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- May 10 – Program Launch
- May 12-14 – OA Ordeal
- May 20 – Soda Bottle Rocket Derby
- May 24 – District Court of Honor
- May 26-29 – Goshen@50 Camporee
- June 9 – Roundtable
- June 19-23 – Day Camp
- June 19-22 – Twilight Camp
- Jul 19-28 – National Jamboree

#### Newsletter Key:

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

# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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from Bobwhite Blather, <https://bobwhiteblather.com/adult-involvement-how-much-is-too-much/#more-5>

## Adult Involvement: How much is too much?

Even though Boy Scouts is boy-led, adults are absolutely essential for the program to operate.

However, it's very easy to cross the line between boy-led and adult-led, just by doing things adults would normally do without thinking about it.

Even something as seemingly minor, helpful and innocent as a stage direction during a flag ceremony, or injecting information into an announcement by the SPL, can send the message to the boys that they really aren't in charge of the troop meeting.

Go back and re-read chapter 3 of the Scoutmaster Handbook, where it is stated that "The Senior Patrol Leader is in charge of the troop meeting, from beginning to end." This means that adults are guests at the meeting, and any participation by adults needs to go through the SPL. It's been said that the ideal troop meeting is one where no adult voice is heard until the Scoutmaster Minute at the end (and the Scoutmaster is invited to speak by the SPL).

When adults speak out of turn, or correct a Scout in front of the troop when he is doing something wrong, it negates all the lessons we are trying to teach about boy leadership.

In a larger sense, it sends a deeper message to the boys. When an adult interrupts a youth, it tells the youth that it's OK to interrupt, and they won't respect each other or adults when it's our turn. One of the issues I hear from our boys is that everyone's too noisy and it's hard to get them to quiet down, so in a sense the adults are part of the problem, not part of the solution. (Especially when the adults are off to the side having conversations of their own when the boys are trying to conduct their business, or – worse yet – when the boys have signs up and the adults keep talking.)

Unless the building is on fire, or a boy is about to put someone's eye out, the adult role is to stay out of the boys' business during the troop meeting. The adult job is to make sure that the boys are properly prepared to run the meeting themselves. As Baden-Powell said, "Train the boys to do a job, and then *let them do it*."

## District News

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

### District Court of Honor



It's that time of year — time to recognize those amazing Scouters who've made a huge difference in the lives of young people here in Goose Creek District - NCAC.

All Goose Creek Volunteers of Crews, Troops, and Packs are invited to the Goose Creek District Annual Court of Honor on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30 PM at Leesburg United Methodist Church, 107 W Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176. Special recipients include the District Award of Merit, District Key 3 Awardees, and the Robin L. Hayes Leadership Award.

In addition to recognizing our adult volunteers, we invite all 2016 Eagle Scouts to please come in Full Class A Uniform for a special recognition. We will open the ceremony at 7:00 and close with a dessert reception following.

Each unit is asked to contribute a dessert to share, preferably cut into single servings.

The BSA is a volunteer organization which relies on dedicated volunteers. If you haven't yet recognized that special volunteer from your unit as the Unit Volunteer of the Year, you still have time.

Please submit to [dtexasncac@gmail.com](mailto:dtexasncac@gmail.com):

- Your name,
- The Unit volunteer of the Year's name (one per unit),
- Unit type (Troop, Crew, Pack) and number (1154), along with
- A short description of how this leader upholds the ideals of scouting in your unit

Please put your unit, number and unit volunteer of the year in the Subject field of the email. (i.e. Troop 43 Unit Volunteer of the Year or Crew 7070 Unit Volunteer of the Year)

Unit Volunteer of the Year nominations are due May 10.

### Program Launch



What's a "Program Launch"? Are we sending Scouts into orbit? Not quite, but it is time to start planning your unit program for next year.

Program Launch is run by the District Committee and is when Council provides us the Council Planning Calendar for the next program year. At the event the various district committees will be on hand to discuss what resources/events they have for you, and local vendors are invited to show what they can do to enhance your program.

Program Launch will be held in place of the usual May Roundtable, same place (Leesburg United Methodist Church), same time (May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 - 9).

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## 2017 Popcorn Kickoff Meeting



The Council Popcorn Team is hard at work planning the 2017 Popcorn Sale and though it's still a work in progress, they have scheduled their first Popcorn Kick-Off of the season (Note: This is the only one that will be held within Goose Creek).

When: Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm to 9pm

Where: Our Savior's Way Lutheran Church  
43115 Waxpool Road  
Broadlands, VA 20148

Though it's not required, it would help them prepare if you give a heads-up you're coming. Simply email [Lisa.Snip@scouting.org](mailto:Lisa.Snip@scouting.org) with the Subject Heading: Kick-Off May 9.

Remember, to get an increased commission you must attend.

**All** units should fill out this sign up form, too, regardless of whether you're attending the kickoff: <https://scouting.trails-end.com/tools/recruit/signup?council=c2ceadd8-f21c-11e5-a5eb-0632e198f0a5&campaign=7748a3de-0d83-11e7-a5e5-12a0d168e510>



## Working on the Farm Mechanics MB



Scouts from Troop 1666 and Troop 1154 worked on their Farm Mechanics merit badge at Muddy Boots farm during the spring break. They also toured the John Deere tractor dealership in Purcellville and spoke with the service manager there. They then had a blast swapping stories over frozen lemonade at Chick-Fil-A.







