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Scouting

Scouting is not an organization.

Scouting is a movement.

Scouting is also a philosophy.

The philosophy drives the movement, the movement uses various organizations.

An organization possesses and uses structure, resources and power. Organizations hire workers, issue policies, buy and sell products, build buildings. The B.S.A., W.O.S.M., and G.S.A. are all organizations that serve Scouting, but they are not Scouting itself.

Movements have an emotional heart. A movement may use organizations but are not dependent on them. Movements require leaders with the power and energy of an idea or vision. Movements are very hard to stop and are more likely to bring change to the world.

A philosophy can survive events that would kill a movement or organization. A philosophy can skip a generation or two. It is often interpreted, and is more likely to break into autonomous groups, to morph and split and then reunite.

We run into trouble when we place our loyalty in an organization rather than the philosophy that built it. Organizations are much more vulnerable to error, to weakness. Organizations have a life span; they are not eternal. Organizations need to be challenged, it's the only way they can remain faithful to their underlying philosophy.

During the occupation of Poland in WWII the Poles lost their Scouting Organization; it was co-opted by the Nazis. But the Poles did not lose the heart of their movement nor the philosophy behind it. They carried it into the ghettos, the concentration camps, and finally into the diaspora of Poles all over the world. Polish Scouting stayed alive as a philosophy, as a movement through six decades of Nazi and communist governments.

When Poland was freed from communism the scouting movement grew into several competing organizations all vying for official recognition but the movement and the philosophy had survived.

When we keep ourselves centered on the philosophy behind Scouting, when we remain faithful to the movement empowered by that philosophy the troubles and trials of the organization are put into perspective; they are less unsettling.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



The 2018-2019 Loudoun County Public School Calendar



The Loudoun County School Board adopted the 2018-19 school calendar at its Tuesday, November 28th, meeting. The 2018-19 school year will start on Thursday, August 23, 2018, and end on Friday, June 7, 2019.

Following is the student calendar for the 2018-19 school year:

August 23: First Day of School

September 3: Holiday (Labor Day)

October 8: Holiday (Columbus Day)

October 22: Student Holiday (County-wide Staff Development)

November 2: End of the Grading Period

November 5-6: Student Holidays (Planning/Records/Conference Days)

November 21-23: Holiday (Thanksgiving)

December 21-January 1: Winter Break (Classes Resume January 2)

January 17: End of Grading Period

January 18: Moveable Student Holiday** (Planning/Records/Conference Day)

January 21: Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

February 18: Holiday (Presidents' Day)

March 28: End of Grading Period

March 29: Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)

April 1: Student Holiday (County-wide Staff Development)

April 15-19: Holiday (Spring Break)

May 27: Holiday (Memorial Day)

June 7: Last Day of School/End of Grading Period



Freeze-o-ree 2018



The Freeze-O-Ree will be at Camp Snyder on 1/26-28/2018. The information packet will be on the district web site the first week in January and the online registration should be open by 1/5/18. Troops should check the District OA Web Page for the registration link starting on the 5th.

Friends of Scouting



It is that time of year again to begin thinking about Friends of Scouting! Please begin thinking about when you want to have your presentation for 2018. You can begin scheduling these for now through April. We are accepting this information as soon as you have it, so please get it to Ray Posluszny ASAP!



Webelos-o-ree 2018



The date for the Goose Creek's annual Webelos-o-ree is set for September 22-23 at Camp Snyder. This event is open to all Webelos so mark the date down on your calendar now. Note: Those that are currently Bears will be Webelos this fall and are eligible to attend.

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

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



2018 Resource Guide



Have you ever found yourself searching through back issues of the newsletter looking for an article you remembered reading? Or wondering if a past issue of the newsletter had information on a subject from before you started receiving it? If so we have an answer for you.

With 11 issues a year our newsletter covers a lot of topics and while some of them are about specific events, many are not (such as how to get people to send Eagle congratulatory letters) and while still pertinent, we can't keep posting them in every newsletter.

So at the start of each year we:

1. Look through all of our past issues, from 2011 on, and pull the non-event articles to see if they are still valid and that URL's listed are still active,
2. Determine what category each article falls into (Program Development, Advancement, Camping, Hiking, Equipment & Gear, Cooking, Scout Skills, and the ever popular 'Miscellaneous'),
3. See if they fall into a specific subcategory (for example, Advancement has subcategories for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Eagle, Merit Badges, ...),
4. And put all of this into one big Resource Guide. It's about 250+ pages now and 5MB in size.

The 2018 Resource Guide is now ready and can be downloaded from the Newsletter section of the District website (though it may take our webmaster a few days to get it up on the site from when we sent it to him). We hope you find it as useful as many of you have told us our regular newsletters have been.

Goose Creek District Camporee



Speculation remains rampant as Scouts and Scouters anxiously await the announcement of the location of 2018 Spring Camporee. A full media blackout remains in effect regarding the details. The Commissioner that inadvertently let slip the confirmation of the date of April 13th – April 15th at the end of the October Roundtable was hustled offstage by his handlers and has not been available for comment since. Volunteers remain sworn to secrecy and organizers have moved quickly to quash some of the many rumors that abound. The more outlandish speculation of hot air ballooning, parasailing, ice fishing on the Potomac and Greco Roman wrestling the older pandas at the National Zoo have been discounted; all that is certain at this point is the date. Would be participants should block the time in question on their unit calendars and contact Mike.Sierra@GooseCreekDistrict.Org for pointed denials and evasion.



Open House



Troop 969 is hosting Open Houses on January 8th and 29th, 2018 and you are invited. Troop 969 is based out of Hamilton Virginia and regularly meets on Monday nights from 7:30 to 9:00 PM at the Harmony United Methodist Church at 380 E Colonial Hwy, Hamilton, VA 20158.

