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For Everyone



New Article

Goose Creek District Newsletter

from Michael Surbaugh, Chief Scout Executive, Sept 5 2017

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Building Resilience Through Scouting

Resilience is the ability to adapt well in the face of adversity, to bounce back from difficult experiences. This can be a particularly tricky character trait to teach because it is natural to want to protect children from emotionally difficult experiences. And it's a trait that our programs help develop by providing young people opportunities to face challenges through adventures. These experiences help them build confidence in their ability to persevere. Recently, Yale University released a study (https://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/new-study-finds-the-key-to-raising-resilient-children/news-story/ccfe3ec639904a65829debaadf1c0b64) that reminded me of some of the other ways our programs help families shape character and give young people the tools they need to face challenges in life.

In this study, 63,000 boys and girls between 12 and 17 years old took a survey designed to determine their levels of resilience in the face of adverse events, such as divorce or death. Researchers found that young people who engaged in extracurricular activities outside the home – volunteering, sports, paid or unpaid work – thrived in spite of experiencing these challenges. Those who were less involved showed lower levels of resilience and struggled more with their circumstances. This means that families who give young people opportunities to build their life skills and experiences outside of the home through organizations, such as Scouting, can give them quite a leg-up in their emotional development.

The structure of the Boy Scouts of America not only provides young people a group of peers and adult leaders who can serve as friends and role models, it also gives them the responsibility of serving as leaders in our organization and in their communities. Having these experiences in childhood and early adulthood improves confidence, encourages independence and provides a sense of belonging. Outside of these benefits, nobody offers more exhilarating or diverse adventures for young people than the Boy Scouts of America.

We structure adventure such that it gives young people the know-how to tackle experiences they'll encounter for the rest of their lives. Whether it's overcoming obstacles in the great outdoors, getting outside of their comfort zone to lead a team for a service project, or exploring career options through hands-on professional or scientific experiences, the content of our programs is designed to develop leadership, character and confidence.

Adventure is a constant in Scouting and each day, new adventures grow Scouts into who they will become as adults.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Are you Prepared for Rechartering



It's October and all units should now be starting their Rechartering process.

Remember it needs to be turned in by the end of November. By now you should:

- Have a committee member dedicated to overseeing the process
- Know how much the fees are. Remember that National has increased the registration fee and that Council is now adding a \$6 insurance fee for each person registered.

There will be no insurance Fees for Lion and Tiger adult partners: Lion and Tiger adult partners will not pay the \$6 insurance fee as originally planned during charter renewal. Updated Internet Rechartering will only compute the insurance fee for paid members. This is a change from what was published in the Charter Renewal Handbook and on the face of Transmittal Envelopes.

- Have all new Scout applications from Join Scouting Night turned in.
 Waiting until you do the recharter to hand these in will only make things harder for you when calculating fees.
- Have all unit leaders check their Youth Protection Training dates to make sure that none expire by January 1, 2018.
- Know who your Chartering Organization Head is, which usually isn't the same person as the Chartering Organization Representative. Know when they are available to sign the final recharter.
- Check out the 2017-2018 Charter Renewal Handbook available at www.ncacbsa.org/commissioners/unit-rechartering/
- Know how to log into Internet Recharter. First Time Users must register to enter the system. After initial registration, they will enter the system as a Returning User.

The access window for units opens Oct 1 as planned. However, we have been advised by Member Data Shared Services that the enhancements to Internet Rechartering will not be available on 1 October. The projection is that they will become available in the next week. To avoid starting charter renewal using the old Internet Rechartering system and then later continuing/finishing the process using Updated Internet Rechartering recommend units voluntarily wait until 9 October before using the system.



2018 Event Dates



During the past month the dates for several district events were set:

- Freeze-o-ree January 27-29
- District Pinewood Derby March 10
- Spring Camporee April 13-15
- Spring OA Ordeal April 27-29



Annual Membership Fee Change



The National Office of the Boy Scouts of America has made an adjustment to the annual membership fees effective December 1, 2017. The current BSA membership fee of \$24 is increasing to \$33. With the council's insurance recovery fee of \$6 announced earlier this year, the total due at recharter time will be \$39 per person (plus whatever your unit adds in for its own use) – youth and adult participants alike – for a year of membership and coverage.

At just \$3.25 per month, Scouting still offers lower membership costs than many other youth programs. As the nation's leading character and leadership development program, this makes it a great value and investment in a young person's future.

BSA has established this new rate to offset continued investment in technology, rising insurance costs, and continued program development and implementation.

