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from Bobwhite Blather, <https://bobwhiteblather.com/what-are-you-clinging-to/#more-3588>

What are you clinging to?

Talking with the Cubmaster at a Blue & Gold banquet recently, I found out that her son is crossing into Boy Scouts this spring. In fact, he (and she) have already been on a campout of the troop that he is joining. Among other tales of the adventure that lies across the bridge, I gently advised her to quell the urge to do things that the boys should be doing. She had heard that before – from the Scoutmaster. On the campout, she thought it would be helpful if she'd wipe down the table after the patrol had lunch, whereupon the Scoutmaster reminded her that it was the boys' job to do that – not the adults'. So she called her son over and told him to do it, and learned the next part – it's not the adults' job to direct the Scouts, but that they're led by their own leaders.

There's a lot to learn when an adult follows his or her son into a troop. The things we cling to as we cross from Cub Scouting have to be let go. It's a difficult transition – as I told her, she can go camping, but camp with the adults (not with her son), resist the urge to jump in and fix things, and just watch her son from a distance. That's one of the greatest things about Boy Scouting, I told her – watching your son grow and develop, learn to do things, help each other and lead others, hopefully without realizing you're watching.

It can likewise be a difficult transition for a Cub Scout leader who takes up a volunteer role in the troop. Used to being in charge of a den or pack program, a den leader or Cubmaster might think it's his or her responsibility to run things in the troop, too – to make sure that troop meetings have activities and go smoothly, teach skills, set up tents, or to otherwise "help" the Scouts. It takes not only training and guidance from experienced leaders, but sometimes frequent reminders to change specific behaviors that have become habitual over the last several years.

Key to moving forward as your son moves ahead in maturity and capability is letting go. We naturally hold on to the things we've learned, or the things we feel we need to do as parents and Scout leaders. We hate to see our sons, or other young men, struggle or fail, but if we don't let them experience difficulty for themselves, the opportunities for learning and personal growth are much more difficult to realize. This act of letting go is not just part of Scouting – it's part of life and of growing up in general, and far too few parents understand this.

As an adult leader in the Boy Scout program, let go of the idea that the program is your responsibility, and help your fellow leaders and parents of your Scouts see it too. It may be counterintuitive, but unless you let go you'll never free your son and his friends to enjoy the thrill of success on their own.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Goose Creek District 2018 Camporee



The 2018 Goose Creek District Spring Camporee will be held Friday, April 13th thru Sunday, April 15th, returning again to the superb outdoor facilities of the Harpers Ferry Adventure Center, Purcellville VA. This year's Camporee brings back much of the acclaimed program from previous years with some exciting improvements. The focus remains Outdoor Adventure and promises a Challenge to all who join us!

The Camporee program festivities consist of two major parts, a (traditional-type) Camporee Patrol Challenge of six events, and an Adventure Choice session where Scouts and Adult Leaders can explore a selection of optional Adventure activities.

The Patrol Challenge events are still being developed but will include favorites from previous years such as Philmont Bear Bag Toss, Northern Tier Canoe Portage, Saw Mill, and Tomahawk Throw. Does your Troop or Crew have a Great Idea to add to our challenge? Please let Camporee Grand-Poobah Mike Sierra know (Mike.Sierra@GooseCreekDistrict.Org or 703-868-7753)!

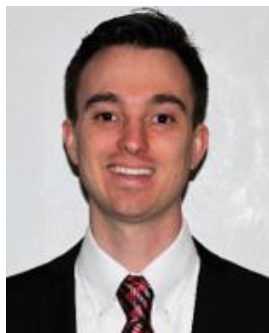
The Other Half of your day will be filled with a Shooting Range (Archery, .22 cal rifle, and perhaps more), fishing, giant inflatable cushion bounce, and these Adventure Choice activities: Maryland Heights Hike/Harpers Ferry Tour, Crystal Grottoes Caving Adventure, Whitewater Rafting (3-hour run), Zip Line Canopy Tour (7 long zips & a suspended bridge), and Aerial Adventure Park (30-obstacle challenge course). The registration fee will be about \$20 per participant (covers all camping and facility costs); additional fees are required for the Adventure Choice events.

An Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony and Ghost Story competition will highlight the Saturday evening Campfire, and a Scouts Own Service on Sunday morning will round out the weekend.

Unit Leaders, please email your estimated participant counts (Scouts and Adults) and your arrival day (Friday night or Saturday morning), plus your Unit Leader's name & contact info, unit type and number, to Mike Sierra as soon as possible.



District Director



We are excited and proud to welcome Ben Litten back to Goose Creek as District Director. He began his career as a professional Boy Scout under the guidance and training of Peggy Durbin in 2014 in Goose Creek District. For the past 3 years he has worked in Montgomery County Maryland, serving Seneca District.