Troop 969 is a "boy led" Troop with a very supportive parent, sponsor, and community core. Please join Troop 969, and learn what we are about. The boys will participate in activities intended to introduce AOL/Webelos scouts to the possibilities available within Boy Scouting and meet the Troop. The Boy Scouts will share some of their favorite scouting adventures and teach a few AOL required scouting skills. If attending January 8th, we will be starting our preparation for the Goose Creek District Freeze-O-Ree over the weekend of January 27-28, attending Webelos will have the opportunity to learn about cold weather camping preparation. If attending the January 29th we will share our experiences and lessons learned from the Freeze-O-Ree weekend. Webelos parents will have an opportunity to learn and ask questions about Troop 969's program, structure, and adult leadership. This event is open to all AOL/Webelos Scouts and their families.

POC: ASM Chris Fagan – cfagan333@gmail.com

Webelosoreesnowapalooza!



Troop 982 cordially invites Webelos 1 & Arrow of Light Scouts, to join the Scouts of Troop 982 for our 8th annual Webelos-O-Ree and Winter Fest (Saturday January 27th, 2018 - 10AM-2PM). Our Scouts have been working hard to put together a fun program that will introduce your Webelos to Boy Scouting and give them an opportunity to meet the Scouts of Troop 982. There will be several program stations for your Webelos to enjoy including Fire building, Knots & Lashing, Orienteering, Camping/Hiking/Troop Trailer. Each of these program areas (approximately 20 minutes each) will be run by our Scouts and be hands on for your Webelos allowing them to get a sense of what Boy Scouts is like.

For the adults, please plan on spending about 45 minutes for an orientation to our Troop by our Adult Leadership. We will have numerous Troop 982 Scouters and parents available to answer questions about Scouting, Troop 982 in general, our activities and philosophy and advancement from Webelos to Boy Scouts. Send an email to wagnerrobert@hotmail.com to indicate interest (and to ensure we are well stocked with hot chocolate and snacks enough to go around).

Order of the Arrow - Unit Elections



The annual OA Unit Election season runs through May 31, 2018. Troops and Teams may hold only one election per season and it is recommended that the election be held prior to April 1, 2018. This will allow all elected candidates to be able to attend the Goose Creek Chapter Ordeal the weekend of April 27-29, 2018. If you wish to have Arrowmen visit your Troop prior to your election, to discuss the OA with your Scouts, please contact the Goose Creek Chapter Chief (ChapterChief@goosecreekdistrict.org).

If you would like to schedule an OA Election, Scoutmasters should send an email to the Vice-Chief for OA Elections

(gc_oa_election_request@goosecreekdistrict.org) and provide the following information:

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

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



"Cheerful Service Chatter"

Chapter News for our Arrowmen

Lodge Website: www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA

NOAC 2018



The 2018 National Order of the Arrow conference (NOAC) will be July 30 to August 4 at Indiana University in Bloomington. Registration is now live; visit www.oa-bsa.org for details.



Scouting Rules:

1. There is no such thing as "Too much wood".
2. If you are tired, your Scouts will not be at all tired, and will keep you awake all night.
3. The time taken to pitch or strike a tent is proportional to number of Scouts doing it.
4. To a Scout lightweight camping means: "You carry it"
5. Camping is good for the soul – it must be – anything involving this much hard work has to be good for you.

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Mason Atkinson – Troop 1167

Andrew Balbuena – Troop 982

Daniel Beverly – Troop 997

William Brandt – Troop 1154

Holden Conner – Troop 2970

Lance Cross – Troop 982

Ethan Dahlby – Troop 761

Gavin DelHoyo – Troop 533

John Donovan – Troop 1158

Noah Gallagher – Troop 969

Tyler Hamm – Troop 1106

Nathaniel S. Henry – Crew 533

Thomas Hess – Troop 2950

Ethan Jones – Troop 1154

Kyle Lewis – Troop 1666

John Matter – Troop 761

Simba Mpofu – Troop 966

Timothy Powell – Troop 997

Matt Renner – Troop 2011

Kevin Roll – Troop 761

William Wetmore – Troop 1154

Grant Edward Wolfgang – Troop 1666



Super Achiever Patch



Do you have a Webelos that has/or will have earned ALL of the available adventures and you would like to recognize him for his efforts. Then get him the Super Achiever patch. This is not an “official” national BSA award but can be given out by units. You can order the Webelos Super Achiever patch now (<http://boyscouttrail.com/buypatches.php>) and they'll be shipped to you as soon as they arrive in January. The patch is a “temporary” patch (just like those for most events such as the Webelos-o-ree) and includes a loop to hang it from the right pocket button.



BSA's Scoutbook Lite



The BSA announced it will release Scoutbook Lite, a new tool for quickly inputting advancement data, in the second quarter of 2018.

This free solution will replace the current Internet Advancement platform, which will be retired.

Scoutbook Lite will feature a slick new user interface. It will be optimized to whatever device you use: desktop, tablet or smartphone.

Once Scoutbook Lite is released, the Scoutbook database will become the official record of advancement for the BSA.

Scoutbook Lite, as you might guess, comes from the team behind Scoutbook, the BSA's advancement-tracking web app that has more than 1 million users. The Lite version of Scoutbook will incorporate key elements of the paid version.

Even after Scoutbook Lite is released, the Scoutbook team will continue to work on and improve Scoutbook as the full-featured application. That means you can expect frequent exciting updates.

Scoutbook Lite: What to expect

Scoutbook Lite will offer optimized functions for almost everything found in the current Internet Advancement platform.

One feature won't be making the leap to Scoutbook Lite. The system will no longer support the CSV data file import. The BSA found that less than 10 percent of units used this feature in Internet Advancement. The team focused instead on tools that more Scouters need and want.