For more information about NCAC's insurance recovery fee, please see this post: www.ncacbsa.org/blog/2017/04/25/insurance-fees-changing-in-2018/



Webelos-o-ree 2017 Wrapup



Over 190 Webelos from 23 packs, with their parents, came out for a beautiful weekend and got themselves exhausted at the activity areas of BBs, archery, gaga pit, monkey bridge, human foosball, cooking, orienteering, knife safety, fire building, and first aid. Topping it all off was an evening campfire, started by Goose Creek's Order of the Arrow with a wonderful opening ceremony, skits (with pies in the face), and songs.

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

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

Patches have been ordered and should be here for the October Roundtable. An email will be sent out as soon as we know that they have arrived. This year's patch did turn out to be phophetic, a skunk was indeed reported in one of the campsites. There was even a line in one of the campfire songs about a skunk going through the campsite.



Important Note When Paying for On-line Registrations



Starting January 1, 2018 units will no longer be able to pay for on-line applications using their unit account. All applications must be paid for with a credit card.



Host Families Needed for Austrian Teens this October



Euro-American Student Alliance, a local exchange organization, is seeking Loudoun Valley H.S. host families for a group of 22 students from Graz, Austria who will be visiting our area this October. The students will be visiting October 20 to 29, 2017 and the alliance still needs to find places for 4 boys.

The students will get to know what life is like in the U.S. through the combination of field trips, and staying with local families.

Students will meet at Loudoun Valley High School each morning to travel to their daily excursions, and spend one day shadowing their hosts around from class to class to see what life is like in an American high school.

These students come from Graz, Austria which is located in the Styrian province of Austria and nestled in the foothills of the Alps. It is a beautiful town with a medieval clock tower that is poised atop a giant hill known as the Schlossberg. It was once a fortress that protected the townspeople from invading tribes. Today it provides a spectacular view of the town from its crest. Graz is known as a university town and has immaculate streets overlooking the Muir River.

If you are interested in hosting a Austria teen this fall, please contact Francesca Contento, Program Coordinator, at 240-575-4898 or *francesca@euro-american.net*



Double Your Donation to NCAC



In just five minutes, you could double your donation or get paid for volunteer hours! Employee Matching Gifts are donations a company makes to match its employees' charitable contributions and community service. Find out if your company participates in one of these programs and double your gift's impact on local Scouting:

http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=7068075&msgid=200916&act=L9L5&c=1518147&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fdoublethedonation.com%2Fncacbsa



Good Turn for Roosevelt Island



The Friends of Theodore Roosevelt Island in conjunction with the National Park Service are seeking Scout volunteers of all ages to help with the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the national Theodore Roosevelt monument on Sunday, October 29. For more information, or if you or your unit are interested in volunteering, go to

http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=7068075&msgid=200916&act=L9L5&c=1518147&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventbrite.com%2Fe%2Ftheodore-roosevelt-memorial-50th-anniversary-celebration-registration-36653561790%2520%2520

Scouting for Food - We CAN Do More



Scouting for Food (SFF) this year will be held on Nov 4 & Nov 11; the first two Saturdays in November. Many units in the district have contributed their time and energy (and sometime food) to this annual nation-wide Scouting event ... and we thank you! Some units simply help out at the food pantries, sorting and storing the TONS of food brought in. Some units distribute bags on the first Saturday, and then collect the food the following Sat, and deliver it to one of the pantries. And some units do what I call the "Trifecta"; distributing bags, collecting food, and then after arriving at a pantry to drop off their food, they hang around longer and help sort/store the food at the pantry. And some units - usually the smaller/younger ones - will team up with another unit to share the joy of knowing that they're directly contributing to those families that need a little more help to make ends meet - for whatever reason. Any and ALL help is so very much appreciated.

Unfortunately, due to units that have folded, or had to cease supporting our SFF efforts, there are literally hundreds - if not thousands - of homes in Loudoun County that have had bags dropped off for many years, and donated food accordingly ... but no one picked up the food last year. Those regions were never claimed by other units. So, please, if you're a new unit, or one wishing to return to supporting SFF, or perhaps one that has never been involved with SFF but can see the need and wishes to help, please reach out to Brad Scales and let him know, by sending an email to

SFFGooseCreekDistrict@GooseCreekDistrict.org

Units should know that the first opportunity to pick up your units bags will NOT be at the October Roundtable. At this time, it is unsure whether the bags will have arrived at Council in time, and the SFF Coordinator will be on travel that week anyway. Alternate arrangements will be made and communicated to all Unit SFF Points of Contact.

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2017 Loudoun "Good Scouter" Evening



This year Goose Creek District will be honoring Michael Huber with the 2017 "Good Scout Award".

Mike Huber founded Belfort Furniture, one of the most popular furniture businesses in the region, and Stone Tower Winery, which opened in 2012 off of Route 15 in Leesburg. The Hubers opened Belfort Furniture out of a mall in Fairfax in 1982, just them and one other employee. Today, Belfort has grown to be the largest furniture exhibit in the D.C. region, one that consistently ranks in the top 100 furniture retailers in the nation. Stone Tower Winery, when the vineyard is fully operational a couple years from now, will produce more than 11,000 cases annually, making it one of the largest of Loudoun's 40 wineries.