His passion for scouting began, however, as a 15-year-old working at Camp P.M.I. at Goshen Scout Reservation. From 2001 to 2014 he worked as an archery instructor, aquatics director, trading post manager, program director, and eventually camp director.

Welcome back, Ben!



Day/Twilight Camp 2018



The Goose Creek Summer Camps staff will be packing up our little red wagon and heading east this year. Our new camp location will be Claude Moore Park in Sterling. We are excited about the move and this year's camp theme: PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE! Not only will Goose Creek Camps offer all the old favorites: Archery, BBs, Crafts, First Aid, Science, Slingshots, but since there is a stocked 3 acre pond, we will be adding Fishing and bringing back Scout Craft and partnering with the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum.

Both Camps will take place June 18th – 22nd

- Day Camp (9 am – 4 pm M-Th, 9 am – 2 pm Friday)
- Twilight Camp (Mon-Thr. 6:30 pm - dusk)

Cost if registering before April 22nd is \$190

Council Website: Please visit <https://www.gotodaycamp.org/> and check out the registration timeline and prices for this year. Early Bird Registration Opens February 15th! For those needing financial assistance, there have been, Camperships, available. Make a determination and sign up soon, the normal deadline for Camperships is April 1st.

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

A camp presentation is an excellent way to get your Scouting families excited about the wide variety of summer camps available to Goose Creek Cub Scouts, get the scoop on the Claude Moore Park camp site, and get to ask your questions directly to the camp director.. Just send Rumsey Light (rumsey.light@NAVIENT.com), our Camp Director, a date, time, and location and he'll make sure your unit gets a great camp presentation. Goose Creek Summer Camps have been family friendly for years, Female Siblings can still attend camp whether or not if they choose to join Scouting.

Book your presentation early and help get families excited about Camp.

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.



Arrow of Light Recognition Ceremony



The 16th Annual Arrow of Light Recognition Ceremony will be conducted by the Goose Creek Chapter of the Order of the Arrow (OA) on Thursday March 1, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM, at Harper Park Middle School in Leesburg. This very impressive Ceremony is presented by the Goose Creek Order of the Arrow ceremony team, wearing handcrafted native Powhatan Indian regalia. The Indian costumes are taken from illustrations in the journals of Captain John Smith and other early explorers. There will be opportunities for pictures of Arrow of Light Scouts with the ceremonies team.

This event does NOT replace your own Pack's Arrow of Light ceremony, nor will the Arrow of Light Scouts receive their actual Arrow of Light badge at the ceremony. The ceremony honors their achievement in a unique way by the older Scouts who are waiting to welcome them into their troops and into the fun and adventure they will have along the Trail to Eagle Scout!

The Arrow of Light Scouts will receive a certificate and a special Arrow of Light Ceremony patch, designed by the Order of the Arrow Chapter for this event.

Further information on the ceremony will be available on the OA page on the Goose Creek web site during the first week of February. Registration will be conducted via e-mail, since there is no registration fee. For additional information, please contact the OA Chapter Adviser, Hal Raffensperger at hal.raffensperger@earthlink.net

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_oe_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.



Volunteers for Day/Twilight Camp 2018



Akela is a symbol of wisdom, authority, and leadership. The Goose Creek Summer Camps is looking for a few good Akelas. Who can fill that role:

Boy Scouts in the role of Den Chief – Be able to have an impact the futures of cubs by leading and working with Cubs in a Day Camp Walking Den at camp as a Den Chief. Mutual learning experience for Cubs have a role model and for the Boy Scout the experience of developing leadership skills. A Scout will help influence Cubs to continue on the path into Boy Scouts.

Patrol outing with a Purpose – Why not participate as a Boy Scout Patrol at Cub Scout Camp. Learn all the ins and outs of the Shooting Sports; run an Archery Range, conduct the Safety Briefing for Slingshots or hone the skills of a cub shooting BBs are some activities that can be executed by Boy Scout using the Patrol method.

Those who don't wear an adult uniform – You don't have to be a Cub, Scout or Assistant Scoutmaster to have a positive impact working with Boy Scouts or Cubs. A willingness to learn and to be a role model is all that is required. Volunteering at Goose Creek Cub Summer Camps allows you to share experience and skills with youth over a one week span. Being able to assist a Cub master the skill of archery, complete a craft, or just enjoy a day in June sunshine; building a memory that will last a life time is a priceless thing.