## Venturing Collaboration Survey 2017



Could your crew benefit from collaboration with another crew to give you the expertise, adult support, or numbers needed to make your events more successful?

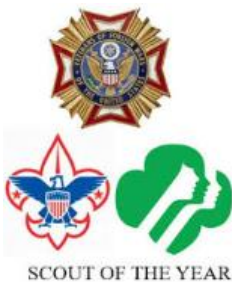
Venturing Crew 711 is trying to help. We are collecting information from across the Council and the surrounding area to try to bridge the gap between Crews that need each other, especially across district boundaries. Roundtable makes it easier to connect to crews near you, but sometimes the help you need is across district or Council lines.

If you could use a bit of help, or even if you are just willing to be helpful to other crews, please fill out this quick survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/du6ADs0U02yV8lfS2>

Information will be used only to help connect crews to each other. We will provide you and matching crew(s) the contact information you each provide. How you proceed from there is completely up to you.



## Loudoun County VFW Post 1177's 2016-2017 Competition Winners



Congratulations to the winners of Loudoun County VFW Post 1177's 2016-2017 Patriot's Pen and Scout of the Year competitions!!!

The Scout of the Year award was Eagle Scout **Brian Biggs** with Troop 2970 and the first place winner for the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest for Loudoun County was 8th grader and First Star Scout **Noah Esper** with Troop 1154.

The Scout of the Year program provides members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who display standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country with the opportunity to be rewarded with college scholarships of up to \$5,000.

The Patriot Pen essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.



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## Webelos-o-ree 2017



The date for the Goose Creek's annual Webelos-o-ree is set for September 23-24 at Camp Snyder. This event is open to all Webelos so mark the date down on your calendar now. Note: Those that are currently Bears will be Webelos this fall and are eligible to attend.

This camping event is designed to introduce Webelos and their parents to what being in a Boy Scout troop is all about. The activities will be run by our own Boy Scout troops and can include such things as: Fire building, cooking, monkey bridge, BB shooting and/or archery, a campfire run by the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow, and much more. For the adults we'll provide plenty of Scout leaders to answer questions about camping, joining Boy Scouts, and camping equipment. We will also hold a Webelos to Scout orientation for Arrow of Light Scouts and an Introduction to Webelos meeting for the new Webelos (this year's Bears) and their parents.

The Webelos-o-ree starts off with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and wraps up Sunday after chapel services. For those who don't want to camp over there are also registration options for staying just for the activity periods and for joining us for dinner and the campfire before going home.

## Soda Bottle Rocket Launch



**When:** Saturday, May 20th. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Each pack will select their own 2-hour assembly/launch window for the day.

**Where:** George Washington University Exploration Hall (20101 Academic Way, Ashburn VA 20147)

**Who can Attend:** This event is open to all Cub Scouts, including Lions and siblings/friends.

**Cost:** \$12 per person, to be paid at the event. This covers the cost for all of the materials (except the 20 oz. soda bottle) needed to build the rockets. This cost also includes the patch which will be given out at the event.

**Goose Creek District (GCD) Den Championship!** Build a bottle rocket in your den meeting using one 2-liter Soda Bottle... be creative, even parachutes are allowed!. Fire it off once on derby day! There is no additional fee for the Den Championship.

**For more information:** Send an email to [saleen.arif@gmail.com](mailto:saleen.arif@gmail.com) or call 703-439-9600. Look for the information/registration packet that will soon be on the district website.

- Please email at above address to reserve your slot.
- Last slot will be from 2 PM to 4 PM.
- Please bring your empty, 20 oz. soda bottle.
- Refreshments / food will be available for purchase.

## 2017 Goose Creek Day and Twilight Camp



We are happy to announce the 2017 Goose Creek Day and Twilight Camp with the theme of *Bug Hunters!* Cub Scouts in grades 1 through 5 are eligible to attend camp – including newly registered (starting June 1, 2017) Tigers. Camp will be at the Loudoun County Fairgrounds (17558 Dry Mill Rd, Leesburg) and the dates are:

**Day Camp**, June 19 - 23 (9 am - 4 pm M-Th, 9 am - 2 pm Friday)

- Regular price \$210.00
- Late registration price \$230.00 (starts Mon 05-22-2017 12:00 AM)

**Twilight Camp**, June 19 - 22 (Mon-Thur. 6:30 pm - dusk)

- Regular price \$120.00
- Late registration price \$130.00 (starts Mon 05-22-2017 12:00 AM)

Camp Coordinators, registration has just opened: [www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/)

### It's time to schedule your Pack's Summer camp presentation.

A camp presentation is an excellent way to get your Scouting families excited about the wide variety of summer camps available to Goose Creek Cub Scouts. Just send Rumsey Light ([rumsey.s.light@NAVIENT.com](mailto:rumsey.s.light@NAVIENT.com)), our Camp Director, a date, time, and location and he'll make sure your unit gets a great camp presentation.