We will honor him at a reception at the Stone Tower Winery on October 26th at 6:30 PM. A copy of the registration form has been added to the end of this newsletter.

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2017 Loudoun "Good Scouter" Evening



One of our own, The Honorable Randy Minchew (Member, 10th District Virginia House of Delegates), will be honored as an Outstanding Eagle Scout in the Nation's Capital. Fellow Eagle Scouts and civic leaders will be honoring some of the area's most accomplished men of distinction as they are presented the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA), Scouting's national recognition of extraordinary professional achievement at the city, state, or regional level.

Randy, an Eagle Scout, has been an avid outdoorsman and conservationist from his early days as a Boy Scout. He has remained active with the Boy Scouts of America, twice serving as Chairman of Goose Creek as well as serving as Scoutmaster of both Leesburg Troop 998 and 2010 National Scout Jamboree Troop 521. In 2010, in appreciation of his years of work for what he proudly calls "the most successful youth leadership movement in the history of the world," Randy was awarded Scouting's highest adult leader recognition, the Silver Beaver.

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High Adventure Treks Done this Summer





Seven scouts from Troop 1159, Leesburg, VA, hiked over 50 miles during a week-long trek at Philmont this past August. Their adventure involved shotgun shooting, multiple wildlife sightings, touring an abandoned gold mine, gold panning, horseback riding, service project, blacksmithing, and enjoying the amazing view from the top of Tooth of Time.

"Onward and Upward"

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles: **George Simmons** – Troop 711 **Ryan Malcolm Stewart** – Troop 998 **Joshua Tillman** – Troop 956 **Chris Whitehouse** – Troop 572

Jacob Wiantt – Troop 761

Caleb Williams – Troop 982



What is an Eagle Scout Service Project Coach



At the bottom of the Eagle Scout Project Workbook Contact Information page (Proposal Page B) is a block to enter the Project Coach. While many fill this information in with the name of their troop's Eagle mentor/advisor, that is not the person whose name should be entered here.

A Life to Eagle "mentor" or "advisor" is usually a person appointed by the troop to help a Scout through the entire Eagle process and is not an official BSA position.

An Eagle Scout Service Coach is designated at the council or district level and provides guidance, coaching, and consulting to the Scout on how to successfully plan and execute a project that will fulfill requirement 5.

In effect, the Project Coach is a Subject Matter Expert on the type of project being done and that is their only role in helping the Scout.

Just as units work on a day to day basis in the rest of the advancement program, so should units provide the day to day mentoring to help Scouts through the service project process. Designated coaches, with their expertise and objective perspective, should supplement assistance from the unit. They should not supplant unit efforts.

At the moment our district does not have a listing of Project Coachs and we would like to rectify that. It you would like to become a Project Coach please email Alan Steiner (*Alan.Steiner@GooseCreekDistrict.org*) to start the process. This is not an 'for my unit only' position and does not mean the coach has to actually be involved in doing each of the projects. You are a resource, encouraging the candidate to fully plan his project, secure resources, and to make wise decisions.

The list of Project Coaches will only be given out to the District Eagle Representatives so that they can suggest which coaches a Scout should contact once they have approved the project.



Problems Found in the District with Scouts Going for Eagle



In the past few months Goose Creek has experienced a number of process issues concerning Scouts working on Eagle which could have had serious impacts on their ability to achieve the rank. Listed below are the problems encountered and what troops could do to remedy them.

1. **Problem**: Scouts are using older forms of the Project Workbook and the Eagle Scout Rank Appplication. All of these instances have occurred when Scouts pulled copies of these forms off of their unit's websites.

Remedy: Troop websites should have links to the original National forms instead of copies. This way Scouts will always have the latest version.

2. **Problem**: A Scout did his Eagle project without ever having it approved by a District Eagle Representative. A possible outcome of this could have had the Scout do a second Eagle project with the first considered as 'practice.'

Remedy: When the Scout announces a date for their project the Scoutmaster/Advancement person should verify that the Scout has all of the appropriate signatures and permits required.

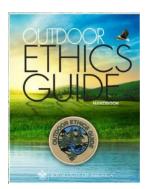
3. **Problem**: A troop held an Eagle Board of Review without a District Eagle Representative present.

Remedy: All of a troop's Eagle advisors and advancement chair should attend a Life to Eagle seminar. Even adults who 'have been this for many years' and 'know the process' should attend to update their knowledge as there have been significant changes over the past few years. If you can't attend a seminar held in Goose Creek. Council maintains a list of other district's seminars at: https://www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/eagle-scout-information/12e/

Another way to help all Scouts (and most leaders) follow the Eagle process is to download a current copy of the NCAC Eagle Scout Procedure Guide (ESPG) as soon as a Scout earns Life; and to read it. The ESPG can be found at: www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/eagle-scout-information/. This document is divided into small, consumable sections for the Scout about all aspects of achieving Eagle rank.



