September 2017

- 4 Labor Day
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 23-24 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 27 District Committee

### October 2017

- 9 Columbus Day
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 20-22 JOTA/JOTI
- 25 District Committee