



Special Interest:

District

- Webelos-o-ree – pg 2
- Join Scouting Night – pg 2

Advancement

- 2017 Guide to Advancement – pg 7
- Eagle Palms – pg 9
- Campout Requirements Change – pg 10

Council/National

- 2019 World Jamboree – pg 11
- New Pack Position – pg 13
- Philmont Advisor Skills School – pg 18

Training

- IOLS and OLSWL – pg 23

Quick Calendar:

- Aug 9 – Roundtable
- Aug 24 – 1st Day School
- Sept 12 – Join Scouting Night
- Sept 13 – Roundtable
- Sept 23-24 – Webelos-o-ree
- Oct 11 – Roundtable
- Oct 20-22 – JOTA/JOTI
- Oct 18 – PowWow

Newsletter Key:



Cub Scout Interest



Boy Scout /
Venturing Interest



For Everyone



New Article

Goose Creek District Newsletter



August 2017

Volume 9, Issue 1



from ScoutmasterCG, <https://scoutmastercg.com/scoutings-ulterior-motive/>

Scouting's Ulterior Motive

Keep before your mind in all your teaching that the whole ulterior motive of this scheme is to form character ...

Baden-Powell

Scouting's ulterior motive, our goal as Scouters, is forming character.

The methods of Scouting, (the patrol system, outdoor adventure, etc.), are the tools of character development. We track this development using reflection, counselling, mentoring and coaching.

If our work is invested in developing an individual's mental and moral qualities, what milestones indicate we've succeeded? What direction do we want to see this formation take?

The Scout Oath and Law define the ideal character we aim to develop; the ability to resolve conflicts, solve problems, empathize with others, persevere through difficulties, control impulses, communicate clearly, make thoughtful decisions, and work cooperatively with others.

As we observe our Scouts we are looking for these indicators of character development:

- A sense of curiosity – the drive to collect information and expand knowledge.
- Ability to solve problems by analyzing choices ethically
- A capacity for recognizing, reasoning with, understanding, and managing emotions in others and in themselves
- Adaptability to different situations, capacity for thought, innovation and adventure.
- Understand the value of ethics and morals as ways to understand and help people, society and the world.
- True concern for others expressed in empathy and compassion.

Scouts with strong character have internalized the Scout Oath and Law and measure themselves against this internal standard; they judge their own actions based on self-knowledge and self-motivation. They learn to appreciate and nurture themselves. They realize that their physical, mental, and spiritual well-being not only benefits themselves but keeps them prepared for service.

We've succeeded when Scouts begin to see beyond their own welfare to the interests of others, understand the importance of teamwork, engagement, commitment and working together towards common goals.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



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.

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, first aid, 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 and their parents.

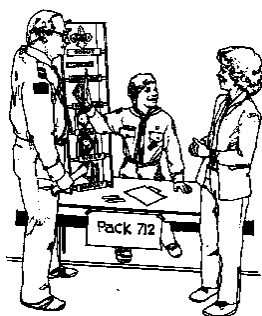
The Webelos-o-ree starts off with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and wraps up Sunday after chapel services. For those who don't want to camp over there are also registration options for staying just for the activity periods and for joining us for dinner and the campfire before going home.

A full 2017 information packet with information on how to register will be on the district website shortly www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/webelos-o-ree/. You can also request a copy of the packet by emailing WebelosORee@GooseCreekDistrict.org

Note: Registration can be done either by the pack or by individuals. Regardless of how, or when, a Scout registers, all Scouts in the pack will be assigned to the same campsite.



Join Scouting Night 2017



It is getting close to that time of year and summer will be coming to a close. That means back to school and JSN Night.

JSN night this year will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2016.

In order to prepare your unit for Stacy Noll, our District Membership Vice-Chair is organizing some training sessions. For more information contact her at: Stacey.Noll@GooseCreekDistrict.org.

Report Those High Adventure Treks



If your troop has a crew or two doing one of the BSA high adventure camps this summer we would like to post of a photo of the crew in the newsletter. Just send a photo of the crew and tell us which trek they did to Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org



Troop Participation in the Webelos-o-ree



Over the years we have heard from several troops that one reason that they don't participate in the Webelos-o-ree (Sept 23-24 at Camp Snyder) is that they already have enough Webelos joining their troop and don't need to do another recruiting event. What the troops who do participate, and keep coming back, found is that this is not a recruiting event; it's a chance for their Scouts to teach skills to others. Teaching others is the best way to really acquire deep knowledge of an area. By sharing their skills, Scouts retain their knowledge better and provide service to others.

At the Webelos-o-ree each troop selects a different activity/skill that their Scouts teach the Webelos and their parents during a morning and afternoon session. And the cost? Nothing! There is no registration fee for Boy Scouts, even if they camp. The only thing required is a service project to help keep the event running (starting cooking fires, cleanup, food prep, etc.).

If your troop is interested in participating in this year's Webelos-o-ree, even if you were at last year's, please contact Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org so we can coordinate the activities to be run. We have space for seven troops to camp over and, as always, there is no fee for troops to attend. They just have to supply their own food.

We are also looking for 4-5 Scouts, age 13 and older, and some additional adults who would like to be part of the Webelos-o-ree staff. The service would include helping with the flag ceremonies, running the Webelos challenge event, working the food line for supper, assistance with the campfire, and general "go to" jobs during the day. Meals and work all provided free.



American Radio Relay League Field Day



On 6/24, Eagle Scout Ben Pearson (KD7UIY) presented the Boy Scouts Radio Merit Badge class at a American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day in Lovettsville hosted by the Loudoun Amateur Radio Group (LARG), and then joined the Get on the Air (GOTA) station for the hands on portion. Later in the day, Scouter Shannon Klee (KK\$NMR), helped the scouts craft radiograms to be sent over the HAM relay net.

If you haven't ever visited a ARRL Field Day site, you should try it next year. Field Day is a 24 hour operation and a contest to show readiness to operate emergency communications. Loudoun Amateur Radio Group (LARG) Loudoun Amateur Radio Group (LARG) often is one of the top performing groups in the USA for their size. Some members are former military communications professionals. Even if you can't make the class time, go ahead and spend the afternoon & evening with LARG.