Life-to-Eagle Training



Mark your calendars for the first "installment" of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek in 2018.

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018

Time: 10:30 - 2:30

Place: Purcellville Library, Roby Mtg Rm

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

We're targeting an additional 2-3 Life-to-Eagle Seminars in 2018, and are currently targeting the months of April, July, and Sep (or Nov). Locations and times are all "TBD" pending confirmation of meeting room availabilities.

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



NCAC Cub Scout Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award



The NCAC Outdoor Ethics Committee created this patch to recognize Cub Scout youth and adults who are active Leave No Trace practitioners and to encourage & promote ethical outdoor behavior beginning at a young age. Outdoor Ethics is needed today more than ever before when millions of scouts regularly recreate in parks and public lands. The impact of this use cannot be ignored but can be minimized by teaching and practicing Outdoor Ethics as Cub Scouts and continuing as Boy Scouts and adults.

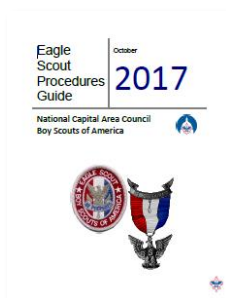
Cub Scout youth and adults can earn this award.

Requirements:

1. Learn the BSA Outdoor Code
2. Watch the National Park Service Leave No Trace (LNT) video
3. Take the LNT online course <https://lnt.org/learn/online-awareness-course>
4. Participate in an Outdoor Ethics activity with a person who has taken the Outdoor Ethics Orientation, the LNT Trainer course or LNT Master Educator course

Patches are available for purchase at the front desk of the Bethesda Office during normal business hours for \$5. Payment by cash or check to "NCAC".

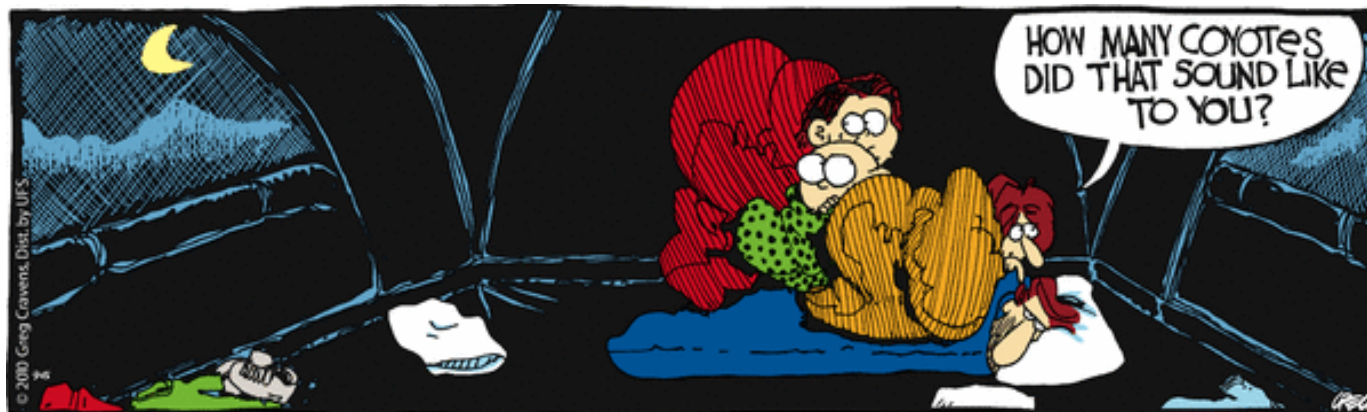
Updated Eagle Scout Procedures Guide



NCAC has just finished updated the NCAC Eagle Scout Procedures Guide (www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/eagle-scout-information/). The guide provides guidance to Life Scouts and Souters in the NCAC on the policies and procedures relating to the Eagle rank and to address commonly asked questions and issues.

This document is divided into small, consumable sections for the Scout. The NCAC Advancement and Recognition Committee recommends they read just the section with the information they need rather than trying to devour the whole document.

While the focus of this document is towards the Scout working on Eagle, it is also valuable for parents and unit leaders to read.



Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



The Akela Chess Tournament



The Akela Chess Classic is the Powhatan District's very own Cub Scout chess tournament! Any Cub Scout (regardless of Council/District) with a clear understanding of the rules of chess is welcome to participate. Participating scouts must know the basic rules of chess – how the pieces move, the object of the game, castling rules, check/checkmate, etc. – and should be mature enough to handle victory and defeat. No instruction on the basic rules of chess will be given as part of the tournament.

Tournament play is in two brackets - Tigers/Wolves and Bears/Webelos/Arrow of Light. Trophies/medals will be awarded to first, second, and third for each of the five Cub Scout ranks (multiple awards for ties).

Scouts are to wear the field uniform and bring a bag lunch. Chess sets will be provided - no need to bring one!

When: Saturday February 3, 2018, check in starts at 8 AM, awards ceremony at 3:30 PM

Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, VA 20170

Cost: \$20.00 per scout. This includes Participation patch, rocker patch, and engraved awards for top finishers

Questions? Please e-mail Peter Snow, Tournament Director, at chessacademician@aol.com, or Roger Claff at reclaff@aol.com.

For the full tournament rules, additional information, and to register go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16278>



'Top Chef Jr.' Seeking Young Chefs, Ages 9 to 14, for Season 2



Does your Cub Scout create culinary concoctions that wow his friends and family? Did your Boy Scout master the merit badge in Cooking? Is your young Venturer a regular Rachael Ray?

If any of those is a "yes," *Top Chef Jr.* wants to know about it.

Top Chef Jr. is seeking young chefs ages 9 to 14 for season 2 of its reality cooking competition on Universal Kids, the rebranded Sprout network.