Youths over the age of 14 are entitled to a \$75.00 credit that can be applied at any NCAC Goshen Reservation Summer Camp. Youth under the age of 14 receive Service Hours to be used for school or rank advancement. An adult volunteering for the week at camp gets to send up to two children to camp for the reduced fee of \$70 each (\$45 for Twilight).

Contact Joe Nunley (tylajasa@gmail.com) or Rumsey Light (Rumsey.light@navient.com) on how to join the staff at Goose Creek Cub Summer Camps as a volunteer.

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!



District Court of Honor



The date for the annual District Court of Honor has been set for April 18, 2018. The event will start with a 7 – 7:30 PM gathering with some refreshments and the actual Court of Honor will begin at 7:30

At the Court of Honor we recognize the unit volunteers of the year, the District Award of Merit honorees, Scouts that made Eagle in 2017, please many other special awards. Further information about this event will be coming out soon.

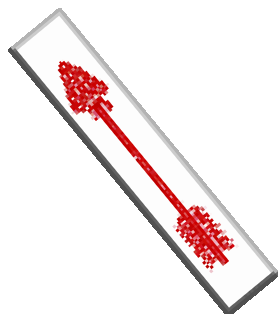


"Cheerful Service Chatter"

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



Spring Ordeal



Arrowmen this year's Spring Ordeal will be held at the Leesburg Izaak Walton League facility on May 4-6, 2018. Please note that this is a change to the previously posted date. In addition to the induction of our newly elected candidates we will also be holding a Brotherhood Conversion to allow Arrowmen who have been an Ordeal member for over 10 months to "seal" their membership in the Order of the Arrow.

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



Spend Spring Break Helping Rebuild BSA Camps in Florida, Puerto Rico



Cheerful service to others is at the heart of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society. In that spirit, Arrowmen are invited to spend their spring break helping BSA camps in Florida and Puerto Rico rebuild after last year's devastating hurricane season.

There are two opportunities to serve, and each is open to all registered OA members. The opportunities coincide with spring break for many high schools and colleges.

With each opportunity, the BSA will cover all costs once Arrowmen arrive at Miami International Airport or San Juan Airport.

SeaBreak, held March 4 to 10, 2018, is based out of the Florida Sea Base's Brinton Environmental Center. Though the main Sea Base campus was largely spared during Hurricane Irma, there was damage to Big Munson Island, part of the Florida Sea Base. Each facility was hit hard, with camping facilities destroyed.

Arrowcorps Puerto Rico, held March 11 to 17, 2018, is based out of Camp Guajataka, part of the BSA's Puerto Rico Council. The camp was badly damaged during Hurricane Maria.

Requirements: Every participant must be at least 14 years of age by March 4, 2018, be a currently registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and of an Order of the Arrow Lodge, complete a BSA Medical Form (Parts A, B, and C), and meet the height and weight guidelines listed within the Medical Form.

For additional information go to

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/01/12/arrowmen-can-spend-spring-break-helping-rebuild-sea-base-bsa-camp-puerto-rico/>

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles (Note: This list includes many Scouts who had earned their rank earlier in the year but had it reported directly to Council and not through the District):

Logan Capell – Troop 1430
Joshua Cottam DelHoyo – Troop 533
Aidan Eccles – Troop 1154
Ibraheem Farooq – Troop 786
Gavin Ferguson – Troop 1158
Nicholas Fishler – Crew 1173
Louis Garcia – Troop 2010
Jacob Golden – Troop 1154
Declan Grant – Troop 2010
Jack Phillip Harrington – Troop 572
Joseph Hartley – Troop 1430
Jack Hill – Troop 711
Joshua Hineman – Troop 1167
Samuel Holtom – Troop 1106
Parker Hutchinson – Troop 1430
Zachary Jones – Troop 1168
Mustafa Khan – Troop 1576
William Koleszar – Troop 711
Edward LaClare – Troop 1430
John Lawrence – Troop 950
Zachary Lipshultz – Troop 956
Daniel Martin – Troop 1910
Ryan Mason – Troop 572
Andrew Peterson – Crew 1173
Zachary Price – Troop 1168
Ethan Rice – Troop 39
Ryan Jacquemin Rodriguez – Troop 761
Aidan Scoffield – Troop 982
Joseph Shangraw – Troop 956
James Sherwood – Troop 956
Rehan Siddiqui – Troop 1576
Benjamin Taylor – Troop 961
Daniel VanBelleghem – Troop 572
Samuel Veliveli – Troop 1430
Hudson Vetter – Troop 962
Gavin Wagner – Troop 982
Shahmeer Wamiq – Troop 1576
Joshua Joseph Wappel – Troop 1154



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: What to expect

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

Does this mean that each unit must drop their current unit management software and switch over to Scoutbook, which does have a yearly fee based on the number of Scouts in the unit? The answer to this is NO! Units may continue using their existing software but will be required to use Scoutbook (Lite), the FREE basic version of Scoutbook, to enter/move their data into the national database.