The camp presenter arrives early and sets up display boards. He'll greet families as your unit gathers and discuss camp options. We then ask for 2-3 minutes, after your Pack opening, for the presenter to address the Pack. He'll not only talk about Day and Twilight camp, but the other excellent camps available – like Camp Snyder and Goshen Scout Reservations (Webelos Only.) After a quick Q&A session, the presenter will turn the meeting back over to the Cubmaster, but be available to answer specific family questions. The presenter will have handouts for your families and can tailor the presentation to your unit's desires. If you have already designated a Pack Camp Coordinator, the presenter would avail any time needed to address camp registration questions.

Remember – Female Siblings who are Cub Scout ages are welcomed and encouraged to participate in camp with their brothers.

We are also looking for camp staff – young and old, just drop Rumsey Light an e-mail. An adult volunteering for the week at (does not apply to Walking Den Leaders) camp gets to send up to two children to camp for the reduced fee of \$70 each (\$45 for Twilight).

Youths over the age of 14 are entitled to a \$75.00 credit that can be applied at any NCAC Goshen Reservation Summer Camp. Youth under the age of 14 receive service hours to be used for school or rank advancement. We also welcome girls on staff so get the word out to those Venturing crews.

Book your presentation early and help get those boys excited about Camp.

## Honoring the Highest Scouting Awards



If you have recently earned the highest rank in Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts--and you live in Loudoun County, VA -- Sumser Photography would consider it an honor and privilege to symbolize your achievement with a free portrait in uniform. The cost of the session itself as well as one 8x10 print are our gifts to you in recognition of this outstanding accomplishment.

Chas Sumser writes: As an Eagle Scout myself, I know what it takes to reach this goal. Typically, not only are you working on the scouting requirements, but you're also juggling the demands of high school academics, sports, family, church, and other extra-curricular activities. The commitment you have made to yourself, to your life, and to your community is more than worthy of special recognition.

To arrange a session, please use our contact page (<http://sumserphotography.com/post-portraits/honoring-the-highest-scouting-awards/>) and put "Scout Award" in the subject. Include scout's name, troop number and date of award.

Please note that eligibility is limited to scouts who contact us within six months after their Eagle Court of Honor or Gold Award Ceremony.

Congratulations on your amazing achievement!



## "Cheerful Service Chatter"

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

## Chapter Spring Ordeal



Arrowmen this year's Spring Ordeal will be held at the Leesburg Izaak Walton League facility on May 12-14. In addition to the induction of our newly elected candidates we will also be holding a Brotherhood Conversion to allow Arrowmen who have been an Ordeal member for over 10 months to "seal" their membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Newly elected candidates will receive a Candidate Notification Letter in the mail during the month of April. The online registration for the Spring Ordeal will open in mid-April. Please check the NCAC OA web page and select the link for "Chapter Ordeal Schedules" to register. If you have any questions, please contact the Chapter Chief ([chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org)) or the Chapter Adviser Hal Raffensperger ([hal.raffensperger@earthlink.net](mailto:hal.raffensperger@earthlink.net)).



## “Onward and Upward”

### On the Advancement Trail



#### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

**Dominic Jimeno** – Troop 998

**Noah Johnson** – Troop 998

**Daniel Kirkwood** – Troop 712

**Caleb Andrew McCurdy** – Troop 39

**Alexander Walker** – Troop 711

**Ryan Wigglesworth** – Troop 998

#### Life to Eagle Seminars



The first installment of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek in 2017 (held on April 1) caught many by surprise, with very low attendance, so we're going to try to avoid first-of-the-month scheduling from now on.

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.

- The next one in 2017:  
Date: July 8 or 15 (tbd)  
Time: TBD  
Place: TBD (pending Library confirmation)
- Future ones in 2017 are being targeted for: Sep/Oct, and possibly again in Nov. Dates, locations and times are TBD pending confirmation of library room availabilities.

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.



#### Graduation is Approaching



Do you have an Eagle Scout graduating from high school? Does that school allow Honor Cords? If so the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) has the perfect gift to give him! An Eagle Scout Honor cord available at the NESA Store will look great with his cap and gown:

<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=egKOJ0PCldLMKSPiF&s=omL7JkM3LIUk8NSJsE&m=cILSLgNXLkK0KdP5E> Don't miss this opportunity to show his Eagle spirit.

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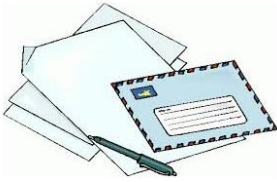
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## Eagle Scout Rank Reference Letters



Eagle Scout requirement two requires the Scout to "... demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law" and to "List on your Eagle Scout Rank Application the names of individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf, ..."

These recommendations can be useful to board of review members who may not have any personal knowledge of the Scout and how he lives his life. The Scout meets requirement two, in part, by providing the names and contact information of his prospective references on the Eagle Scout Rank Application. The council advancement committee or other designated adults are responsible for securing the recommendations from the individuals listed. The Scout may assist with delivering an addressed envelope and instructions, or perhaps a form to complete, to the listed references, but that is the limit of his participation. The Scout must not be held responsible for any additional follow-through to obtain the recommendation letters.