Outdoor Ethics Guide gets its own Handbook



The outdoor ethics guide, a troop-level position of responsibility for youth that in January 2016 replaced the position of Leave No Trace trainer, now has its very own handbook. The Outdoor Ethics Guide Handbook is available now as a free PDF download

(www.scouting.org/filestore/outdoorethicsguide/pdf/OutdoorEthicsGuide20 17.pdf). Offering the resource as a free PDF means the document can be updated regularly as BSA partners like the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and Tread Lightly! revise their messaging.

While it's primarily aimed at the young person who will serve as outdoor ethics guide, there are sections written for the adult leader serving as outdoor ethics guide advisor.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



How Cub Scouts and Others in the Fourth Grade can get into National Parks Free



It's settled. Fourth-graders are officially the coolest kids in school. They're the beneficiaries of a federal program that grants free access to national parks, lands and waters.

Thanks to the Department of the Interior's Every Kid in a Park program, started in 2015, fourth-graders and their families can get free entry into these public lands for a full year. The year of free access aligns with the school year — Sept. 1 to Aug. 31. The passes can be requested and printed online.

The three-step method

Step 1: Get the pass (https://everykidinapark.gov/get-your-pass/fourth-grader). Get and print fourth-grade passes to our national lands and waters.

Step 2: Plan a trip. With input from their parent or guardian, fourth-graders plan a fun place to visit (*https://everykidinapark.gov/plan-your-trip/*). There may be an opportunity to complete Cub Scout adventures along the way.

Step 3: Hit the road. A full year to explore national parks, lands and waters seems like a long time, but it'll be gone in a flash. Speaking of flashes: remember to take only pictures and leave only footprints.

Things to know

- Electronic copies of the pass aren't accepted, so you'll need to bring a printed copy with you.
- Each pass has a unique code, so you can't copy it and share it with friends.
- The pass is accepted at Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation areas.
- If you visit a site that charges entrance fees per person, the pass admits all children under 16 and up to three adults for free.
- If your group visits a site that charges vehicle entrance fees, the pass admits all children under 16 and all adults in up to one passenger vehicle. Commercial vehicles can't use a pass to get in.
- If you arrive at a site on bicycle, the pass admits all children under 16 and up to three adults on bicycles.
- The pass doesn't cover things like parking fees, camping, boats and special tours. Also, some sites are managed by private operators. They may not honor the pass. Check with the site ahead of time to find out. The pass doesn't cover fees for local, city, or state parks and recreation areas unless they say that they accept this pass.



What Are the Cub Scout Six Essentials?



We all want our Cub Scouts to be safe especially when we're doing outdoor activities. That's why the Boy Scouts of America has compiled a list of the Cub Scout Six Essentials for Hiking The essentials can also be used for other outdoor activities as well.

If you search online, you'll find many different lists of hiking essentials. But how did these lists get started?

An outdoor recreation, education, and conservation nonprofit organization called The Mountaineers published a book called Mountaineering: The Freedom of the Hills. Written by a team of over 40 experts, it's considered standard reading for mountaineering and climbing.

The third edition of the book, published in 1974, listed the Ten Essentials recommended for safe outdoor activities. Through the years, the list has been updated to reflect changes in gadgets. For example, the original list called for a map and compass, but that has changed to "navigation" which could also include a GPS receiver.

Since our Scouts won't be out hiking alone, the Cub Scout Six Essentials is pared down to what they would need. The items are listed below.

Cub Scout Six Essentials for Hiking

First Aid Kit – Typically, one of the adults on the hike will carry a larger first aid kit like this one. So, Cub Scouts will only need a small kit of their own. Their kits should have some adhesive bandages, moleskin to prevent blisters, antibiotic ointment (these single use packages are great!) and insect bite pain reliever. This isn't a comprehensive list, but it will get your Cub Scout started.

Filled water bottle – Keeping the Scouts hydrated is crucial, especially when it's hot out. Everyone should have a water bottle that will hold enough water for the entire hike. If you're going on a longer hike and need to carry more water, a Camelbak hydration pack is a great solution.

Flashlight – Rather than worrying about fresh batteries, why not take along a rechargeable crank flashlight?

Trail Food – You can purchase trail mix or you can make your own.

Sun Protection – We all know how important sunscreen is—even when it's cloudy. And don't forget your hat!

Whistle –There are two things the Scouts need to know about the whistle: 1) It's only for emergencies, and 2) Three blasts of the whistle means "Help!" Because they're going to blow it, tell them that you're all going to practice the help signal. After a couple of minutes of this, maybe they'll get it out of their system!