The following is from a conversation National Commissioner Service Communications Chair Rick Hillenbrand had with BSA's Chief Technology Officer, Vijay Challa on January 9.

An overarching concern of Vijay's is that there are TOO MANY computer tools for our volunteers to be familiar with and use to keep track of all the different information they need to access and report as a part of their BSA position. With Scoutbook (Lite) it is BSA's intention to unify and bring under one interface as many unit leader tasks as possible with the unit leader only needing a single access. When released, Scoutbook (Lite) will replace the legacy Internet Advancement tool, but the following additional functionality is planned to be added to Scoutbook (Lite) as soon as possible: Service Hour Reporting, Internet Rechartering (for unit leaders) and camping logs plus possibly more. The main difference between Scoutbook and Scoutbook (Lite) is that the full version of Scoutbook provides unit leaders greater flexibility. For example BSA is presently working a Scout and Family application where a Scout can record their advancement achievements, and then the Unit Leader can go into the full version of Scoutbook and approve them. Additionally, Scoutbook already includes calendar, reminder, messaging and unit/Scout financial (still in Beta) features.

There have been concerns expressed that BSA will abandon the ability of units to use 3rd party Unit Management Software (UMS), such as Troopmaster, to bulk upload advancement information. Vijay has assured me that Scoutbook (Lite) WILL allow bulk upload of data via a defined CSV format. Since there are so many 3rd party options available, BSA's expectation is that the 3rd party UMS exports will comply with BSA's prescribed format, and if they do not, then it would fall to the unit leaders to make it so. I.e., the unit leaders will have to make sure the data fields for importation via Scoutbook (Lite) are in the right order, etc.) So, for those who want to hang on to their existing UMS, they will still be able to upload CSV advancement data, it just will be uploaded to Scoutbook (Lite) instead of Internet Advancement.



Connections in the Cub Scout Rank Requirements



Back in the “olden” days, Cub Scouts had something called the Academic and Sports program (aka belt loops). The program offered belt loops for everything from soccer to science and from golf to good manners. Scouts from all ranks were eligible to earn these. Day camp had sessions that helped the Scouts from Tigers through Webelos earn the loops. Pack meetings could center around a particular belt loop, and everyone could participate.

When the Boy Scouts of America made their major change to the program in 2015, the Academic and Sports program was discontinued, and a lot of the activities were incorporated into the new adventures. It was no longer easy to offer one program for all ranks because the new adventure program wasn’t set up that way.

Dr. Nisha Zoeller, who attended one of the Philmont Training Center classes prior to the introduction of the new program, identified that need and created a program planning resource. She wanted “to show the connections and common themes among Adventures across ranks to encourage the continuation of pack-level and multi-age programming.”

Her Cub Scout Connections guide groups cross-rank adventures into 15 themes such as Cooking & Nutrition, Plants & Wildlife, STEM, and Camping. For example, you can see all rank requirements related to health, safety, and first aid. So, if you’re having a first responder at a pack meeting, you’ll know what to include for each rank’s requirements.

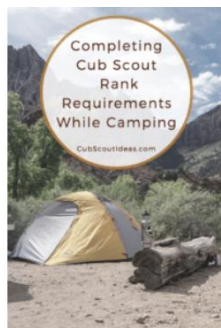
Nisha’s document was updated and modified by Jack Mitchell to reflect the program updates that were effective in December 2016:

<https://cubscoutideas.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Cub-Scout-Connections-12-24-2017.pdf>

One thing to note: This is not an official Boy Scouts of America document. A concern about the document was that packs using it may plan activities that don’t reflect the skill level of all Scouts. For example, a Webelos may be able to easily hike 3 miles, but a Tiger may not. Please consult the Guide to Safe Scouting and the Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities to ensure the safety of our Scouts.



Completing Cub Scout Rank Requirements While Camping



Cub Scouts always enjoy a fun camp out! As den leaders, this is a wonderful opportunity to complete some rank adventure requirements.

But if we haven’t reviewed all of the requirements looking for activities that can be done on Cub Scout camp outs, we may miss out on the opportunity.

That’s why CubScoutIdeas.com compiled lists of activities, by rank, that can be done without equipment during a camp out that will satisfy adventure requirements. They can be found at

<https://cubscoutideas.com/1792/completing-cub-scout-rank-requirements-while-camping/>



Cub Scout Bobcat Requirements: Balloon Bust Game



Don't you just love those cute little Tigers? They are adorable! But then you try to teach them the Cub Scout Bobcat requirements. Between the Scouts asking when they're going home and if they're getting a snack, it's hard to keep their attention!