Want to see what your young chef is in for? Watch season 1 on Fridays at 8 p.m./7 p.m. Central on Universal Kids (www.universalkids.com/shows/top-chef-junior).

Assuming a Scout joins the season 2 lineup, this wouldn't be the first time a BSA member has appeared on a reality cooking show. Logan Guleff, a Boy Scout from Troop 34 of the Chickasaw Council who first made headlines in Boys' Life magazine, won season 2 of *MasterChef Junior* on Fox.

Up-and-coming cooks can apply by mailing a video, photos and questionnaire to the producers. Submissions must be received by Jan. 13, 2018.

Learn more about the casting call by going to www.universalkids.com/topchefjuniorcasting and clicking "Apply Now."



The Akela Chess Classic Boy Scout Tournament



The Akela Chess Classic is the Powhatan District's very own Boy Scout chess tournament! Any Boy Scout (regardless of Council/District) with a clear understanding of the rules of chess is welcome to participate. Participating scouts must know the basic rules of chess – how the pieces move, the object of the game, castling rules, check/checkmate, etc. No instruction on the basic rules of chess will be given as part of the tournament.

Tournament play is in three brackets – 10-12 years old, 13-15 years old and 16-18 years old – with five round per bracket. Trophies/medals will be awarded to first, second, and third for each bracket (multiple awards for ties). Each participating scout receives a custom tournament patch and year rocker.

When: Saturday February 10, 2018, check in starts at 8 AM, awards ceremony at 3:30 PM

Where: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, VA 20170

Cost: \$20.00 per scout. This includes Participation patch, rocker patch, and engraved awards for top finishers

Questions? Please e-mail Peter Snow, Tournament Director, at chessacademician@aol.com, or Roger Claff at reclaff@aol.com.

For the full tournament rules, additional information, and to register go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16279>



A New Approach to Scout Troop Planning



If the following sounds familiar and is occurring in your unit you may want to check out this article by Scoutmaster Clarke Green (<https://scoutmastercg.com/a-new-approach-to-scout-troop-planning/>) and see how his troop handled the issue.

No matter how we hard tried our Scout Troop planning seemed to be losing the battle for for space on crowded family calendars.

Participation in our program was all over the map, some events would be well attended, only a handful of Scouts would how up for others. Patrols were rarely at full strength and our youth leaders were batted back and forth between conflicting commitments.

After years of frustration I decided to find some answers. I looked hard at our Scout troop planning process. For two years I tracked participation metrics, and discussed the issue with parents and Scouts.

I came away knowing our Scouts don't lack spirit and energy, our families are not indifferent or too busy, and our program is not flawed or irrelevant.

The real problem seemed to be how we built and managed our calendar, and that problem was easier to fix than I thought...



What a New Member Coordinator Does



The New Member Coordinator forms a connection with new members and their families. He or she is appointed by and reports to the Unit Committee Chair.

Each unit should have one — or, ideally, more than one — New Member Coordinator

In general, all New Member Coordinators:

- Serve as welcoming ambassadors for the unit.
- Work with the unit committee in developing and implementing the Unit Membership Plan.
- Participate in New Member Coordinator training and collaborate with the district membership team.

“New Member Coordinators can be a game-changer for membership retention as well as recruitment,” says Linda Baker, chairwoman of the New Member Coordinator Task Force. “Having one or more NMCs in a unit can make everything easier and more fun.”

How to register as a New Member Coordinator

The New Member Coordinator, which uses the registration code “NM,” is a member of the unit committee.

This role replaces the roles of Unit Membership Chair and Parent Coordinator, which are no longer available. Anyone registered in one of those now-retired positions should have received an email from the national membership vice president encouraging him or her to register as a New Member Coordinator in 2018 and beyond.

How to get started as a New Member Coordinator

Make <http://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/councils/new-member-coordinator/> your first stop.

You’ll find training information, forms, printable brochures, videos, logos and much more.



Tips for Deducting Scouting-Related Expenses on Your Income Tax Return



When Baden-Powell said “Be Prepared,” We’re pretty sure he wasn’t talking about income tax returns.

But still, there’s no better advice than that two-word phrase during tax time.

Scouters who heeded the Scout Motto last year remembered to track and document their Boy Scouts of America-related expenses. And now, they know that they can include those expenses if they plan to itemize their deductions.

But what if you didn’t know that BSA expenses were deductible? Or what if your “filing system” is really your glove compartment that’s stuffed with gas receipts and crumpled-up napkins? And what qualifies as an eligible expense, anyway?

If you don’t know the answers to those questions then you might want to check out Bryan On Scouting article about what is and is not deductible and for some helpful tips from others on how to keep everything organized:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2011/03/03/tax-time/>



Whitewater Challengers Cub-O-Ree Weekend



Dates: June 15 – 17, 2018

Price: \$49.95

Location: White Haven, PA, 18661

This fun filled weekend is for Cub Scouts and their families and includes two nights of camping under the stars, a tour of historic Eckley Miners' Village (shuttle included), bag n' go lunch, games and competitions, a nature show, group campfire and a free Scout patch and certificate of achievement!

Bring your own tent, rent a tent or rent a bunkhouse for your overnight stay. Additional meals including breakfast and dinner buffets are available for purchase.

To register go to www.whitewaterchallengers.com/scouts and about half way down the page you'll see the entry for Camp-O-Ree Weekends.

The contact point for this event is Barbara Acker,
barbara@whitewaterchallengers.com or 800.443.8554

Note: This event is sponsored by Whitewater Challengers; it is not run or endorsed by National Capital Area Council, BSA. Please help support our sponsors and let them know how grateful we are for their support of Scouting!