Although reference letters can provide valuable information to a board of review, the lack of a reference letter from an individual must not be construed to infer a negative recommendation. Furthermore, if after a reasonably diligent effort, no response can be obtained from one or more of the references, then the board of review must go on without them. It must not be postponed or denied due to lack of reference letters. Nor can the Scout be requested to provide replacement names for those who have not responded.

An important aspect of the reference process is the requirement that all responses be handled confidentially and only board of review members or other officials with a specific need may see them. Completed references are kept confidential to ensure that the writers will be comfortable submitting a thoughtful and thorough recommendation, including negative information, if warranted. By ensuring that reference letters are kept confidential, those preparing them need not be concerned about the contents being disseminated.

For that reason, and to preclude errors in handling the completed references, those providing references shall not be given the option of waiving confidentiality nor shall they provide a copy of the reference letter to the Scout. Councils must not include such an option on any reference forms they might provide. Once a board of review has been held, or an appeal process conducted, reference responses shall be returned to the council, where they will be destroyed. See *Guide to Advancement* topic 9.0.1.7 for additional information on these requirements and procedures.



## 9 Resources for the Looking Back, Looking Forward Adventure



Webelos and Arrow of Light Cub Scouts have the option to work on the **Looking Back, Looking Forward** adventure. One of the takeaways from this adventure is that the Cub Scouts will see "how actions of the past have influenced the present."

While there is some helpful information in the Webelos handbook and leader guide, you'll find these additional resources from CubScoutIdeas.com beneficial:  
<http://cubscoutideas.com/7571/looking-back-looking-forward-resources/>



## Heritage MB Requirement 4B during National Scouting Museum Relocation?



Scouting Heritage merit badge requirement 4B asks Scouts to write or visit the National Scouting Museum in Texas. As the museum prepares to relocate to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, the procedure for completing this requirement has changed.

Effective April 1, 2017, Scouts seeking information for this requirement should send correspondence to Philmont at the address below.

Scouting Heritage Merit Badge Request  
Philmont Museums  
17 Deer Run Road  
Cimarron, NM 87714

Or by email to: [philmont.museums@scouting.org](mailto:philmont.museums@scouting.org).

Alternatively, counselors might guide Scouts to one of the other options for completing requirement 4.

## Council / National News

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



## Insurance Rate Changes



Starting in 2018, NCAC will change the way insurance fees are collected.

Insurance fees on mid-year registrations and the \$1 per day per Scout at events will go away; instead, every registered member - youth and adult - will pay \$6 annually at recharter time. This covers primary general liability and secondary accident and sickness coverage for ALL Scout participants at ALL Scouting events. More information will be rolling out at Roundtable and at Recharter time.



## 75 Pack Activities for the Summertime Pack Award



The National Summertime Pack Award is given to packs that have at least one activity each month during the summer. It's intended to help keep packs active during those months when they might not otherwise meet. There aren't any specific guidelines for the National Summertime Pack Award activities. The application simply says that your pack qualifies by conducting a pack activity each month.

Here are 75 activity ideas from *Cub Scout Ideas* your pack can do during the summer months: <http://cubscoutideas.com/6276/75-pack-activities-for-summertime-pack-award/>

## VenturingFest 2018



As you may know, VenturingFest 2018 will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) from July 1st-6th, 2018 to celebrate Venturing's 20th birthday! Join us for quick access to the latest activities at the Summit, social events with Venturers from across the nation, an incredible birthday celebration, and the opportunity of a lifetime!

VenturingFest 2018 is a special Scouting event at SBR that's open to registered Venturers, Scouts and adult leaders across the U.S. This six-day high-adventure festival invites participants to explore the best the SBR has to offer. We're talking rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, and so much more!

Registration & Payment

YOUTH REGISTRATION FEE: \$500\*

ADULT REGISTRATION FEE: \$400\*

Fees include meals (Sunday dinner through Friday breakfast), campsite (w/tents, showers, dining flies, tables & Wi-Fi), and all program equipment, with exception of the optional ½-day whitewater rafting trip. (Fee for this is TBD)

For more information go to: [www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/](http://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/)



## Help Wanted at Camp Snyder



Camp Snyder is seeking friendly, outgoing, fun-loving, and responsible Scouts age 15 and up to be program-wide Camp Counselors, and Scouts age 18 and up to lead our Fort, Big Dig, Ship, Nature, and Handicraft program areas. We are also looking for individuals age 21 and up to direct BB and Archery ranges, and Waterfront and Pool activities, as well as a Camp Commissioner and Summer Program Director. For more information, Visit [www.GoToSnyder.org](http://www.GoToSnyder.org).

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### Fourteen Steps to Build a Campfire

1. Split dead limb into fragments and one fragment into slivers.
2. Bandage left thumb.
3. Chop other fragments into smaller fragments.
4. Bandage left foot.
5. Make structure of slivers (including those imbedded in your hand).
6. Light match.
7. Light match.
8. Repeat "a Scout is Cheerful" and light another match.
9. Apply match to slivers, add wood fragments, and blow gently into base of flame.
10. Apply burn ointment to nose.
11. When fire is burning, collect more wood.
12. Upon discovery that fire has gone out during your absence, repeat steps 1-11.
13. When fire is burning well, add all remaining firewood.
14. When thunderstorm has passed, repeat steps 1 through 13.