American Revolution: Wayne's Crossing Day



Mayor Burk of Leesburg proclaimed June 3rd as "Wayne's Crossing Day." To commemorate this event, there was a ceremony held at the new statue, The Spirit of Loudoun Revolutionary War Memorial, at the Leesburg Courthouse. Noah and Adam Esper of Troop 1154 read the Pledge and were inducted into the Sons of the American Revolution by the President of the Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Mr. Jeff Thomas. There were several historical groups in attendance for this event

Wayne's Crossing was a significant Revolutionary War event in Loudoun County history. There is a historical marker commemorating the event at Lucketts Community Park, about 3 miles from where General Wayne's army crossed the Potomac.

General Wayne crossed the Potomac with his brigade of 700 Pennsylvania troops on May 31, 1781 at Noland's Ferry in Loudoun County and marched through Leesburg on June 3, 1781. General Wayne's troops provided the critical reinforcements for Lafayette's army in Virginia, which had been in retreat from the larger army of Cornwallis prior to his arrival. Wayne's troops joined Lafayette on June 10th and by mid-June, Cornwallis had turned his army toward the Virginia coast. General Wayne, leading the advance forces of Lafayette's army and augmented by 200 Virginia riflemen, engaged Cornwallis at the Battle of Green Spring on July 6th, as Cornwallis prepared to make the difficult crossing of the James River. The Battle of Green Spring was the largest infantry engagement to occur in Virginia during the war, leading to the withdrawal of Cornwallis to Yorktown and the end of the war a few months later

The Sons of the American Revolution organization sponsors many educational contests for youth including one for Eagle Scouts. For more information about these, please visit their national website at: www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-award





“Cheerful Service Chatter”

Chapter News for our Arrowmen
Lodge Website: www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA



2018 NOAC



The next National OA Conference (NOAC) will be held July 30 – August 4, 2018 at Indiana University in Bloomington. Approximately 7,500 Arrowmen and staff are expected and details of participation will be available from our lodge leadership in the fall of 2017. Guidelines already issued indicate that lodges will have to maintain a ratio of 3 youth to 1 adult in their contingents to the event. The cost will be \$525 for the conference, plus whatever transportation expenses are determined by the lodge.



Lodge History Resource Guide



In some Order of the Arrow lodges, the practice of keeping detailed records about lodge events is ancient history. A lack of time or interest has left large holes in these lodges' historical narratives.

But all is not lost.

A new generation of Arrowmen has realized that studying a lodge's past can help the OA grow in the future. The OA is Scouting's national honor society, and when it grows, Scouting does too.

To help Arrowmen gather, preserve and showcase their history, the OA has released its *Lodge History Resource Guide*. The 73-page guide, available here as a PDF (<https://oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/LodgeHistoryResourceGuide2017.pdf>), was written by some of the best lodge historians in OA history.

Among the topics covered:

- Assembly of lodge collections
- Preservation of historical donations, memorabilia and materials
- Considerations for maintenance and succession planning of lodge history work
- How to write about history
- How to conduct an oral history
- Historical presentation and aesthetics
- Historical exhibit design and construction
- Steps for developing an engaging lodge history website
- Using photography in a written history



2017 Spring Ordeal



Over the OA election season, we carried out 24 unit elections with 95 elected Scouts and 8 adult nominations. We hosted a successful Ordeal on the weekend of May 12-14, inducting over 100 candidates (80+ candidates from Goose Creek and 2 out-of-Chapter candidates). We also held a Brotherhood conversion talk-then-walk with 15+ new Brotherhood members from Goose Creek and out-of-Chapter. Then, while serving as staff at the Goshen@50 celebration event at the very end of May, another adult Arrowmen from Goose Creek completed his Brotherhood conversion.



New Chapter Officers



At our May Chapter meeting we elected our 2017-2018 Chapter leadership.

Chief – **James Painter**

Vice-Chief of Elections – **Addison Stuck**

Vice-Chief East – **Mason Stuck**

Vice-Chief West – **Mikaeel Martinez Jaka**

Vice-Chief of Ceremonies – **Ian Roder**

Vice-Chief of Troop Relations – **Michael Nicholson**

Vice-Chief of Health and Safety – **C.J. Tidmore**

Scribe – **Nathaniel Horner**

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Roberto Berry – Troop 711

Kenneth James Heyer – Troop 950

Sean Keane – Troop 961

Andrew Kellogg – Troop 163

Maxwell KinCannon – Troop 969

Joshua Lassiter – Troop 711

Zachary Lipshultz – Troop 956

Sawyer Long – Troop 2950

Tyler Raney – Troop 961

William Robic – Troop 961

Remington Rolle – Troop 950

Tanner Sale – Troop 2970

Daniel Wasburne – Troop 711

Grant Wimer – Troop 966

Matthew Wolfson – Troop 998



Guide to Advancement 2017 Released



The 2017 version of the Guide to Advancement (No. 33088) is now posted to the Advancement Resources web page (www.scouting.org/advancement).

There really aren't any major policy revisions or substantially new policies; most of the changes are the result of the need for clarification on a number of items that weren't previously well defined. Here's a summary of some of the changes in the current edition, with sections affected shown in parentheses:

Cub Scout Advancement

- The language allowing a Cub Scout a little extra time to complete his rank before moving on to the next rank is clarified to include when it's time to transition to a new den, rather than just at the end of the school year. (4.1.0.4)

Boy Scout Advancement

- References to the Scout rank were added where appropriate.
- A sidenote was added clarifying that the clock on a Scout's active participation time or time in a position of responsibility doesn't stop during periods when a troop takes time off, such as over the summer. (4.2.3.1 and 4.2.3.4.3)
- A sidenote was added to clarify that service hours counted for school or other outside pursuits (National Honor Society, for example) may also be counted toward advancement requirements. (4.2.3.6)
- It's now permissible for unit leader (Scoutmaster) conferences to be conducted by an assistant Scoutmaster under certain circumstances, such as if the Scoutmaster is absent for an extended period of time, or in a larger troop where a Scout's conference could be delayed because of a backlog of requests. However, it is still the expectation that the conference should take place between the Scout and the Scoutmaster. (4.2.3.5)