We do have to remember they're first graders, so it's up to us to find fun ways for them to learn the important Bobcat requirements such as the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

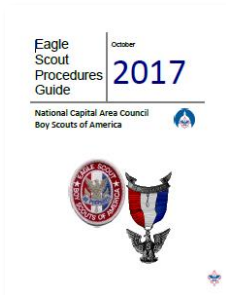
One suggestion is this Bobcat Balloon Bust game.

Prior to the meeting, write each of the Bobcat requirements on slips of paper. Insert one requirement into each balloon and blow them up.

If you have a large den, you may want to divide the Scouts into smaller groups for this activity so that they won't have to wait very long for their turn to pop a balloon. Remember, they are little guys, so patience isn't always a strength of theirs!

A word of caution. Let your parents know ahead of time that this will be the activity. Some of the little guys might be afraid of balloons or of the loud noise they'll make when they're popped. Also, you may have a Scout in your den who has a latex allergy.

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 either than trying to devour the whole document.

While the focus of this document is towards the Scout working on Eagle, it is also quite valuable for parents, and extremely valuable for unit leaders (especially those involved with advancement) so that they don't misguide the youth during the stressful journey from Life to Eagle.



2017 Eagle Count



2017 saw a record 153 Goose Creek Scouts earn their Eagle with a total of 22,708 service hours. This is one more than the previous record year of 2016.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Goshen Family Camping 2018



There are now two opportunities during the year for Family Camp at Goshen! We have the traditional Labor Day Family Camp and, new in 2018, Memorial Day Family Camp!

We will have the Waterfront, Shooting Range, Handicraft and COPE Giant Swing up and running!

Cost: \$20/camper, bring your own food and camping equipment. We supply all programming free of charge.

Memorial Day Camp: May 25-28

Labor Day Camp: Aug 31 - Sept 3

For additional information and to register go to
www.gotogoshen.org/events/family-camp/



The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award USA



Youth participating in the variety of programs offered by the Boy Scouts of America can now earn international recognition for the character- and leadership-building skills they learn thanks to a new partnership recently announced by the Boy Scouts of America and The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award USA. In conjunction with BSA programs, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award USA offers youth out-of-the-classroom experiences designed to empower and equip Scouts, Venturers and Explorers to take on the best opportunities the world has to offer.

Both organizations emphasize self-development of youth, building character, life- and employability skills and exploring the outdoors. In Scouting, participants earn merit badges, ranks and other medals for completion of training and projects, just as Venturers can earn a number prestigious awards through the program. In the International Award program, participants each earn their award for completion of goal-oriented activities over time, and many of the activities that youth participating in BSA programs already do to earn BSA awards and distinctions can help them earn their International Award, as well.

Youth are challenged over time with goals in four section activities: skills, volunteer service, physical recreation and outdoor adventure. Youth who earn their award at the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels are awarded a certificate of recognition and a medal for their achievements at local celebrations; Gold-level award holders are celebrated at a national Gold ceremony hosted by the Award USA.

Award participants will access the expertise of BSA councils for training and supervision of backpacking and other outdoor adventures. The award also provides training and online resources for mentoring adult award Leaders, equipping leaders with the tools that help youth succeed.

To learn more about The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award USA, please visit <https://usaward.org/>.



Scout Challenge Tandem Canoe Race



The Scout Challenge is a tandem canoe race that occurs on the first Saturday in June each year in conjunction with the Great Rappahannock Whitewater Canoe Race (www.americancanoe.org/GRWCR) and Rock the River FXBG (www.rocktheriverfxbg.com).

Proceeds from this 38th annual race support Friends of the Rappahannock, the ACA Stream-to-Sea Initiative, the Fredericksburg Fire Department's River Rescue Team, and the Fredericksburg Chapter of Team River Runner.

Competitors: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts & Venture Crews

Race Course:

- Rappahannock River - from Old Mill Park to City Dock
- Approximately 1.8 river miles of moving water

Classes - all races are in tandem canoes:

- Men
- Women
- Mixed (1 male / 1 female)

Logistics:

- Tandem canoes are provided courtesy of the Virginia Outdoor Center
- Scouts must register and pay online or on-site
- Waivers must be signed; if an individual is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign a Minor Waiver

2018 Information (Old Mill Park):

- Thursday, May 31, 2018 - 5:30pm - Practice Date
- Saturday, June 2, 2018 – Race Date, race starts at 2:30 pm

Additional information, including maps, registration and waivers can be found at: www.americancanoe.org/grwcr.