## BSA's Tour and Activity Plan Eliminated



Be prepared to spend less time filling out forms and more time having fun.

The Boy Scouts of America has eliminated its Tour and Activity Plan, shifting the focus away from paperwork and toward creating a safe space for Scouts to enjoy the program as designed.

The Tour and Activity Plan was a two-page document submitted to your local council for approval at least 21 days before longer trips. As of April 1, 2017, it is no more.

### What's replacing the Tour and Activity Plan?

The old method: One adult leader filled out the form and submitted it to his or her council.

The new method: Have a plan. Get everyone on the same page. For Cub Scouts, that means the pack leadership. For other units, that means adult leaders work with Scouts/Venturers to plan a trip that's safe, fun and engaging. No forms required.

Going to do an activity that supports Scouting's values but isn't in any book? Consult the flexible risk-assessment tools in the Guide to Safe Scouting ([www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/gss08.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/gss08.aspx)) and the Enterprise Risk Management Guidebook ([www.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-026.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-026.pdf)) when planning.

### How does insurance work in the post-Tour and Activity Plan world?

The Tour and Activity Plan wasn't a determining factor in insurance coverage. (Neither, by the way, is wearing a uniform. You're covered whether in or out of uniform.)

Registered volunteers have primary coverage for official Scouting activities, and nonregistered volunteers are provided excess coverage for official activities.

If an automobile or watercraft is used, the BSA provides additional excess auto coverage.

To be official, the activity should be consistent with the values, Charter and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, the operations manuals, and applicable literature of the Boy Scouts of America.

### Do I need to file any forms or notify the council of any trip we take?

No. But you should use the BSA planning tools available here:

[www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety.aspx). In most cases, this doesn't include forms to complete and submit. These tools are meant to prompt discussions and conversations about risks.

### How does this change affect the safety of BSA outings?

It doesn't. The Scouting program, as contained in our handbooks and literature, integrates many safety features. But no policy or form will replace the review and vigilance of trusted adults and leaders at the point of program execution.

Moreover, the program hasn't changed. For example, parents still must give permission for leaders to take youth on a trip. Cub Scouts should only camp at council-approved locations.





## Bring your Family to Experience the 2017 National Jamboree as Visitors



Want to experience the fun of the 2017 National Jamboree but can't be there for the whole 10 days? Become a Jamboree visitor. Bring your family or friends and live the adventure for a day or two — or more.

The Jamboree is July 19 to 28 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia; visitors are welcome July 21 to 27. The per-day visitor price? Less than half the cost of a day at Disney.

This year there are two types of visitors: observers and participants. It's helpful to go over each separately.

What can observers do? "Observer" visitors get to enjoy the Summit Center, the hub of Jamboree activity. That means access to:

- Stadium shows
- Military exhibits
- Conservation trail
- Disabilities Awareness Area
- Sustainability Treehouse
- Merit badge areas
- Retail shops
- Food stores
- Brownsea Island
- A wide variety of other exhibits and displays

Visitor access to activities is based on availability. Activities may be closed because of unsafe weather conditions. Jamboree visitors can visit with participants, but visitors do not have access to the base camps or participant-only activity areas.

What can participants do? For an additional cost, "participant" visitors can enjoy everything listed under observers, plus:

- Boulder Cove (a bouldering area)
- Challenge course
- Skateboard plaza
- Mountain biking
- Climbing
- BMX bike riding

To find out more about this go to :

[www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/2017-day-visitor-pass-information/](http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/2017-day-visitor-pass-information/)

## STEM University 2017



The NCAC STEM Committee is hosting STEM University on June 18, 2016, 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM, at Camp Snyder!

### Who should attend?

All Scouting leaders!

- Do you want to learn about the Nova Awards?
- Do you want to know how to get your unit started with the STEM program? Send the parents and unit leaders!
- Would you like to know where to go for STEM info? How to find out about STEM events around Council?
- Are you looking for guidance on how to organize a STEM event on the unit or district level?
- Would you like to learn about STEM activity kits?

All youth!

- Bring a display of your science project - we are hosting NCAC's first science fair! This can count for many of your Nova requirements - to participate in a local science fair.
- Join the activities at the Snyder STEM Shack - NCAC's new makerspace with CAD machines, CNC mills, a laser engraver, 3D printer, soldering and electronics stations, etc.

**Cost:** \$10

**Registration:** Everyone is welcome! We have structured the agenda so that you can walk in only having heard the acronym STEM, but will leave prepared to bring this program to your district. To register go to:

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-STEMU>

If you have already taken the Supernova Mentor & Nova Counselor training, and wish only to attend the Activities session, that is great too! Just let us know in the Comments section when you register.

Questions? Email us! [stem@ncacbsa.org](mailto:stem@ncacbsa.org)

## Cub Scout STEM Day Camp



The NCAC STEM Program is coming to Camp Snyder for one week only (July 24-27). Spaces are limited so sign up early for this unique blend of BBs, Archery, Swimming and STEM! Each day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with lunch included in the cost of camp.