General Boards of Review

- Clarification that a board of review cannot be denied for non-advancement reasons, such as incorrect uniforming or non-payment of dues. (8.0.0.2)
- If a board member cannot be fair and impartial, he must recuse himself from serving on the board. (8.0.1.0)

Eagle Scout Procedures

- A Life Scout cannot be required to provide certain completed paperwork, including the Eagle Scout application or the statement of ambition and life purpose, in order to be granted a Scoutmaster conference. (4.2.3.5)
- A council or district representative serving on an Eagle board of review must not also be affiliated with the Scout's troop. (8.0.3.0)
- Once a Scout earns a rank, errors in advancement discovered later cannot be held against him for future rank advancements. Given as an example is a case where a Life Scout cannot be denied advancement to Eagle because it was later found that he hadn't served enough time in a position of responsibility for an earlier rank. (9.0.1.3)
- Signatures on a Scout's Eagle service project report need not be dated before his 18th birthday. (9.0.2.8)

Merit Badges

- A Merit Badge Group Instruction Guide has been added. This guide covers the particulars of conducting a group merit badge event, including re-emphasizing that Scouts must individually demonstrate completion of the requirements. (7.0.3.2)
- It's clarified that Scouts should not have access to lists of merit badge counselors that are provided to unit leaders by the district or council. (7.0.2.2)
- There's additional clarification on what to do when requirements change. (7.0.4.3)



Cub Scout Bear Elective: Robotics



Robotics is one of the Bear elective adventures. For the Robotics adventure, Bears investigate the many uses of robots and build their own robots.

CubScoutIdeas.com has researched as simple, inexpensive, way to make 'bristle bots' that does not require soldering. To learn more about this go to:
<http://cubscoutideas.com/7856/how-to-make-cub-scout-robots/>



Important: Cub Scout Advancement Requirements Continue to Evolve



Cub Scout adventure requirements continue to be revised based on experience gained since the issuance of the currently available Cub Scout rank handbooks. While den leaders may continue to use the resource materials on hand, there have been changes in how to use them in terms of advancement. The latest requirements and history of the changes made can be found online at the Program Updates web page:

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx

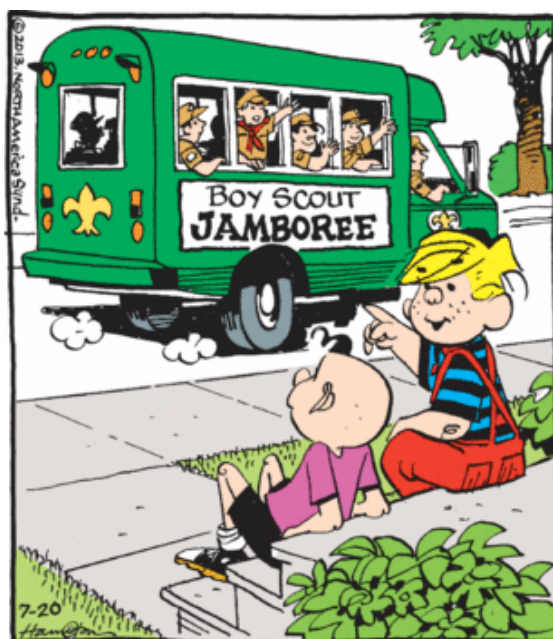


Remember to Record Eagle Service Hours so They Count Towards JTE



It is important for troops to log in the hours used for Eagle Scout projects so that they count towards the unit's JTE score.

To do this go to the Council's website and select Advancement > Log Service Hours (www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/unit-service-hours/). You will need your unit ID to do this. If you haven't done this before then select the option for instructions for first time users.



"THOSE SCOUTS ARE LUCKY! THEY GET TO SLEEP IN THE WOODS AN' THEY DON'T HAFTA TAKE A BATH EVERY DAY!"



The Way Scouts earn Eagle Palms has Change



Eagle Palms are bronze, gold and silver awards presented to young men who earn five, 10, 15 or more merit badges beyond the 21 required to become an Eagle Scout.

The BSA has announced significant changes to the way Scouts earn Eagle Palms. The modifications take effect Aug. 1, 2017.

The changes bring Eagle Palm requirements in line with the needs of older Scouts. The National Boy Scouting Subcommittee has eliminated unnecessary obstacles, such as the Eagle Palm board of review, and expanded the definition of active participation.

What's changed?

1. A new Eagle Scout can instantly receive, alongside his Eagle medal, all Eagle Palms he has earned for merit badges completed before he became an Eagle Scout. These Palms recognize additional merit badges earned before completing the Eagle board of review. Previously, an Eagle Scout needed to wait three months between each Palm — even if he earned the extra merit badges before becoming an Eagle. This meant that, under the old rules, a young man who became an Eagle Scout at 17 years and 10 months, was mathematically unable to earn any Eagle Palms.

Example: Glenn, a 16-year-old Life Scout, has 36 merit badges at the time of his Eagle Scout board of review — 15 more than required. Previously, he would've needed to wait three months after his Eagle board of review to receive his Bronze Palm, another three months for his Gold Palm and another three for his Silver Palm. Under the new rules, he can get that Silver Palm (representing 15 additional merit badges) along with his Eagle medal at his Eagle Scout court of honor. No wait required.

Note: After becoming an Eagle Scout and receiving the Palms already earned, additional Palms may be earned by completing the revised requirements, including the three months tenure between awarding each Palm.

2. The three-month tenure requirement has been expanded to allow active participation in any BSA program — not just the troop and patrol.

This recognizes that as some Scouts get older, their Scouting participation shifts to the Order of the Arrow, summer camp staff or elsewhere.

3. The leadership requirement has been broadened to include “accepting responsibility” as well as “demonstrating leadership.”
4. The Eagle Palm board of review has been eliminated.

Eagle Palms are not ranks, so the Eagle Palm board of review was seen as an unnecessary step. A unit leader conference is deemed to be sufficient and may be conducted at any time during the tenure requirement.