For additional questions pertaining to the Scout Challenge, please contact volunteer Race Director Mike Robinson at mhrobin@msn.com.



Orienteering Classic at Balls Bluff Regional Park



Got Second Class Scouts anxious to complete requirement 4A and 4B to earn First Class? Are you a Merit Badge Counsellor looking to piggyback an orienteering or GPS course already laid out? Are you a Cubmaster or Den Leader looking for an outdoor activity that's fun, engaging and just around the corner? Consider the upcoming Orienteering Classic at Balls Bluff Regional Park in Leesburg, VA on Saturday, February 25th. Scouts and Scouters are welcome – you do not have to register in advance or RSVP – the cost is nominal – and newcomers to the activity are welcome. You can bring your own compass, GPS, ePunch, or borrow some there. The event is sponsored by the Quantico Orienteering Cub and is detailed at

<http://qoc.us.orienteering.org/events/2018/2/25/balls-bluff>



2019 World Scout Jamboree



Registration for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve is live. This means prospective youth participants, adult volunteers and staffers — known in World Scout Jamboree parlance as the International Service Team (IST) — can register to join the adventure.

The quadrennial event, held at the BSA's high-adventure base in West Virginia and co-hosted with Scouts Canada and Asociación de Scouts de México, will be the first World Scout Jamboree in the United States in more than half a century.

The World Scout Jamboree (hereafter WSJ) will welcome 50,000 Scouts and leaders from 169 different countries. They'll gather to meet friends from around the world, develop mutual understanding and sharpen their leadership skills. They'll do all that at the BSA's newest high-adventure destination, where a playground of world-class adventure venues awaits.

For more information on how to sign up, who can participate and local presentations in your District offering more about the Jambo go to <https://www.ncacbsa.org/WSJ>



Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Scout Day Camp is a great means for all Scouts from Tiger through Webelos and their siblings to experience Camp Snyder without the overnight sleeping. Each day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with lunch included in the cost of camp.

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

Session 1: July 9-12
Session 2: July 30-Aug 2

Cost: \$225 – register by April 13
\$250 – register by May 21
\$275 – register after May 21
\$45 – one adult for a week
(may be a different adult each day)

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/



Cub Scout STEM Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



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

July 23 - 26

Cost: \$250 – register by April 13
\$275 – register by May 21
\$300 – register after May 21
\$45 – adults

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/



Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Webelos camp is a big step for the Webelos I or II working on rank adventures. Scouts will camp overnight just like when they become Boy Scouts to get the full summer camp experience in a shorter setting. Most of your time will be spent working towards advancing in your Webelos trail on the way to becoming a Boy Scout. There's plenty of other fun activities to fill your week including trips to the pool and more.

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

July 16-20

Cost: \$275– register by April 13
 \$300 – register by May 21
 \$325 – register after May 21
 \$125 – adults

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/



Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



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

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.

Session 1: July 13-15
 Session 2: July 20-21
 Session 3: Aug 3-5

Cost: \$235 – register by April 13
 \$260 – register by May 21
 \$285 – register after May 21
 \$75 – adults

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/



September STEM Family Camping at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



The STEM Committee is planning an exciting day STEM activities. After a fun day of activities at Sally's STEM Shack Scouts and their families will camp overnight.

Date: Sept 15-16, 2018

Cost: \$30 per Scout/sibling, \$10 per adult or Boy Scout sibling, \$5 for those 5 and under.

To Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16547>, this event is also available as a Day Event Only: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16548>



Cub Scout STEM Weekend Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Everything that you love about our Resident Weekend program + Science Technology Engineering Math. What's not to like?

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping.

Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.

July 27-29

Cost: \$260 – register by April 13
 \$285 – register by May 21
 \$310 – register after May 21
 \$75 – adults

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/



Cub Scout EXPO and Family Camping at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



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.

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, 2018.

Date: Oct 20-21, 2018

Cost: \$30 per Scout/sibling, \$10 per adult or Boy Scout sibling, \$5 for those 5 and under.

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16549>



Milkweed for Monarchs



Milkweed for Monarchs (www.ncacbsa.org/milkweed-for-monarchs/), Inspiring Conservation in Scouts and Their Families, is presented by the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America and hosted by the United States National Arboretum. Please join us on February 17th from 11am to 12:00pm at the National Arboretum as we celebrate the start of this brand new monarch butterfly conservation program.

The National Arboretum is located at 3501 New York Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002 in the northeast section of Washington, DC, approximately ten minutes from the Capitol Building. There are two entrances: one at 3501 New York Avenue, NE, and the other at 24th & R Streets, NE, just off of Bladensburg Road.