Boy Scout and Girl Scout Rafting Trips and Outdoor Activities – Lehigh River, PA



Imagine the perfect combination of outdoor adventure, discovery, and learning packaged together in an environment steeped in Boy Scout and Girl Scout values. That's what you'll find on each of our specially scheduled Scout Rafting Weekends and Scout Discount Days. Scouts of every age and experience level will enjoy an Adventure Camp outing that builds confidence, fosters success, and renews enthusiasm for Scouting.

Our Scout Rafting Trips range from relatively mild to very exciting. The differences between trips have to do with changes in river flows and changes in the intensity of the rapids. All of our Scouting trips are suitable for first-time rafters, although the marathon is rather demanding in terms of strength and stamina.

For more information go to: www.whitewaterchallengers.com/scouts



Spring Family Camping at Camp Snyder



Join us for BB gun shooting, archery, slingshots and more! After a fun day of camp program you and your pack can stay overnight.

When: Saturday, May 19-20, 2018

To register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16546> (closes 5/5)

Cost:

- Scouts/Cub Scout age siblings: \$30
- Adults: \$10
- Siblings age 5 and under: \$5
- Boy Scout age sibling: \$10

A late registration fee of \$5 (per person) will be added on starting 4/21.



Bullseye!



The NCAC Shooting Sports Committee & Camp Snyder is planning an exciting day of BB gun shooting, archery, slingshots and more! After a fun day on the ranges Scouts and their families will gather for an evening campfire program and then camp overnight.

When: Saturday, April 21-22, 2018

To register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16530> (closes 4/7)

Cost:

- Scouts/Cub Scout age siblings: \$30
- Adults: \$10
- Siblings age 5 and under: \$5
- Boy Scout age sibling: \$10

A late registration fee of \$5 (per person) will be added on starting 3/11.



Scouts and Venturers invited to enter the State-Fish Art Contest



Fishing has been a part of Scouting since the very beginning.

In fact, Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell once said, “every Scout ought to be able to fish in order to get food for himself.”

That longstanding angling tradition — coupled with the sport’s continued popularity today — makes this contest opportunity one I simply had to pass along.

It’s called the State-Fish Art Contest (www.wildlife forever.org/home/state-fish-art/), and it’s open to anyone from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Let’s flood the contest with entries from Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and Sea Scouts. Let’s show them nobody does fishing better than packs, troops, crews and ships.

Entering is fun, free and involves two basic steps:

1. Create a horizontal 9-by-12-inch art illustration of any state fish (not just the one from an entrant’s own state).
2. Write a one-page essay related to the chosen fish species. It can be an essay, story, poem or any other creative form. It should show the entrant’s connection to and understanding of their chosen fish. It should demonstrate a knowledge of the fish’s habitat, behavior and conservation status.

Each year’s entry deadline is March 31. Mail entries to:

Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art
5350 HWY 61 North, Suite 7
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Winners get prizes (details to be announced) and recognition at a national fishing event. Everyone — win or lose — supports aquatic education through science and the arts.

24th World Scout Jamboree



Over fifty years ago the Boy Scouts of America hosted the only World Jamboree to be held in the United States. The 12th World Jamboree welcomed twelve thousand Scouts from 105 nations, who assembled at Farragut State Park in northern Idaho. In less than two years' time the Joint Hosts of Canada, Mexico and the US will hold the 24th World Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve July 22nd – August 2nd 2019.

Up to 50,000 Scouts from some 160 countries and contingents will come together, to renew their perspective to all that is best in Scouting. You can be a part of the US contingent, but you have to register electronically, and spots are filling up quickly. Since registration opened a few weeks ago the pace of activity has only increased. For more information on the Jamboree, with details as to how to sign up as a participant or staff volunteer, go to www.ncacbsa.org/wsj at Council for all your Jamboree needs. If you have questions, contact the District Rep to the International Committee at Mike.Sierra@GooseCreekDistrict.Org.

Florida National High Adventure Sea Base



Not even the strongest hurricane ever recorded can keep the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base down for long.

Yes, even after Hurricane Irma dealt a punishing blow to the Florida Keys in September, the Florida Sea Base is open for business this fall and beyond. **Sea Base registration and lottery info**

2018: The lottery for 2018 trips was held Jan. 15 to Feb. 15, 2017. Unclaimed trips are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can be viewed at this site: <https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x8709747c4>. Units cancel reservations from time to time, so check back regularly if you don't see the trip you want.

2019: Yes, it's time to start thinking about 2019. Slots for 2019 will be allocated using an online lottery, open from 9 a.m. ET on Jan. 23 to 5 p.m. ET on Feb. 13, 2018. You can enter the lottery by logging onto www.bsaseabase.org/. There's no advantage to entering early; as long as your entry is submitted during the window you're good. Winning units will be notified in early March 2018.



Emergency Fund



The BSA has established an Emergency Assistance Fund to help our Scouting brothers and sisters affected by hurricanes in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico and Beyond. Visit www.scouting.org/disaster-relief/ to learn more.



One Day Religious Retreat for Boy Scouts



Get away from all the electronics for a day--- A day devoted to Duty to God and A Scout is Reverent. Units are asked to bring scouts in groups of three. Events will be worked on in threes.

- Birds of the Air---all 3 lessons will be covered and the patch earned. Patches presented at closing. Birds of the Air is one part of the Bible Basics program developed by Programs for Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y).
- Learn about: Putting Duty to God into your troop program , Chaplain's Aide Training, and how to earn the Religious Emblem for your Faith-- if you have done: God & Church or God & Life bring your materials for part of a round robin discussion, or if Catholic bring your Emblem materials for the discussion.
- Learning the art of Colonial Tin Punch – will make ornaments and a plaque to take home. If you use frozen juice or lemonade save the metal discs on the opening end, wash them, and bring them with you to turn in.