For a more indepth discussion of the changes and FAQs see this Bryan on Scouting article: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/07/10/changes-to-eagle-palms/>



Revised Campout Requirements for Second Class, First Class Take Effect



The number of overnight campouts required for a young man to earn the Second Class and First Class ranks has been reduced under new requirements that took effect Aug. 1, 2017.

But the total number of camping nights a Boy Scout will experience in the program as he progresses toward the rank of Eagle Scout will not change.

In 2016, alongside the release of the 13th edition of the *Boy Scout Handbook*, the BSA increased the number of campouts required for Second Class to three since joining from two. It increased the number of campouts required for First Class to six since joining from three.

The Aug. 1, 2017, revisions return the number of overnight campouts to pre-2016 levels but preserve the amount of time spent outdoors. The change, the BSA says, maintains a focus on life-changing outdoors experiences while recognizing that not all outdoor activities need to include overnight camping.

Hikes, service projects and outdoor-heavy merit badges like Geocaching and Orienteering add to the adventure of being a first-year Scout.

The changes leave untouched the Eagle-required Camping merit badge, which calls for at least 20 nights of camping. Because all camping nights since becoming a Scout can be used for this requirement — even those that count toward Second Class and First Class — the effect is that the total number of camping nights required to become an Eagle Scout is unchanged.

And of course these are minimum overnight campout requirements. Many Scouts will choose to camp more frequently.

FAQ: Can I still use the old requirements?

Generally, yes. Whenever there are requirement changes after the release of the *Boy Scout Requirements Book* or the *Boy Scout Handbook*, the Scout has until the following Jan. 1 to decide what to do (see Guide to Advancement topic 4.0.0.1).

It is the Scout's decision.



Sending Eagle Scout Rank Applications to Council for Verification

Important Items:

- All Eagle Scout Rank Applications (ESRA) must be checked and initialed by a District Eagle Scout Advisor before sending it into Council for verification. They will need a copy of the ESRA and the Internet Advancement report for the Scout to do the check.
- For youth protection purposes, Council (Margee) prefers that an adult send the ESRA in for verification.
- The ESRA is returned to only one email – unless the unit enters the email at the bottom of page two.
- If you haven't heard back from Council within three business days send in a reminder. (Currently, with the pre-District check, reviews are being done in a single day).

Completing Partial Merit Badges



Partials refer to merit badges that for whatever reason are not completed during the summer camp session. The Scout has done some of the requirements towards being awarded the merit badge but for one reason or another, has not been able to cover all of them. Partials may also occur when a Scout starts the badge with a counselor who has since moved away or retired from Scouting while the Scout is still working on the requirements, or most likely, taking a break from working on the requirements.

To finish the merit badge it is up to the Scout to make an appointment with another merit badge counselor to complete the missing requirements. There is no requirement that the original counselor be the one to whom they go or that they have to wait till the next summer camp to complete it.

Important Facts:

- The only expiration date on a partial is the Scout turning 18. If a Scout got the partial when they were 11 they can still complete it when they are 17 years and 11 months old.
- The only requirements the Scout needs to do are the ones not signed on the Blue Card. The new merit badge counselor cannot make a Scout redo a signed requirement as a test or not accept it because they suspect the 'quality' of the work done. If it's been signed then it's done, period. Conversely, if all the Scout has is a worksheet from camp of what was done and it wasn't also signed on the Blue Card then it officially wasn't done and it is up to the counselor on whether to accept it or not.

Changes in the merit badge requirements that have occurred since the partial was done are not to be considered. The Scout must complete only the requirements in place when the badge was started. This means that any new requirements do not have to be done, on the other hand, any requirements that were dropped but were not completed do have to be done.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



2019 World Jamboree



For the first time since 1967 when the BSA hosted its only World Jamboree in Idaho, the BSA will co-host the international event with the scout associations of Mexico and Canada at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. Details for council troops and staff positions will be available in the fall of 2017 once the current National Jamboree is over.



Cubs can Canoe! New Aquatics Rules Now in Effect



When you think about Scouting, you think about doing things in the great outdoors. Fishing, archery and hiking all come to mind. So do aquatics like swimming and boating. But certain activities have traditionally been off limits or restricted for various age groups because of safety, training, or other considerations. You're probably aware that Cub Scouts weren't supposed to go canoeing, kayaking or rowing unless it's at a camp or program operated by the Boy Scouts of America or your local council – but not as an activity conducted by your pack.

In April of this year, however, the rules for Cub Scout aquatics changed to allow a range of activities permitted at the unit level. And while **most water activities** – the more rigorous and risky ones – **are still restricted** to Boy Scouts and older, Cub Scouts of all ages can now go canoeing, rowboating and paddle boating – the very things they've been doing with their families all along.

There's always a catch, though, but it's not a big deal and isn't anything you wouldn't expect. While we no longer have tour permits or tour plans, the requirements for **adult leaders to be appropriately trained** are still in force. There are two primary unit volunteer training courses for aquatics, and they're both available online: **Safe Swim Defense** and **Safety Afloat**.



Whitewater Rafting BSA Award Just Around the Bend



The best part about whitewater rafting with your Scout troop or Venturing crew: every seat is in the splash zone.

The thrill and challenge of whitewater rafting inspired the Whitewater Rafting BSA award. It is the BSA's eighth and newest aquatics award and will be available later this year for youth and adult members of Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing or Sea Scout units.

The official requirements, which will be posted online at the BSA Aquatics Program page later this year, will focus on safety and basic paddling skills for whitewater up to Class III.

Note: This isn't one you can go out and earn on your own. Instruction and skill completion must be supervised by a professionally trained or licensed rafting guide. A qualified raft captain must be in the raft during the trip. To earn the award, you'll need to help paddle and steer the raft; simply riding in a raft rowed by a guide won't count.

Sixteen Scouts from Troop 961 (Hillsboro) were among the first in the country to qualify for this award on a July 21-23 weekend adventure to Ohiopyle PA. Scouts and Venturers who participated in whitewater rafting at the 2017 National Jamboree were also eligible to earn this award.

Patches and pocket cards are in production and will be available at scoutstuff.org and in local Scout Shops later this season. A support brochure is also planned.