To register (there is no fee) go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-17716>



American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year



How much: \$10,000 for the winner and \$2,500 apiece for three runners-up

Who's eligible: Eagle Scouts who are at least 15 and registered, active members of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron — or Eagle Scouts who are registered, active members of a chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary member,

Deadline: March 1

What's required: Application, photograph, school participation record, Scouting record, community service record, religious award record and four letters of recommendation.

Link: www.legion.org/scholarships/eaglescout

Questions: Email scouting@legion.org



Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarship for Catholic Scouts



How much: Six scholarships at \$2,000 apiece

Who's eligible: Catholic high school seniors who are Scouts or Venturers in any BSA program. Applicants must have earned the Eagle Scout Award, Silver Award, Summit Award or Quartermaster Award.

Deadline: March 1

What's required: Photo and application listing service to Scouting, church and the community

Link: www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/college-scholarship

Questions: Email nccs@scouting.org



Veterans of Foreign Wars Scout of the Year



How much: \$5,000 for first place, \$3,000 for second place and \$1,000 for third place

Who's eligible: Young people who are at least 15 and registered, active members of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or a Sea Scout Ship who have received the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venturing Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.

Deadline: March 1

What's required: Application, photograph, school participation record, Scouting record, community service record and three letters of recommendation.

Link: www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/scout-of-the-year

Questions: Email scouting@vfw.org



Eastern Orthodox Committee on Scouting Scholarship



How much: \$1,000 for first place and \$500 for runner-up

Who's eligible: Eagle Scouts who are active in an Eastern Orthodox Church and have received the Alpha Omega Religious Scout Award.

Deadline: May 1

What's required: Application and four letters of recommendation.

Link: www.eocs.org/scholarship

Questions: Call 516-868-4050



National Eagle Scout Association Scholarship



How much: At least 150 scholarships available, ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000 per recipient

Who's eligible: National Eagle Scout Association members. (Note: Eagle Scouts can apply for a NESA scholarship before you apply for a NESA membership.)

Deadline: Oct. 31

What's required: Application (though one scholarship requires a reference letter).

Link:

www.nesa.org/site/c.9oIFJMPsGgIWF/b.9535031/k.8FA8/Scholarships.htm

Questions: Email NESA@scouting.org



Arthur M. and Berdena King Eagle Scout Award



Presented by the Sons of the American Revolution

How much: \$10,000 for first place, \$6,000 for second place and \$4,000 for third place

Who's eligible: All Eagle Scouts under 19 years old

Deadline: Varies by chapter, check with the state's SAR society contact.

What's required: Application listing Scouting and school achievements and an essay about the Revolutionary War.

Link: www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-award

Questions: For Virginia - Lance M. Lyngar, lyngarl@verizon.net.

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 rounds 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 email 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>



Webelos and Boy Scout EXPO at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Activities include Air Gun Shooting ranges, Archery, Tomahawk throwing, rock wall climbing and more.

We plan to have vendors from around the area showcasing recreational activities of all kinds.

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.

Date: Nov 17, 2018

Cost: \$30 per Scout/Cub Scout aged sibling, \$10 per adult or Boy Scout sibling, \$5 for those 5 and under.

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16550>

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.



Camp Snyder Service Day



If you have an hour or two to spare on March 18th, come on out for some of the most satisfying fun a Scouter (i.e. adult) can have. If you know someone who is handy, bring 'em with you. But heck, if you have two bad knees, or one arm in a sling and the other with an IV in it, and all you can do is sit in the shade and offer moral support, well, we can also use some good conversation. Oh, and did I mention the cookies?

ARRIVAL WINDOW: 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM. Come any time during the arrival window and someone will be there, and if you arrive at 12:59 PM, we'll have at least an hour's work for you.

BRING: Trained and certified chain saw operators know what to bring. For the rest of us, branch loppers, bow saws, weed whips/weed cutters (manual), heavy duty power weed trimmers, rakes, shovels, gloves, safety gear, water, bug stuff, sunscreen, snacks/sack lunch. Dress for the weather and be prepared for dirt and mud. Remember, now we can wear neckerchiefs with regular clothing!

Rules for Volunteer Service Days and Maintenance Raids:

- (1) Safety first!
- (2) Come when you can (within the designated time window)!
- (3) Don't plan to spend the whole time (unless you love this stuff) - we all have plenty of things to do on the weekend! Leave while it is still fun and before you get in trouble with your significant other.
- (4) Enjoy using your time and skills to benefit kids.
- (5) Enjoy the company of other great Scouters.
- (6) Sign in and sign out so we can track service hours and so we know who to thank.

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/>.

Note: While these tips were first provided in 2011, it still appears to remain current with references to much more recent tax implications.

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!