Sponsored by the NCAC Protestant Committee, this retreat is for Protestants and Catholics.

When: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Location: Groveton Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Cost:. \$12 per scout, \$10 per adult (adults do patch & can try tin punch)-includes lunch. Must preregister (check on the dates in the NCAC calendar, they are working to get it listed) & pay with registration by April 1, 2018 - no walkins accepted. Program begins at 9:30am and will be finished by 4pm

If you have questions please call Mrs. Mary Castles at 703-765-0855 or email mecastles@yahoo.com

2017-18 We the Students Essay Contest



Should schools be able to keep tabs on students' social media to prevent internet bullying? Should there be regulations that prohibit President Trump from tweeting? This year's prompt is, To what extent in the U.S. does the government-- federal, state, and local--have the duty to monitor internet content? With our "We the Students" essay contest, you could win prizes just for sharing your thoughts on this issue!

Each year, the We the Students Essay Contest gives high-school students in grades 8-12 from across the U.S. a chance to share your perspective on a trending topic.

This year, we're asking you to consider what role the government should play in monitoring internet content and awarding \$20,000+ in scholarship and prizes.

- 1st Place – \$5,000 and a scholarship to our 2018 Constitutional Academy in Washington, D.C.
- Runners Up – Six prizes at \$1,250 each
- Honorable Mentions – Eight prizes at \$500 each



For more details, and to and submit your 500-800-word essay before February 5, 2018 go to: <https://webportalapp.com/sp/signup/wethestudents2017>



2018 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key: Available Almost Full Full

Camp (as of 03/25/2015)		Week					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bowman (opens one day sooner than other camps) (Patrol Cooking)						
	Marriot (Patrol Cooking & Heater Stack)	LDS Week					
	Olmsted (BS Dining Hall)						
	Lenhok'sin High Adventure						
	PMI (Dining Hall)						
	Ross (Dining Hall)						

Week 1 – 6/24 to 6/30

Week 3 – 7/8 to 7/14

Week 4 – 7/15 to 7/21

Week 2 – 7/1 to 7/7

Week 4 – 7/15 to 7/21

Week 6 – 7/29 to 8/4

Fees:

If paid by April 13: Youth \$360, Adults \$225*

If paid by May 18: Youth \$400, Adults \$265*

After May 18: Youth \$440, Adults \$305*

- All units will receive two free adult leaders!

Registration is now live for Goshen Scout Reservation's 2018 program:

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/goshen-camps/register/>

Project: Milkweed for Monarchs



In February 2018, NCAC will kick-off Milkweed for Monarchs, a massive conservation project to protect and promote sustainable habitat for the monarch butterfly. One of nature's most recognizable and beautiful butterflies, the monarch has been in decline in recent years. Monarchs are also a vital food source for other animals in the local ecosystem; their dwindling numbers could have profound effects on the food chain. Many factors, including environmental considerations and a loss of habitat, contribute to the decline.

With Milkweed for Monarchs, Scouts are looking to reverse this trend. Monarch caterpillars depend upon milkweed as their food source; Scouts will help the butterflies by protecting existing stands of milkweed, and by planting more of it.

Helping out is easy! Protect milkweed where you see it and plant more. It's a simple plant to cultivate. Because milkweed is a perennial, once you plant it and establish it this spring your plants will return the following year to help feed the next generation of monarch caterpillars.

In addition, NCAC will be holding a Monarch Photo Contest and introducing a special Council Shoulder Patch to commemorate this conservation effort. Be on the lookout for additional information as we move towards our kickoff. To take the Milkweed for Monarchs Pledge or for more information, please visit

www.NCACBSA.org/Monarchs

Buy a Patch to Help Rebuild Puerto Rico Council's Guajataka Scout Reservation



Scouts help other people at all times, and the Puerto Rico Council needs our help at this time.

Concilio de Puerto Rico de los Boy Scouts of America, one of the BSA's nearly 280 local councils, suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Maria in September. The powerful storm hit the council's service center as well as the beloved Guajataka Scout Reservation.

While most of us won't be able to make it down to Puerto Rico to help with relief efforts, there is something we can do with a few taps or clicks.

In true Scouting fashion, this bit of relief comes in the form of a commemorative patch. The Northeast Region, of which the Puerto Rico Council is a member, has created a set of limited-edition patches. Proceeds from the sale will rebuild Scouting on the island.

The patch idea was devised in part by the Order of the Arrow. The Northeast Region's OA chief (a youth) and OA chairman (an adult volunteer) worked with the Northeast Region Area 5 Director (a professional) to create the patches. Arrowmen from OA Section NE-5 (of which Puerto Rico's OA lodge, Logia Yokahú, is a member) helped with the design.

The patch comes in three flavors — a blue border for \$5, a blue mylar border for \$10 and a limited-edition chenille for \$25.

You can order at <https://scoutingevent.com/358-PPCPRP> by following these steps:

1. Click the blue button marked "Order Here" at the top of the page.
2. On the next page, click "Order Here" again. It will show \$0.00, but you'll actually add patches to your cart in Step 4.
3. Sign in (if you have an existing MyRoster account with the council), or register as a guest by putting in your first name, last name and email address.
4. Order your patches. You may also make an additional donation at the bottom of the page.

What to do with questions? Contact Frank Caccavale by email at frankcacc@yahoo.com.

2018 Goshen Summer Camp Staff Applicant



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

Interviews will be the first two Saturdays in January. Apply online and get more information at www.GoToGoshen.org/staff.

National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award



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

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

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

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

Level of skill employed to complete the project

2018 Camp Snyder Staff Applicant



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

- Contact Camp Snyder for more information. Phone: (571) 248-4904, Email: Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org

How to Celebrate Scout Sunday/Sabbath/Jumuah



Two very special days for the Boy Scouts of America are Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath. First observed in 1914, the days honor the contributions of boys and adults to Scouting.