The patch, seen in mock-up form to the side, will be worn on swimming trunks.



New Pack Membership & Marketing Position



NCAC has created a new adult position for Packs called the Pack Membership Chair. The "Key Responsibilities" for this position follow:

- 1) Meet with unit leaders and committee quarterly to discuss membership goals and objectives.
 - a) Are more than 10% of the available youth in our area getting Scouting? (Some info available from district on local Market size. Check with your DE and/or your public school's website.)
 - b) How do we let the community know the great things our youth are doing?
 - c) Do we have a working relationship with all the schools and youth institutions in our area?
- 2) Establish and maintain unit web presence (e.g., BeAScout pin, unit website, link from district website or Facebook, unit Facebook, other newer media possibilities)
- 3) Use, or evaluate, BSA's new Online Registration System – including Invitation Manager
- 4) Run at least 2 recruitment/Scouting promotion events per year to insure unit growth (e.g., school fairs, back--to--school picnics, back-to--school nights, PTA newsletters, science fairs)
- 5) Distribute membership flyers to schools or faith-based organizations
- 6) Establish relationships with all the faith-based organizations in your area:
 - a) Posting information about Unit on their bulletin board, website
 - b) Requesting presence in their service literature
 - c) Connecting them with unit leaders for service project opportunities
- 7) Conduct Scouting Rallies In schools, leveraging council support when needed
- 8) Attend a membership chairperson training session or annual best practices seminar
- 9) Track the membership of your unit to insure growth
- 10) Adopt a school or faith community and conduct one community service project for them at least once a year
- 11) Insure That new youth and adult applications are turned into the council service center in a timely manner – 1 week after receipt of applications is ideal
- 12) Ensure unit achieves JTE Gold status in membership
- 13) Prepare press releases for "good deeds", events, and achievements

LOL



A Scout Leader noticed that his new Scouts were having difficulty getting organized for their first cook-out. He asked if they had forgotten any essential equipment.

"Yes, " one boy replied. "My mother."



Eagle Scout Could be on His Way to Sainthood



Nearly a century after Frank Parater's death, leaders in the Catholic church want to honor Parater's life with an even rarer honor: sainthood.

Parater died of rheumatic fever in 1920 in Rome; he was just 22. But in that short life he sought perfection as a student, Scout and seminarian. Just before he died, Parater wrote a letter to his Scout troop back home. He told them that, when their time came, he'd warmly welcome them to "the campfire of eternal life."

In 2001, church leaders began the canonization process for Parater — formally initiating the steps toward sainthood. The process can take many years. To learn more about Frank Parater see this Bryan on Scouting article:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/06/07/eagle-scout-could-be-on-his-way-to-sainthood/>



Cub Scout EXPO & Family Camping Event



On Oct 21-22, come for the Expo, stay for the night! Cubs can enjoy camping with family and scouting friends in crisp fall air. The event fee includes full access to the Cub Scout Fall Expo! There will be vendors, shooting sports, games and activities for Cubs and Cub aged siblings. We will cap off the day with a group campfire!

Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-13689>. Early Bird registration ends September 30, 2017 so register early and save! Registration closes Friday October 7, 2017

All participants must bring a complete BSA health form parts A & B with them to check-in.

If you have food allergies, a medical condition or you require a special diet for religious reasons and plan to purchase the meal plan please complete the Special Dietary Request form and submit it to Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org no later than October 1, 2017.

Cost is \$30 per Scout or Cub Scout age sibling, \$10 for adults or Boy Scout age siblings, and free for those 5 and under.



Great Outdoors Webelos and Boy Scout EXPO



When: Nov 18, 10 am – 3 pm

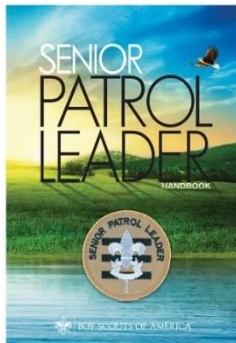
Activities include Air Gun Shooting ranges, Archery, Tomahawk throwing, rock wall climbing and elements from the COPE Challenge Course.

We plan to have vendors from around the area showcasing recreational activities of all kinds. Learn about kayaking, canoeing, skiing, white water rafting, rock climbing, shooting, archery, hiking, and backpacking option in the area. Meet staff from area stores that carry equipment to meet your outdoor adventure needs.

Units are encouraged to camp with us Friday and Saturday night to take full advantage of all that the Great Outdoors event has to offer.

Registration at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-GreatOutdoors>, fee is \$10.

New Patrol Leader Handbook and Senior Patrol Leader Handbook



The leadership lessons learned in Scouting aren't taught in schools, but you can find them in a book.

That is, provided that book is the *Patrol Leader Handbook* or *Senior Patrol Leader Handbook*.

These essential guides for Boy Scout leaders have been updated for 2017. They include ready-to-use tips to help Boy Scouts become effective leaders at troop meetings and on the trail.

What's new in the latest editions:

- Key concepts from ILST and NYLT are included.
- Various styles of leadership are defined and contrasted. This includes controlling, doing it all yourself, intimidation, wanting everyone to like you and servant leadership. The handbooks give examples of when and how those styles may (or may not) work in the Scouting environment.
- A focus on servant leadership as the preferred method of leadership in Scouting. Servant leadership, put simply, is a choice to give more than the leader receives.
- A discussion of the stages of team development: forming, storming, norming and performing
- A discussion on the Leading EDGE and how a youth leader's approach must be adjusted as their troop or patrol progresses (or regresses) from one stage to the next.
- An expanded section on commonly encountered scenarios that challenge the leadership of senior patrol leaders and patrol leaders.
- The inclusion of the new Scout Planning Worksheet, a resource to teach all Scouts essential planning skills.

The books are \$11.99, and you can buy them at your Scout Shop or at ScoutStuff.org.



Take a Peek Inside the New Venturing Toolbox



In May 2017, the national office released a new Venturing Training Toolbox that can help both youth and adult Venturers learn and give presentations more effectively. This is an entirely free toolbox where you can obtain information and presentation materials for upcoming crew meetings.