Who's Responsible for the Cub Scout Six Essentials?

Being responsible for his own gear is an important lesson for our Cub Scouts to learn. This includes packing and carrying it. As you're preparing for your outdoor activity, have your Cub Scout use the list in his handbook to collect his essentials.



myScouting App puts Training, Rosters and Commissioner Tools at your Fingertips



Scouters, now you can carry more of the tools you need to do your job everywhere Scouting takes you.

The myScouting app, the BSA's official app to help leaders facilitate the Scouting program, has a refreshed look and all-new features.

The app is free and available now for Android devices (Android 4.4 KitKat or higher), as well as iPhones and iPads (iOS 9.0 or higher). Just search "myScouting" in your device's app store.

When you open the app, you'll log in with your myScouting username and password. The app will show you the tools available to you based on your Scouting position.

You'll see your member ID, how many days remain until your Youth Protection training expires, links to resources and much more.

Other noteworthy features of the myScouting app include:

- An organization roster so you can see all active adult members registered under your governance — down to the unit level. You can filter by Youth Protection trained status, position trained status and more. You can easily update this information, too, and even call or email directly from your device. And of course you can update your own contact info — address, phone number, email — right in the app as well.
- A training center that lets you complete Youth Protection training and other online trainings right from your device. You can also view, save and send completed training certificates in the app.
- Commissioner tools so commissioners can complete unit assessments, track roundtables, and view and track commissioner assignments.
- Calendar and announcements pages so Key 3 members can share updates with members registered under their governance.
- A resources page with links to the latest BSA material, such as the Guide to Advancement or Handbook for District Operations.

The new app supports both English and Spanish. There's also a night-mode feature that darkens the screen — so you won't keep your spouse awake when you're working on Scouting late at night.



A Scout was telling his fellow Scouts how getting the first aid merit badge had prepared him for an emergency. "I saw a women hit by a truck," he stated. "She had a twisted ankle, broken bones, and a fractured skull."

"How terrible! What did you do?"

"Thanks to my first-aid training, I knew just how to handle it. I sat on the ground and put my head between my knees to keep from fainting."



VFW: Scholarships for Scout-aged Youth



In achieving the mission and vision of the VFW, the VFW is the Chartering Organization to more than 1,000 Packs, Troops and Crews nationwide. They have several, annual scholarship awards that recognize outstanding youth and adults.

The following youth opportunities must be submitted through a local VFW Post: (Use the links to get full details about, obtain an application, and in some cases review previous winning entries.)

Voice of Democracy www.vfw.org/VOD/

Eligibility: Any grade 9-12 student

Description: The premier youth scholarship program of the VFW. It gives students a chance to extol the virtues of democracy and experiment with the technologies of radio broadcasting. The first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship.

Due Date: Nov 1

Patriot's Pen www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/

Eligibility: Any grade 6-8 student

Description: Challenges entrants to reflect on American history and their own experiences based on a patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives \$5,000.

Due Date: Nov 1

VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/VFWWoodBadgeSchol arship.aspx

Eligibility: VFW adults attending Wood Badge

Description: Through a cooperative effort with the Boy Scouts of America, the VFW national headquarters offers Wood Badge scholarships to assist selected chapter members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities.

Except for the Wood Badge adult scholarship, VFW membership by a parent is NOT required for youth application to a scholarship program.



2017 Jamboree-on-the-Air, Jamboree-on-the-Internet



This Oct. 20 to 22, Scouts from down the street, across the country and around the world will gather for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet.

The two events, held concurrently the third full weekend of October, use amateur radio and Internet-connected devices to unite Scouts from all over the Earth.

And I do mean all over the Earth. The 2016 Jamboree-on-the-Air had nearly 1.3 million Scout participants from more than 30,000 locations and reached 156 different countries.



In addition to being incredibly fun, JOTA and JOTI count toward Scouting requirements:

- For Tigers, this meets requirements for the elective adventure Family Stories
- For Webelos, it counts toward the Arrow of Light adventure Building a Better World.
- Boy Scouts can check off a requirement for the Citizenship in the World merit badge and the International Spirit Award. JOTA participants earn credit for the Radio Merit badge and JOTI participants earn credit for Digital Technology Merit badge..
- All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers and adult leaders can count the event toward the requirements for the International Spirit Award.

2017 Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)

How: Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically requires speaking into a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of specialized communication can also take place, such as video communication, digital communication using typed words on the computer screen transmitted by radio, communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater), and many others.

There is a JOTA shortwave station available at Camp Snyder on October 21st from 10AM-2PM.