**Cost:** \$320 – register by May 21  
 \$340 – register after May 21  
 \$40 – adults

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

## Kids to Parks Day 2017



Add up all the protected areas of the United States — national, state and local parks and more — and you get an area larger than France and Spain combined. Join the seventh annual Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Spend the day doing something Scouts love to do anyway: having fun in a park.

There are a number of registered Kids to Park Day events ([www.parktrust.org/view/kids-to-parks-day-events/](http://www.parktrust.org/view/kids-to-parks-day-events/)), perhaps including one near you. At these events, you and your Scouts can do things like fly a kite, clean up a creek or learn to fish.

If none of those existing events will work, plan and register your own.

### About Kids to Parks Day

The Boy Scouts of America — along with the National Park Service, the Sierra Club, the American Hiking Society and others — is a prominent collaborator in the Kids to Parks Day effort, organized by the National Park Trust.

More than 730,000 people participated in the 2016 event. That's a 21.7 percent increase over the 600,000 participants in 2015. Here's hoping Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers can send that number even higher in 2017.

The National Park Trust has set its 2017 goal: 900,000 people enjoying Kids to Parks Day across the country.

Five ways to celebrate Kids to Parks Day 2017

1. Pledge to participate – If you'll take Scouts to a park on May 20, click here to make it official: [www.parktrust.org/kids-to-parks-day/kids-to-parks-day-event-registration-form/](http://www.parktrust.org/kids-to-parks-day/kids-to-parks-day-event-registration-form/)

Register any event of any size — from two Scouts to 200 or more.

2. Get your free park pass for fourth-graders – They call it Every Kid in a Park. Fourth-grade students and their families get free access to hundreds of parks, lands and waters for a whole year.

Learn more and get your family's pass at [www.everykidinapark.gov/](http://www.everykidinapark.gov/).

3. Try some hiking or camping games – Maybe you're at a park with some time to spare? Or your Scouts are lagging mid-hike? The National Park Trust has some games to help ramp up energy.
4. Learn from the experts – How do you prepare for a hike with kids? What are the best outdoor snacks for kids? Can you recommend any kid-appropriate park books?

Two experts — Ken Keffer and Stacy Tornio, creators of DestinationNature.net — weigh in on these topics and more.

5. Say hey to Buddy Bison – The National Park Trust's lovable mascot is Buddy Bison, and he shares a bunch of tips aimed at showing kids how to have fun at parks.

They're compact, making them easy for kids to digest. Go to [www.parktrust.org/buddy-bison-program/](http://www.parktrust.org/buddy-bison-program/) for more from Buddy Bison.

## NYLT Training



NYLT (Impeesa) is the National Capital Area Council's presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their scouting program and in LIFE. NYLT 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.

While it remains the responsibility of the unit leaders to train the youth leaders, this course is designed to supplement the adult leaders' role in the training process. NYLT skills build on the fundamental leadership skills presented in the unit basic leadership training in their home unit. This training conference has six specific objectives:-

To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their unit.

- To give participants the most contemporary, successful, and useful leadership tools available and allow them to "experiment" with them to help them better relate these skills to their unit responsibilities.
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other scouting programs.
- To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at its best.
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and their adult leaders. • To have fun!

In order to attend the course each participant must certify that they have now (or will have by June 1st ) met the following qualifications to attend NYLT:

- Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts
- Completed Unit Leader Training
- At least 13 years of age (With the Course Directors approval), Youth 12 years of age and younger will not be able to attend
- Home Unit Leader approval

### 2017 Course Dates

**WINTER NYLT** - Camp Snyder

**SUMMER NYLT** – American Legion Youth Camp, Cheltenham, MD (3 separate courses are available)

18 - 23 June 2017

25 - 30 June 2017

1 - 5 August 2017 (Sunday Friendly)

Early Bird cost for the Course will be \$225 until 1 June 2017 then the cost is \$270.

To register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-NCACNYLT>



### Council Cub Scout Day Camp



Council Cub Scout Day Camp is a great means for all Scouts from Tiger through Webelos and their families to experience Camp Snyder 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.

Sessions run from Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Day Only / Lunch Included.

Session 1: July 17-20

Session 2: July 31-Aug 3

Cost: \$230 – register by May 21

\$250 – register after May 21

\$40 – one adult for a week

(may be a different adult each day)

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

### Cub Scout Resident Camp



Cub Resident Camp is your bite sized introduction to a Boy Scout summer camp program. All registered Cubs, Tigers – Webelos and their adult leaders/parents sleep on cots in 4 person BSA wall tents that sit on raised platforms, eat in the camp dining hall and experience a whole day into the night program. The program at camp includes opportunities for Scouts to earn Adventure Loops, and several just-for-fun activities. The importance of Cub Resident camp to a registered Cub Scout and their family is tremendous! Resident Camp will develop your son's or dens' self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing learning experiences in which campers acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to their well-being.

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature overnight camping. Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.

Session 1: July 14-16

Session 2: July 21-23

Session 3: July 28-30

Session 4: Aug 4-6

Cost: \$240 – register by May 21

\$260 – register after May 21

\$75 – adults

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

## Webelos Camp



Webelos camp is a big step for the Webelos I or II working on rank adventures. 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's plenty of other fun activities to fill your week including trips to the pool and more.