Recently, the National Association of Muslim Americans on Scouting began celebrating Scout Jumuah which honors the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting within the Muslim community.

Celebrating Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath, and Scout Jumuah can help introduce the Scouting program to congregation members who may not know about it. Because most Scout units are chartered to faith-based organizations, Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath, and Scout Jumuah also give the boys an opportunity to give back by performing acts of service.

Whether with your pack or with your family, commemorating one of these important days will show your Scout spirit to your community.

Typically, Scout Sunday is the Sunday before BSA's anniversary which is February 8th. This date is flexible to accommodate the congregation's needs. For example, the United Methodist Church always celebrates Scout Sunday on the second Sunday in February to avoid conflict with their commemoration of Transfiguration Sunday. An individual church also has the option of celebrating on a different Sunday.

Scout Sabbath is the Saturday following Scout Sunday. Congregations may also choose another Sabbath on which to celebrate Scout Sabbath.

For 2018 Scout Sunday is Feb 4th, Scout Sabbath Feb 10th, and Scout Jumuah Feb 9th.

Ways to Commemorate Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath, and Scout Jumuah

- Wear your Scout uniform and sit together at the front of the church, synagogue, or mosque. If your unit is not sponsored by a faith-based organization, wear your uniform to your home church.
- Serve as ushers for the church and hand out church bulletins.
- Conduct a flag ceremony at the beginning of the service.
- Recite the Scout Oath and Law during the service.
- Lead a prayer.
- Serve as the liturgist.
- Collect the offering.
- Provide refreshments for the church members.
- Set up a Scouting display in the narthex or foyer.
- Ask members of the congregation who were Scouts to stand up. Then ask those who have served as a Scout leader to stand up.
- Formally present your unit's charter to the church, synagogue, or mosque.
- Award any religious emblems that your Scouts have earned.
- Work on a service project for the church, synagogue, or mosque after the services have concluded.
- Hold your troop's Court of Honor or your pack's award ceremony immediately following the service.
- Hold a Scouting for Food food drive at the church, synagogue, or mosque.



NYLT Training



NYLT (Impeesa) is the National Capital Area Council's presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their scouting program and in LIFE. NYLT brings together scouts from all over the Council to learn and practice the leadership techniques in a risk free, scout friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

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

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

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

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

- Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts
- Completed Unit Leader Training
- At least 14 years of age (or 13 with the Course Directors approval), Youth 12 years of age and younger will not be able to attend
- Home Unit Leader approval

2018 Course Dates

SUMMER NYLT – registration opening in January 2018

17 – 22 June 2018

24 – 29 June 2018

29 July – 3 August 2018

5 -10 August 2018

Cost - \$250.

Northern Tier National High Adventure Program



Paddle your way to an experience of a lifetime in Minnesota and Canada at the Northern Tier National High Adventure Program.

During their 6- to 11-night journey of 50 to 150 miles, Northern Tier crews follow in the footsteps and paddle tracks of 1800s French-Canadian voyagers.

After loading their canoes with gear for the entire journey, Scouts and Venturers explore millions of acres of pristine lakes, meandering rivers, dense forests and fascinating wetlands in Northern Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Northeast Manitoba.

In the winter, Northern Tier emerges from a blanket of snow to offer the BSA's premier winter high-adventure program. It's called Okpik, and it challenges Scouts and Venturers to learn how to thrive in subzero temperatures, travel across frozen wilderness lakes and construct their own sleeping structures out of snow.

Because Northern Tier's demand often exceeds available space, spots are allocated using an online lottery system.

Northern Tier registration and lottery info

2019: The 2019 Northern Tier registration lottery opens at 9 a.m. Central Time on Jan. 2, 2018. It closes a week later: 11:59 p.m. Central Time on Jan. 9, 2018. Go here www.ntier.org/reservations.aspx to enter or go here www.ntier.org/Reservations/2019lotteryinformation.aspx to learn more about the lottery process.

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/

On-Line Resource of the Month



You'll find the **Ask Andy** column at <http://NetCommissioner.com/AskAndy/>. Andy has been answering questions about Scouting for ten years on line and a lot more years prior to that. He patiently answers some of the same questions over and over again; "how many square knots can I sew on my shirt and in what order?" kind of questions. Andy is also direct and sometimes a little curmudgeonly and is not afraid to tell people how wrong they are (some of them are really very wrong indeed).

Andy is focused on the success of individual Scouts. He assiduously follows policy because the rules and regulations are also focused on the success of Scouts.

Training Opportunities



University of Scouting



When: 02-24-2018 8:30AM to 5:00PM

Where: Hayfield Secondary School
7630 Telegraph Rd
Alexandria, VA 22315

With 160 different courses to choose from, this training event is not to be missed! Last year more than 960 Scouters attended - help us break 1000 for 2017! University of Scouting has five specific program areas to choose from: Cub Scout College, Boy Scout College, College of Adventure, College of Elective Programs, and College of District Operations. Plus enjoy a Scouting museum and vendor displays along the midway!

Online registration will open in early January and closes at midnight on Sunday, February 12, 2017. After that, the tuition goes up to \$50.

For more information go to: www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting/



Outdoor Ethics Orientation



What: A 90 minute course to provide an overview and some participatory activities in outdoor ethics including:

- The Outdoor Code
- Leave No Trace (LNT)
- TreadLightly
- The Land Ethic

Cost: Free.