Learn more: Get resources, quick-start guides, patch order forms and lots more at the JOTA website: http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx

2017 Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI)

How: Scouts can participate at home with the help of an adult (remember two-deep leadership!), or they can participate in a Scout group at a councilwide event. JOTI is an economical way of communicating with people from other corners of the globe. The event allows Scouts to "meet" other Scouts from around the world through the Internet and share more information than just "hi."

Learn more: Get resources, quick-start guides, patch order forms and lots more at the JOTI website: http://www.scouting.org/joti.aspx



Pledge to Never, Ever use your Phone while Driving, because #ltCanWait



It makes no sense.

The latest research says 95 percent of us disapprove of distracted driving. And yet 71 percent of us still use our phones while behind the wheel.

These days, it's not just texting that's the problem. Now our phones bleep and buzz every minute with the latest 50-percent-off deal, score update and friend request.

Each notification distracts the driver. Each distraction could be deadly.

It's time for something to change. It's time for #ItCanWait.

Scouters, parents, and driving-age Scouts and Venturers should take the #ItCanWait pledge today (*www.itcanwait.com/pledge*). By committing to go phones down, eyes up, you're making the road a safer place for everyone.

AT&T has a wealth of resources about the #ItCanWait pledge, which you can use to share this message with your Boy Scout troop, Venturing crew or Explorer post.

The #ItCanWait pledge

By taking the #ItCanWait pledge, you're committing to Care, Share and Be Aware:

- I pledge to Care for those around me and put my phone down when I'm driving.
- I pledge to Share the message: distracted driving is never OK.
- I pledge to Be Aware that I'm never alone on the road.

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*. 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 sibiling, \$10 for adults or Boy Scout age siblings, and free for those 5 and under.

National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships



College isn't cheap, but for more than 150 worthy Eagle Scouts, it's about to get a lot more affordable. The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) will award nearly \$700,000 in scholarships to Eagle Scouts based on their academic performance, Scouting background, college plans and financial need. NESA offers two basic types of scholarships: academic scholarships and merit scholarships: www.nesa.org/2017 scholarships.html

The window for the latest round of National Eagle Scout Association scholarships opened Aug. 1, 2017. It will close for good on Oct. 31, 2017. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail on July 15, 2018, and money will be disbursed to these deserving Eagle Scouts in fall 2018.

The scholarships are highly competitive. Less than 3 percent of the 5,000 expected applicants will receive a scholarship.

But if you are an Eagle Scout between your senior year of high school and junior year of college, you'll want to apply and give yourself a chance at earning some cash for college.

What are the requirements?

You must be a National Eagle Scout Association member to receive a scholarship. However, you can apply for a NESA scholarship before you apply for a NESA membership.

Academic scholarship applicants must apply during their senior year in high school unless the Eagle Scout board of review was held after Oct. 31, 2017. In those cases, the applicant must apply during the Aug. 1 to Oct. 31, 2018, scholarship cycle, even if he is already attending college.

Academic scholarship applicants must have a minimum 1800 SAT (or 1290 if taken after March 2016), or 28 ACT score to apply. A "super score" may be used to meet this requirement.

Eagle Scouts may apply for NESA merit scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school and may continue applying every year until their junior year in college.

Applicants may receive a NESA scholarship one time only.

In the past, NESA scholarships were available only to Scouts attending four-year universities. Now Scouts attending vocational trade schools and other approved programs may apply. NESA scholarships are not payable to any of the U.S. military academies.

How does an Eagle Scout apply?

All NESA scholarship applications must be submitted online. Paper copies from previous years are out of date and will not be accepted.

Applications must be submitted at this site: https://nesa.academicworks.com/
NESA has posted this list of helpful FAQs: http://nesa.org/scholarship_faq.html . Good luck!

2019 World Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia



The 24th World Scout Jamboree will be held at the BSA's new permanent Jamboree home: the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. It's actually cohosted by three Scout organizations: the Boy Scouts of America, Scouts Canada and Asociación de Scouts de México.

A World Jamboree in our country is a once-in-a-generation event. The 2019 World Scout Jamboree will be the first held in North America in 36 years and the first held in the United States in 52 years.

Some 50,000 Scouts and Scouters from 167 different countries are expected at the event, to be held July 22 to Aug. 2, 2019. They'll meet people from around the world while enjoying SBR's world-class adventure offerings.

The BSA contingent will include 10,000 people — the largest contingent the BSA has ever sent to a World Jamboree. The total will encompass Scouts/Venturers, adults and staff.

Even though the BSA's presence at the World Jamboree will be large, we'll make up only one out of every five people at the event. That means approximately 80 percent of Jamboree attendees will be from one of more than 160 other countries planning to attend.

How to be a youth participant or adult leader

Max number: 7,200 youth participants in 180 units. Each 40-person unit will have four adult leaders and 36 youth.