Monday 9:00am – Friday 9:00 am, Overnight / Meals are provided from Monday lunch – Friday continental breakfast

Session 1: July 10-14

Session 2: Aug 7-11

Cost: \$280 – register by May 21

\$300 – register after May 21

\$110 – adults

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

## On-Line Resource of the Month



Crack the code left behind in ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. Experiment on an egg to discover the effects of pollution on our oceans. Gauge astronaut readiness with simple (and fun) endurance and agility tests.

Those are just three of the hands-on meeting activity ideas available to Scout leaders at the all-new Nat Geo Kids Explorers Club.

Go to the Explorers Club page on the Boys' Life website to get started:

<http://boyslife.org/explorers-club/#>

To celebrate the current theme, Exploration, the Nat Geo Kids Explorers Club offers chapter samplers from its new Ultimate Explorer Guide and one of its Ultimate Field Guides (Birds). Each is packed with tons of great resources, including profiles and interviews with real Nat Geo Explorers like Eagle Scout and paleoanthropologist Lee Berger, who helped create the new Exploration merit badge. Each chapter sampler was hand-picked because it aligns with certain Cub Scout adventure or Boy Scout merit badge requirements.

Scout leaders can go to <http://boyslife.org/explorers-club/scout-leaders/#> for the PDF samplers. Browse them in your browser, or, better yet, click the three vertical dots and the print button. Make copies, and bring these activity sheets to a future meeting.

Scouts who correctly answer questions from the featured book's chapter sampler are entered to win a limited-edition patch (<http://boyslife.org/explorers-club/exploration-patch/#>). Scouts may enter only once, and the giveaway closes May 31, 2017. That's when up to 1,000 Scouts will earn the special patch.

Be sure to have Scouts come back and earn more cool patches in the set, including the Conservation patch in June and the Hands-on-Science patch in September.

## Equipment / Gear / Tips



### How to Make a Camp Washing Machine using a Paint Bucket and Plunger



Showers are a regular amenity at most Scout summer camps. Washing machines are not.

So why not create your own camp washing machine? With just five minutes and a couple of items available at your local hardware store, you can make a device that'll leave your clothes smelling gloriously fresh. You'll gain confidence, respect and the undying gratitude of your parents (and your tentmate).

#### What you need

- A clean 5-gallon plastic paint bucket with lid
- A new, clean plunger
- Drill with properly sized drill bit OR sharp knife
- Laundry detergent
- Dirty clothes

#### Step 1: Drill or cut hole in the lid

The hole should be centered in the lid. Make it just big enough for the plunger to fit through. The goal: Some wiggle room but not so much that water splashes out at you.

Start small and gradually widen if needed. It's much easier to make the hole larger than to make it smaller.

To cut the hole, use a hole saw bit, spade bit or a sharp knife.

#### Step 2: Drill or cut holes in the plunger

It's an important and often overlooked step when making a DIY washing machine: Cut holes in the top of the plunger.

By drilling or cutting six to 12 holes, agitation — the plunging process that gets your clothes clean — becomes much easier. That's because the holes allow water to flow freely and keep the plunger from buckling. The holes only need to be a ½ inch in width.

#### Step 3: Add water, clothes, laundry detergent

Fill the bucket with water, toss in those dirty clothes and add some laundry detergent. Powdered detergent works best, and with such a small washing machine you won't need much.

#### Step 4: Close the lid, and plunge

Agitate — plunge up and down — for several minutes.

#### Step 5: Rinse clothes and hang to dry

Be sure to wash out that detergent. Then find a place for your clothes to air dry — clothesline, tree branch, tent line.



## Sunscreen: You're Doing It Wrong



**True or False** – sunscreen should be rubbed in thoroughly to protect skin from dangerous sun rays.

**False.** Sunscreen should not be rubbed in vigorously upon application. Simply, if you rub it in too much, you're essentially wiping it off and losing your barrier to the sun. And it's a safe bet you don't apply enough of the stuff – most people don't.

After slathering on some sunscreen and applying it according to label instructions, your or your kids' sunscreen might leave a white layer on top of your skin (yes, think the lifeguard look). That's OK.

Proper sun protection is a necessity for heading outdoors. This is especially true for sensitive skin most frequently exposed to the sun.

"Use sunscreen to protect exposed skin, giving special attention to your face, ears, nose, and neck," the Boy Scouts of America's Fieldbook explains.

Always follow the application instructions on your sunscreen bottle (or can if you're using a spray applicator).

Also, be aware of the elements. If you're using a spray sunscreen and applying it in windy conditions, take extra care to make sure you're in the path of the sunscreen stream. If you or your kids go for a swim or get wet, apply sunscreen more frequently (even if your brand is water resistant).



## Making Sense of SPF



SPF stands for "sun protection factor." And the numbers included after "SPF" on your sunscreen indicate what level of protection is offered.

The Fieldbook states, "An SPF of 25 shields skin from about 94 percent of damaging rays and provides 15 times the protection of no sunscreen at all, provided that the the sunscreen has been applied according to label instructions."

And yes, going up to SPF 30 offers higher protection from the sun – 30 times the protection of no sunscreen to be exact. That means it's filtering out 97 percent of harmful rays.