Inside the toolbox, users will find several PowerPoint templates that can be adapted for various types of presentations, ranging from advancement-related topics (training and awards) to helpful crew and council topics (marketing, events, Venturing Officers Association (VOA), and others). All PowerPoints have been reviewed and enhanced by the National Venturing Youth Cabinet and other youth Venturers.

All toolbox presentations may be reviewed and customized for individual presentations to fit specific needs of individuals and crews. Presentations may also be combined, depending on the desired topics. Check this new Venturing Training Toolbox out today by visiting www.venturing.org/training-toolbox.html



Here's How to Earn the BSA 2017 Solar Eclipse Patch



A total solar eclipse is a rare event. A total solar eclipse whose path crosses right over the heart of the United States? Even rarer. There won't be another total solar eclipse over the United States until 2024. After that, you must wait until 2045. In other words, when Aug. 21 arrives, make sure you're ready.

On Aug. 21, 2017, the solar system serves up a special treat. Aug. 21 is a Monday, but those Scouts and Venturers who are still on summer break should plan a big celebration. Like all the best celebrations, this one comes with its own patch.

How to earn the BSA 2017 Solar Eclipse patch

1. Locate a site suitable for viewing the eclipse. Search Google for "eclipse viewing" and the name of your city or town to find events near you. See the exact path and precise timings at this NASA site: www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2017/nasa-moon-data-provides-more-accurate-2017-eclipse-path
2. Describe how to safely view the eclipse. Never look directly at the sun. Instead, look directly at these tips from NASA on how to view the eclipse safely: <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety>
3. Discuss with your group what you saw and felt during the eclipse. Post your comments and eclipse photos on social media using the hashtag #BSAEclipse2017.
4. Do the following:
 - a. Cub Scouts: Discuss what a solar eclipse is with your leaders.
 - b. Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts: Draw a diagram of the positions of the moon, earth, and sun to show how the solar eclipse occurs.
 - c. Venturers: Research Sir Arthur Stanley Eddington's 1919 experiment and discuss how it confirmed Einstein's theory of general relativity.

Note: Patches must be preordered from the Scout Shop. The emblems won't arrive until early to mid-August, but there are only going to be 5000 produced. The stores will do their best to assist units in providing the awards, but we expect that allocation to be dispersed quickly.)

Find more ways to make the most of this STEM-heavy celestial event at: www.scouting.org/eclipse2017.aspx



Scout Catches World-Record Fish



For the first time since he was a Cub Scout, Mark S. went fishing Friday at the jamboree — and he broke the world record for catching the largest grass carp with a fishing rod without a reel.

The fish weighed in at a whopping 22 pounds and was 39 inches long.

Mark is a 15-year-old Life Scout from Troop 1444, from the National Capital Area Council. As luck would have it, Mark was accompanied on the Goodrich Lake fishing dock by the previous record holder, Pacifico (PJ) Perea, a fishing staff member.



Maryland Orienteering Day



The 41st annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Day is on Saturday, Nov 4, 2017. Virginia troops (and Venturing Crews) are also eligible, and a large number always attend and do well. Self-guided instruction and courses are designed for beginners to this forest navigation map sport, plus intermediate and advanced levels, all on clear, professional color orienteering maps (two per Scout.) Last year a new morning instructional activity was a big hit.

Cost is \$4.00 per participant, plus, if camping, an extra \$2 per person per night. Over 100 awards (unique patches) will be presented.

Some of the tougher orienteering merit badge requirements can be met; this event does not focus on GPS or on the Geocaching or Search & Rescue merit badges.

On-line or surface mail registration, Oct. 23 deadline:

www.BaltimoreBSA.org/orienteering , or the contact event chair DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net .

Small troops can combine with other small troops to be eligible for the "premier" troop category (10+ youth.) Venture units, Girl Scouts (age 10.5 or above) also welcome; no Cubs, no Webelos. A minimum of two Scouts from every unit is required.



20% Off at Treetop and Zip Line Courses at GoApe!



Hey Scouts! Did you know Go Ape has a BRAND NEW Treetop Adventure and Treetop Junior Course in Springfield, Virginia? Located conveniently within the South Run Recreation Center, Go Ape South Run is so much more than your typical zip line canopy tour! Go Ape is a fully immersive outdoor experience featuring two separate Treetop Courses: Treetop Adventure and Treetop Junior.

Treetop Adventure is for guests 10 and up offering a 2-3-hour journey through the forest canopy as you take on suspended obstacles and breathtaking zip lines. Challenge yourself through 5 action packed treetop obstacle sites.

Treetop Junior is a 1 hour treetop experience designed specifically for those young adventurers in your group. Treetop Junior courses utilize a state of the art safety system that will keep your young adventurers safe while they focus on having fun! Made up of 20 obstacles and 2 zip lines.

Our sister site is located in Rockville Maryland boasting our longest Treetop Adventure! Go Ape Rock Creek Park features 6 sites of treetop obstacles and 6 zip lines including a skateboard zip line! Challenge yourself through 44 unique crossings like the Stirrups, Twister and 2 Tarzan swings. Go Ape Rock Creek now offers team-building for groups large and small.

For more information or to book your adventure, visit our website at www.Goape.com. For group reservations offering special rates, please contact groups@aope.com. Book with the promo code SCOUT20 for 20% off your reservation!



Philmont Advisor Skills School



Hiking around your neighborhood wearing a brick-filled backpack is a good way to get your body in shape for Philmont. But what about your mind? That's where the Philmont Advisor Skills School and Philmont Advisor Workshop really shine.

These courses — offered both at Philmont and in a city near you — are designed for adult advisors signed up to take a Philmont trek in 2018 or 2019. But, really, anyone interested in learning more about Philmont is invited. Last year, more than 1,100 people attended. This year, that number will be even higher.

If you're committed to making your Philmont trek a great experience for the guys and girls in your troop or crew, you really should make plans to attend. Successful Philmont crews begin regular planning meetings and practice hikes more than a year before their trek, and these courses focus your efforts with information straight from the source.