Youth eligibility: Ages 14 to 17 by the first day of the Jamboree. This date is set by the World Scout Jamboree hosts, not the U.S. contingent leadership. That means your birthday has to fall between July 22, 2001, and July 21, 2005. (Born before July 22, 2001? Try to attend as an adult or IST member.)

Adult eligibility: Like for National Jamborees, prospective World Scout Jamboree leaders will fill out an application. Approval and a final decision will from the U.S. contingent leadership.

Cost: To be announced, but will be similar to the cost of attending a National Scout Jamboree at SBR. The World Scout Jamboree cost will include transportation, and, to keep costs down, there will be no pre- or post-Jamboree tour.

How to register: Keep an eye on the U.S. contingent website: https://wsj2019.us/

Get Ready to Rocket into Scouting!



NCAC will again be presenting free model rocket kits to new Scouts of any age registered before October 31, 2017 as a part of our popular Rocket Into Scouting program. Please note the dates, times, and locations listed below are subject to change until registration officially opens.

Date	Time	Location
10/24	4:00 PM – 7:00 PM	One Loudoun
		20626 Easthampton Plaza
		Ashburn, VA 20147
10/28	12:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Evergreen Sportsplex*
		19623 Evergreen Mills Rd
		Leesburg, VA 20175
11/4	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Camp William B. Snyder
		6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket, VA 20169

Don't forget that online applications are now available through BeAScout.org! This is a "giant step for Scoutkind" that gives new members a convenient, user-friendly experience.

* The Adventure Park at Evergreen Sportsplex offers a variety of packages for both beginners and those that are looking for a more all-encompassing experience. They offer tours that include rock climbing, zip lining, traversing through the ropes course and bundled packages that include some or all of the activities. They can also facilitate team building challenges that are perfect for your Boy and Girl Scout troops, school functions, corporate outings, sports teams and year end celebrations!

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.

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

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.

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/

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=npgVVl9kr4Y&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

On-Line Resource of the Month



www.EagleScout.org is a site dedicated to helping Scouts become Eagle Scouts!

They've collected a lot of resources to assist Scouts in achieving Eagle Scout rank and planning the celebration to follow - everything from Eagle planning guides to extensive court of honor materials. Whether you are a Boy Scout looking for practical resources for yourself, a parent who is supporting (or motivating) your very own Eagle Scout candidate, or a Scouter helping one boy or assisting hundreds, you'll find tools that will empower you and help you do your best!

Equipment / Gear / Tips



Trail Mix: 10 of the Most Tasty Recipes



Trail mix has been around forever! Seriously, the ancient nomads used a precursor to the modern day version. They had to figure out a way to carry their food as they moved from place to place, so many of them preserved food by drying it.

The first mention of trail mix in the modern era was in the 1910s when Horace Kephart recommended it in The Book of Camping and Woodcraft, a camping guide he wrote.

It wasn't until 1968 that a commercial product was introduced. The California company Hadley Fruit Orchards claims that it was the first one to produce "trail mix."

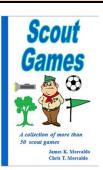
Did you know that trail mix has its own day? National Trail Mix Day is celebrated on August 31st every year.

You can buy trail mix or you can make your own. Here are 10 delicious recipes that you might want to try: https://cubscoutideas.com/8358/trail-mix-recipes/

Books/Apps



Scout Games: A Collection of More than 50 Scout Games



There will be scouts that participate in scouting primarily because Scouting is fun, so offering an active game period at every scout meeting is critical to bringing boys back week after week. Coming up with stimulating game ideas is not always easy, though. Some units have limited space in their meeting halls, or need games for very small or very large numbers of youth. The Scout Games book is designed to help Scoutmasters deliver meeting fun regardless of the challenges any unit may face. This includes: active games; traditional games; indoor games; outdoor games; games suited for youth of varied ages; heights and weights; games for large groups; and games for small groups. There are many options to help solve the diverse problems a leader might face. Even games designed to reinforce Scouting skills like knot tying and first aid are included. Some of these games originated with Baden Powell and are time tested, while other games are more contemporary. They are all Scout tested and guaranteed to deliver fun.

Training Opportunities



COPE Facilitator Training



Is your leadership training being done by the book, but your leaders are struggling? Have your Scouts completed leadership training but have difficulty leading? Are your graduates of NAYLE not the ones your Scouts look to as a leader? Are members of your unit disengaged, not attending to what's going on around them, buried in their smart phones?

Would you like to learn games and activities that uncover a team's strengths and weaknesses in a safe but challenging way?