But here's where it gets tricky.

"SPF numbers above 30, however, add only marginally more protection," the Fieldbook says.

So grab a bottle or spray can of SPF 25 or 30 if you want effective protection. Then, apply it correctly and liberally.

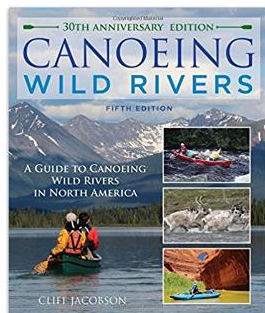
Remember: use a lot, create an even layer/barrier, and don't rub it in too much. A (possibly visible) layer of sunscreen will keep you and your kids safe in the fun of the sun.



## Books/Apps



### Canoeing Wild Rivers



Cliff Jacobson's 30th anniversary edition of the classic *Expedition Canoeing* (now *Canoeing Wild Rivers*) is required reading for anyone planning or even thinking about a high adventure trip.

This completely updated and revised edition features dozens of full-color photos, how-to illustrations, source charts, canoeing and camping techniques, and a chapter full of hard-won advice from a couple of dozen canoeing experts, and a new chapter devoted to paddling desert and swamp rivers.

Although this is the best and only canoeing book of its type, and Jacobson writes in great detail about canoeing techniques; don't get the idea that this is just for canoeists!

Jacobson shares a lifetime of valuable how-to wisdom on camping, route-finding, and expedition techniques; but the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Beyond the immediately practical information aimed at canoeing the most valuable thing to be gained is the mindset of planning, preparing, and carrying out a wilderness trip.

Cost is around \$20, paperback.

## Training Opportunities

### Boy Scout leaders can now get Trained Anywhere at any Time



It's midnight, you're in pajamas and you're sitting on the couch scrolling Facebook on your tablet. Sounds like the perfect time to get trained.

With the launch of Scouting U's eLearning content for Boy Scout leaders, Scouters now can get trained on their own schedule — anywhere, any time.

The courses are conveniently organized by role — Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Varsity coach, assistant Varsity coach, leader of 11-year-old Scouts, troop/team committee chairman, troop/team committee member and merit badge counselor — meaning you'll know exactly which training courses you need to be "Trained."

Modules range from five to 15 minutes in length. They're designed to be completed at your own pace — all at once or one at a time. The modules stay put once you're done, so you can return to review any section at any time.

The modules are grouped into three learning plans:

- Complete before the first meeting
- Complete within the first 30 days in your volunteer role
- Complete to become "position trained"

Ready to get started? Log in to <https://my.scouting.org/> and click on "BSA Learn Center."

## 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.

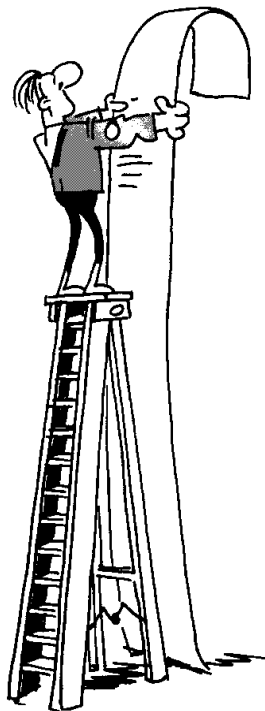
### 2017 Fall Course

**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



## District Calendar



### MAY 2017

10 **Program Launch**  
 10 OA Chapter Meeting  
 12-14 **OA Spring Ordeal**  
 20 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**  
 24 **District Court of Honor**  
 26-29 Goshen @50 Camporee  
 29 Memorial Day

### June 2017

7 Roundtable  
 7 OA Chapter Meeting  
 9 Last Day of School  
 19-23 **Goose Creek Cub Scout Day Camp**  
 21 District Committee

### JULY 2017

4 Independence Day  
 19-28 National Jamboree

### AUGUST 2017

9 Roundtable  
 9 OA Chapter Meeting  
 23 District Committee  
 24 First Day of School

### 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  
 23 School Holiday  
 25 District Committee

### November 2017

4 **SFF Bag Distribution**  
 6-7 School Holiday  
 8 Roundtable  
 8 OA Chapter Meeting  
 11 **SFF Food Pickup**  
 15 District Committee  
 22-24 School Holiday  
 30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

### December 2017

13 Roundtable  
 13 OA Chapter Meeting  
 14 **Annual District Business Meeting**  
 18-31 School Holiday

### JANUARY 2018

1 Holiday  
 10 Roundtable  
 10 OA Chapter Meeting  
 15 MLK Jr. Day  
 24 District Committee  
 29 Moveable School Holiday

### FEBRUARY 2018

10 Scout Sabbath  
 11 Scout Sunday  
 14 Roundtable  
 14 OA Chapter Meeting  
 19 President's Day  
 28 District Committee

### MARCH 2018

1 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**  
 7 Roundtable  
 7 OA Chapter Meeting  
 21 District Committee  
 26-30 Spring Break

### APRIL 2018

2 Student Holiday  
 9 Student Holiday  
 11 Roundtable  
 11 OA Chapter Meeting  
 25 District Committee