Philmont Advisor Workshop (PAW):

<http://philmontscoutranch.org/TrekPreparation/PASS/PAW.aspx>

PAW courses will be two hour evening workshops (typically 7:00pm-9:00pm) and will cover skills such as what kind of gear to take on your trek, tips and tricks for getting into the proper physical condition for a Philmont trek, and a rundown of the different leadership positions within your crew and how you can better prepare the youth for their leadership role.

Cost: \$10 and covers PAW materials including the PAW Patch.

When (in Washington area):

- Tuesday, October 17 – NCAC Headquarters, Bethesda, MD
- Thursday, October 19 – Richmond, VA

Philmont Advisor Skills School in the Field (Field-PASS):

<http://philmontscoutranch.org/TrekPreparation/PASS/Field.aspx>

Field-PASS courses will begin at 9:00am and usually take place in council scout offices. Experienced members from the Ranger and Backcountry Departments will lead you in the backcountry and logistical fundamentals of Philmont over the course of the day. Participants will enjoy a trail lunch and dinner in between training sessions. At the conclusion of the course, advisors will receive PASS materials to share with crew members. Courses end around 5:00pm.

Cost: \$40 and covers a Philmont-style trail meal lunch, dinner, and PASS materials including the PASS Patch.

When (in Washington area):

- Saturday, October 14 – Whiteford, ME
- Sunday, October 15 – Bethesda, MD..

Philmont Advisor Skills School at Philmont (PSR-PASS):

<http://philmontscoutranch.org/TrekPreparation/PASS/PSR.aspx>

Four-day, three-night courses offering the ultimate guide to a Philmont trek. Because people learn best by doing, participants at PSR-PASS head into the Philmont backcountry for an overnight experience that will prepare them for their actual trek.

PASS and PAW video

Prefer your information in video form? Philmont has you covered:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npgVVI9kr4Y&feature=youtu.be>

V3 Hike-o-ree 2017



The 28th Annual V3 (Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held October 27-29, 2017, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration is limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Scout units including Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Varsity Teams, Boy Scout Troops, and Girl Scout Troops.

Units are encouraged to form trail crews consisting of no more than twelve members, including at least two adults. Participation minimum age for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is 13 years old as of January 1, 2018.

Registration on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS begins on September 1, 2017, on the BSA National Capital Area Council website.

An initial unit deposit is required to reserve a particular hike not later than October 6, 2017. After you register for a hike and pay your deposit, you will be sent a confirmation email with the leader's package and detailed information about the hike you have selected.

The cost of the Hike-o-ree is \$18.00 (\$20.00 for XXL shirts) per participant.

For more information and to register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-Hikeoree2017>

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/

CPR/AED Pro and First Aid Training



This is the training required for, but usually not included with, BSA Lifeguard. (BSA Lifeguard requirement #6).

The course will use the blended learning method. This combines online sessions done at your convenience with the scheduled hands-on in-classroom skills session.

You will have a 2 week window to complete the 3 hr 20 min online components. The in-person skills session will be 16 September from 9am-Noon at Fairfax Presbyterian Church.

In order to attend the in-person session, students must pass the assessment at the end of the online session and print a copy of their online completion certification to submit to the instructor at the in-person session.

Certifications that will be issued upon successful completion:

1. American Red Cross CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and Health Care Providers
2. American Red Cross First Aid

Course materials: Participant Handbooks for both courses will be furnished in digital form to the students.

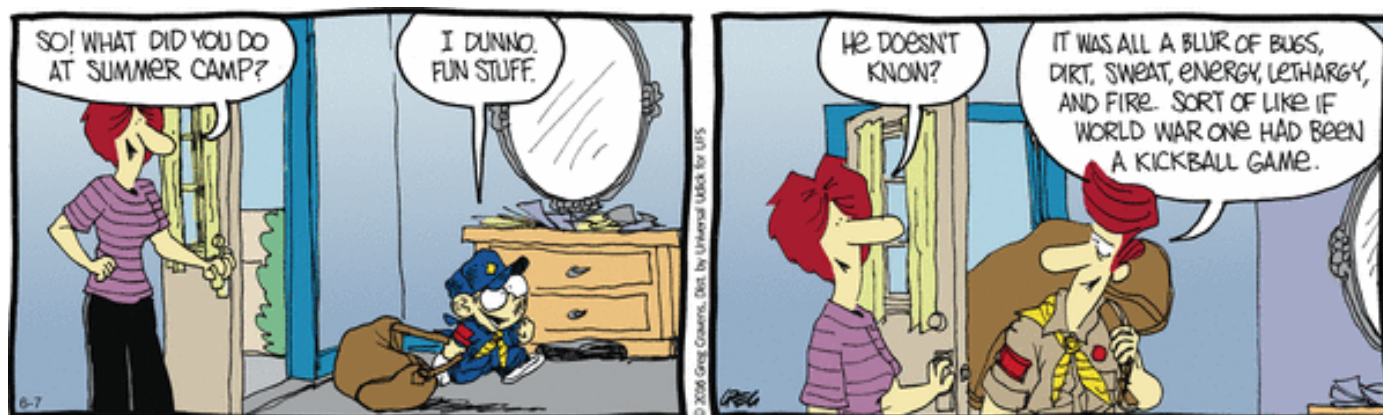
Where: Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax VA 22030

When: Sept 16, 2017

Registration: To register, contact Mike Meenehan (703-400-2176) mmmeenehan@cox.net. You will be given a link to the American Red Cross to register and complete the online training portion. Registration deadline is 11 Sept.

Cost: \$25 to American Red Cross plus \$10 for CPR mask, if you don't have one)

Maximum registrations: 6



ScubaJam 2017



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

Where: Lake Phoenix, VA (1 Quarry Ln, Rawlings, Virginia 23876)

When: Sept 1-4, 2017

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

Prerequisites for Participation:

1. Youth must be 11-20 years of age
2. Hold an Open Water Certification Card or be under the training supervision of a current and insured Scuba Instructor (Non Divers are welcome to camp and snorkel. Or better yet – get certified before you arrive!); and
3. Be registered with a participating BSA Troop or Crew or other youth group and the group must (1) register themselves and their members with the event, (2) take responsibility for meeting youth protection and control requirements of their respective organizations and (3) must have a dive professional attached to the registration.