Who: Scouters, mature Scouts, troop Outdoor Ethics Guides

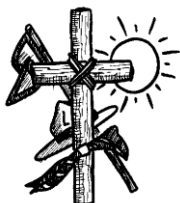
When: Jan 17, 2018 at 7:30 PM

Where: Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Pl, Oakton VA 22124

How: Register at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4caea72fa57-outdoor1

Contact Sara H for more info, or with any questions: sh12sh34@gmail.com

Religious Emblems Orientation and Training



Announcing: An orientation, sponsored by the NCAC Protestant Committee on Scouting, and training course for counselors, mentors, lay leaders, REC's and other adults for the God and Country/PRAY Awards Program, the religious emblems program used by Protestant and Christian Churches.

Training covers the God and Country Program/PRAY Awards series, the roles and responsibilities of program leaders and counselors, & Religious Emblem Coordinators, use of the program in churches, schools, Girl Scouts, Cub and Boy Scouts, Trail Life USA, and Campfire groups. Plus overview of duties of Religious Emblems Coordinators & Chaplains. Participants get a thick notebook of info & resources to take home. New PRAY program Patch series training has been added to this training course.

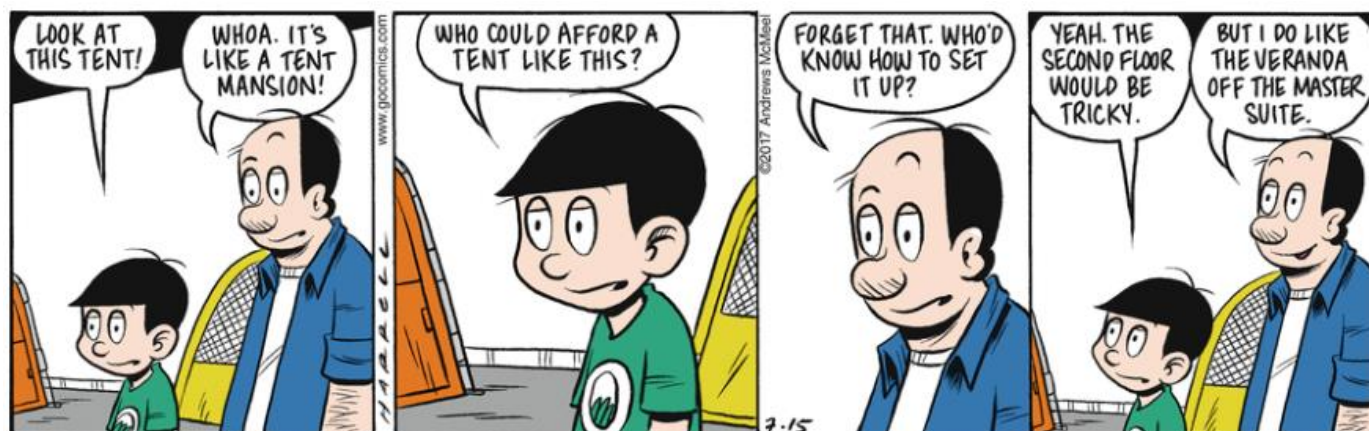
Who: Youth ministers, seminarians, lay leaders, volunteer and professional Cub and Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire groups, Trail Life, parents, and religious leaders of Protestant and Christian denominations and faiths. Home School leaders. Unit & District Religious Emblems Coordinators. (Adults only.)

When: March 10, 2018: 9:30am to 3:00 pm. Lunch provided. Check-in: 9-9:20am. (Assignments to do before class starts)

Where: Groveton Baptist Church, 6511 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia.

Cost: \$20.00 per participant.

Registration: To find out how to register contact Mary Elizabeth Castles at 703-765-0855 mecastles@yahoo.com.



Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills



This course is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Explorer). This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders. All participants must have completed Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing or, 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 is leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedown will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure.

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. 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.

2018 Spring Course - \$45

Classroom: Sat. 10 March from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at

Scientist Cliffs Community (Alder Rd and Acacia Rd) 3500 Alder Rd, Port Republic, MD

Overnight: Sat. 21 April, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 22 April, 1:30 PM

American Chestnut Land Trust 676 Double Oak Rd, Prince Frederick, MD

2018 Fall Course

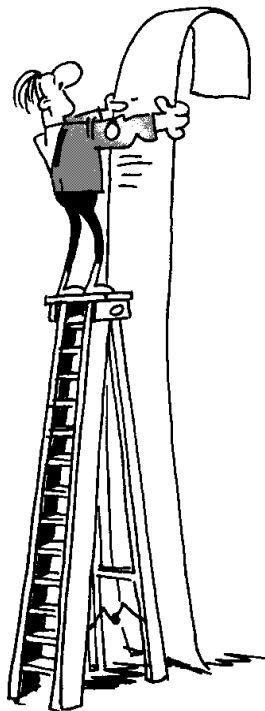
Classroom: Sat. 29 September from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at

Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308

Overnight: Sat. 21 October, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 22 October, 1:30 PM

Camp William B. Snyder 6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket, VA

District Calendar



JANUARY 2018

1 Holiday
10 Roundtable
10 OA Chapter Meeting
15 MLK Jr. Day
20 **Life to Eagle Seminar**
24 District Committee
26-28 **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**
10 **Pinewood Derby**
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
13-15 **Spring Camporee**
25 District Committee
27-29 **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
23 First Day of School

September 2018

3 Labor Day
12 Roundtable
12 OA Chapter Meeting
22-23 **Webelos-o-ree**
26 District Committee

October 2018

8 Columbus Day
10 Roundtable
10 OA Chapter Meeting
24 District Committee

November 2018

3 **SFF Bag Distribution**
5-6 School Holiday
7 Roundtable
7 OA Chapter Meeting
10 **SFF Food Pickup**
14 District Committee
21-23 School Holiday
30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

December 2018

12 Roundtable
12 OA Chapter Meeting
12 **Annual District Business Meeting**
21 Winter Break Starts