Consider taking the training to become a facilitator of Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE). In a weekend, learn an experiential approach to developing life skills such as leadership, teamwork, trust, planning, problem solving, decision making, self-esteem, and communication. This approach is based on activities and nontraditional, non-competitve games. You will learn that basics of facilitating leadership development sessions which can be tailored to your unit's needs and assets

The COPE facilitator training session will be held at Camp WB Snyder (6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket, VA). Training starts at 7:00 pm Friday, 27 Oct. Goes all day Saturday. Wraps up by noon, Sunday 29 Oct. Food and lodging will be provided (Carroll's Cottage). Cost: \$50

Registration: https://scoutingevent.com/082-NCAC_COPE_LvI_1_20171027

Students should bring personal hygiene materials, sleeping materials (pillow, sleeping bag or blankets), parts A&B of your BSA medical form.

Please tell us about any personal dietary issues (such as food allergies, religious restrictions).

Registration is open to adults and youth who are registered with BSA. Age appropriate guidelines recommend youth be 14 years of age or older. NCAP standard SQ-409 allow youth who are 16 years of age to perform as "COPE Instructors in Training" (can act as facilitators, but not count for staffing ratio), and 18 years of age to perform as COPE Instructors (count for staffing ratios).

Please address your questions or comments to Tony Waisanen, NCAC PM for Climbing, Rappelling, Bouldering and COPE, NCAC.COPE@gmail.com

Save the Date, University of Scouting



University of Scouting

When: February 24, 2018

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



Pow Wow 2017



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

When is Pow Wow? Pow Wow is Saturday, October 28, 2017. Doors open at 7:30 am with 8:00 am for walk-in registration (please, no early arrivals) and preregistered package pick-up in the cafeteria. Opening ceremony begins at 8:25 am. The first training session starts at 9:00 am.

Where is Pow Wow? Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, VA.

Who should attend Pow Wow? All registered adult Cub Scout Leaders, potential leaders, and interested parents. That would include: Cub Masters and their Assistants; Lion Den Guides, Tiger Den Leaders and their Assistants and partners; Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Den Leaders and their Assistants; Pack Committee members and activity/event Chairpersons; and anyone who wants to learn more about how to have a better Cub Scout program.

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

Pow Wow is an all-day adult training event and the course sessions are intended for adults only.

How much does Pow Wow cost? Pre-register, on-line by October 24, 2017 and get the early bird registration fee of \$36.00. After midnight on October 24, 2017, we stop electronic registration and, then you will have to register as a 'walk-in" at the event. The cost for walk-in registration on the day of the event is \$52.00. Of course, we will take mail-in registrations as well, but it must be postmarked by October 21, 2017 to take advantage of the \$36.00 early bird registration fee.

All courses have limited enrollment and many fill very quickly. Courses that reach maximum enrollment will not be available when you electronically pre-registration or at walk-in registration.

What's included for the registration fee? The Pre-registration fee includes a day of training (as many as six courses, an event patch, lunch with beverage and a cookie), and as much scout fellowship, spirit, and networking you can take-in during the day!! We order lunch on October 26, 2017 so it is important that you pre-register.

Den Chief Training ... We offering Den Chief Training for Boy Scouts who want to help Cub Scout leaders with their dens or pack programs. Leaders who want to learn what a Den Chief can do are welcome to attend, too. Boy Scouts registering for Den Chief training have the same registration fees and registration deadlines for early bird electronic registration (\$36.00) or walk-in registration (\$52.00) and they need their Scoutmaster's approval

For more information about PowWow, to see the list of courses, and to register go to: www.ncacbsa.org/training/pow-wow/



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 October 21-22, 2017.

IOLS is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters. 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.

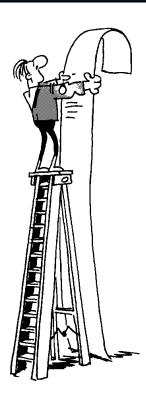
There is a \$35 fee for this class.

Please Register online at: https://scoutingevent.com/082-14557

If you need additional information, please email walt.johnson@goosecreekdistrict.org



District Calendar



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**
- 4-5 Siege of Mafeking
- 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
- 27-29 *Freeze-o-ree*
 - 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
- Pinewood Derby
- 14 Roundtable
- OA Chapter Meeting
- **District Committee** 21
- 26-30 Spring Break

APRIL 2018

- 2 Student Holiday
- 9 Student Holiday
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13-15 Spring Camporee
 - 25 District Committee
- 26-28 OA Spring Ordeal

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

August 2018

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 22 District Committee

September 2018

- 3 Labor Day
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 26 District Committee

2017 Loudoun County "Good Scout" Evening



Honoree
Michael Huber
CEO,
Belfort Furniture

Date: Thursday, October 26, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m. - Reception

Hors d'oeuvres & Wine

7:15 p.m. - Program



Chair
Kristina Bouweiri
President & CEO,
Reston Limousine

Location:

Stone Tower Winery

19925 Hogback Mountain Road Leesburg, VA 20175







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