If you are a small group of less than 6 youth divers or an individual, please contact info@scubajam-va.org. Volunteer staff can assist you with joining another small group and if needed, ensure you have a Dive Pro available for a safe diving experience.

On-Line Resource of the Month



Scouters love to shoot the breeze about the next campout, newest merit badge, or tastiest recipe. But when someone brings up a more-sensitive topic at a roundtable or leader meeting, it's often greeted by silence.

That's where ScoutCast (www.Scouting.org/ScoutCast.aspx) comes in. The podcast, a close relative of the popular CubCast, focuses on topics that you might not feel comfortable talking about at roundtable meetings, such as bullying.

The goal: Get you and your fellow Scouters thinking and, ideally, talking about these critical issues facing Boy Scouts.

Equipment / Gear / Tips



PVC Knife Holders

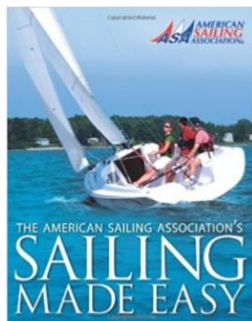


Carrying kitchen knives safely while camping can be challenging. One solution to this is to make knife containers out of PVC pipe and caps. Glue a cap at one end of the tube and mark the unglued cap with an 'X.' That way you will always know which end to open. You can also write on the side of the tube the type of knife so that you know which tube contains what knife.

Books/Apps



Sailing



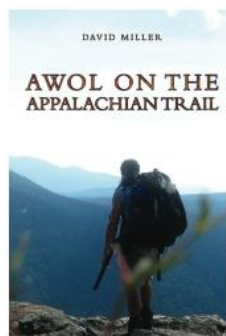
For Scouters interested in the Sailing Merit Badge or Florida Sea Base, check out BoatUS's free online courses on boating safety and/or the ASA textbooks. Here is the link to the free online boating safety courses:

<http://www.boatus.org/courses/>

Another good source is the American Sailing Association's (ASA) *Sailing Made Easy* book. The book is the most comprehensive education and boating safety learn-to-sail guide to date. Incorporated in the textbook are useful illustrations and exceptional photographs of complex sailing concepts. There are also quizzes at the end of each chapter, and a glossary to help those new to sailing to navigate their way through the extensive nautical terminology. Cost is around \$25 if you buy it direct from the ASA.



AWOL on the Appalachian Trail



In 2003, David Miller left his job, family, and friends to fulfill a dream and hike the Appalachian Trail. *AWOL on the Appalachian Trail* is Miller's account of this thru-hike along the entire 2,172 miles from Georgia to Maine. On page after page, readers are treated to rich descriptions of the valleys and mountains, the isolation and reverie, the inspiration that fueled his quest, and the life-changing moments that can only be experienced when dreams are pursued. While this book abounds with introspection and perseverance, it also provides useful passages about safety and proper gear, showing a professional hiker's preparations and tenacity. This is not merely a travel guide, but a beautifully written and highly personal view into one man's adventure and what it means to make a lifelong vision come true.

Training Opportunities



IOLS and OLSWL



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OLSWL) Training will be presented by Goose Creek District, co-hosted by Powhatan District, at Blue Ridge Regional Park on August 11-12. Another IOLS class is planned for Oct 21-22, also at the Blue Ridge Regional Park. Registration for this has not opened up yet.

Outdoor skills are critical to the success of any Scouting program. IOLS provides leaders with the basic outdoor skills needed to start a program right and keep it going.

IOLS is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Varsity Scout coaches. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on building confidence and competence in Leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences. OLSWL prepares the WEBELOS Leaders for the camping experience.

Fee: \$35

Register for Aug 11-12 at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-13729>

Wood Badge



Wood Badge is advanced Scout leader training that began in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first director. It came to America in 1948 and has been updated to reflect current BSA policies and programs. Incorporating the best techniques available, Wood Badge has become the most advanced leadership training course in Scouting!

Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training and provides you with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and the district and council. The 1st half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. You'll learn what makes leadership work for you in Scouting and your personal life. The 2nd half offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help you learn the application of leadership skills. Finally, you will write and complete a "Ticket". The "Ticket" consists of five written goals. These goals connect your new leadership knowledge to your role in Scouting.

Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

The dates for the Fall Wood Badge Class are Sept 8-10 and Oct 7-9, both sessions must be attended. The course is held as Camp Snyder and is \$300.

For more information and to register go to: www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/

Editor's Note: Many people say that they'll take Wood Badge later, when their sons are a bit older. When they eventually do take the course they then say that they should have done it earlier, when they could actually have applied all that they had learned. So don't wait, take it now, you'll actually enjoy the training.

Save the Dates: PowWow and University of Scouting



POW WOW

When: October 28, 2017

Where: Annandale High School 4700 Medford Dr. Annandale, VA 22003

University of Scouting

When: February 24, 2018

Where: Hayfield Secondary School 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA

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 also find this course useful

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.

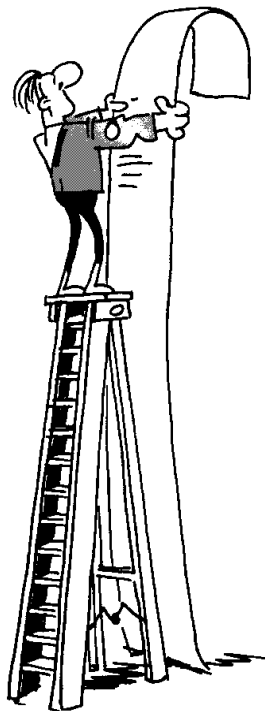
Part 2 – Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, wilderness first aid issues, expedition health and hygiene, team building.

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



AUGUST 2017

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

September 2017

4 Labor Day
12 Join Scouting Night
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
28 **PowWow**

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
24 **University of Scouting**
28 District Committee

MARCH 2018

1 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**
14 Roundtable
14 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

MAY 2018

9 **Program Launch**
9 OA Chapter Meeting
23 District Committee
28 Memorial Day

June 2018

11 Roundtable
11 OA Chapter Meeting
13 Last Day of School
27 District Committee

July 2018

4 Independence Day