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.

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.



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/>

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 (\$600 after April 30, 2018)

ADULT REGISTRATION FEE: \$400 (\$500 after April 30, 2018)

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/



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

On-Line Resource of the Month



Baloo's Bugle (<http://usscouts.org/bbugle.asp>) has been publishing a monthly web magazine for Cub Scout leaders since 1996. It's an extensive compilation of resources from Scouters around the country, Pow-Wow and Scouters' Conference publications, and other sources organized to follow each monthly theme. Think of it as a Roundtable magazine. Baloo's Bugle can be a lifesaver when planning your monthly pack meetings, and you'll find it among your most valuable go-to resources. All the back issues are there and you can use those resources if they fit your den program – the Scouts will never know!

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/



Swimming and Water Rescue (SWR)



What: This is the hands-on, in/on water training for supervisors of any scouting swimming or boating activity. It covers the skills needed to meet Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat policies applied at the unit level. This is the training referenced in BSA's Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat guidelines. The training consists of a classroom portion and water sessions.

Prerequisites: Safe Swim Defense (available online at <https://myscouting.scouting.org/>)

The Swimming and Water Rescue course has 4 major components:

- 1) BSA Swim test
- 2) Classroom session
- 3) Written test
- 4) In-the-water session

Fee: \$55 (includes the required course text – Aquatics Supervision No. 34737) \$25 if you already have the book.

Who: Older youth (min. 15 years old) and adult leaders.

Where: Camp Snyder.

Dates:

- Session 1 - June 9th, Saturday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Session 1 – August 11th, Saturday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-17302>



National Youth Leadership 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 met the following qualifications by Jan 1, 2018:

- 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.

IOLS



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) will be presented by Goose Creek District at Blue Ridge Regional Park on April 7-8 at Camp Highroad, Locust Grove. Registration for this has not opened up yet.

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

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



Aquatics Supervision Training: Paddle Craft Safety (PCS)



What: This is the hands-on, in/on water training for supervisors of any scouting swimming or boating activity. It covers the skills needed to meet BSA's Safety Afloat policies applied at the unit level. This is the training referenced in BSA's Safety Afloat guidelines. The training consists of a classroom planning session and a moving water training session.

Who: Older youth (min. 15 years old) and adult leaders.

Prerequisites: (available online at <https://my.scouting.org/>)

- a) Safety Afloat
- b) Current BSA physical Part A & B
- c) BSA Paddle Craft Safety Basic Course

Paddle Craft Safety Course Requirements - Please view PDF at https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA082/document_15136500220_2629.pdf

The Paddle Craft Safety course has 4 major components:

1. Pre requisites including medical form, Safety Afloat Training, PCS Basic Course completion
2. View and discuss the ACA/BSA video
3. On-river skills training
4. Float plan development

Where:

- Planning session is conducted at Camp William B. Snyder (CWBS) on May 6
- On river session will be held on the Potomac River at Violet's Lock area on May 12

For additional information and to register: Go to

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-17372>. Registration is open until April 30. Cost is \$25 with an additional \$30 for the PCS manual if you don't already have it.



National William T. Hornaday Adviser Training 2018



The National Capital Area Council Hornaday Committee is hosting the BSA National William T Hornaday Adviser Course at Camp William B. Snyder on May 5 and 6, 2018. The course will begin at 8:00 a.m. with check in available at 7:30 on May 5th. The class will last until 6pm on May 6th. A camping site is available (at no additional cost) for those who want to bring their tent for Friday and Saturday nights! The course fee also includes Saturday lunch & dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch. For those camping, Friday arrival time is 6 PM.

This course is for any Scouter, Parent, Unit Leader, District or Council Volunteer who has an interest in the Hornaday Awards and wants to foster a conservation ethic in youth, or who is involved in the application and endorsement process for the Hornaday Application and Nomination forms.

Upon completion of this course, participants will understand each award's requirements, appropriate project scope, and the documentation criteria for the awards. Participants will be able to assist Hornaday Award Candidates during the planning, execution, and review of their Award Application. Participants will also be prepared to promote the Hornaday Program through presentations at units, District Round Tables, and training events. Participants will be recognized as a National Hornaday Adviser.

Class size is limited, please join us and help create success stories for our youth!

Cost of the class is \$90 and to register go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-17574>



American Red Cross Lifeguard Training for Older Youth and Adults



What: BSA Lifeguard is professional level training that meets the requirements of government agencies for professional lifeguards at regulated swimming activities. The course will include American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED Certification in addition to BSA Lifeguard training.

Who: The program is open to all registered adults and older youth (minimum age 15). It is a recommended adjunct to the Aquatics Supervision awards for unit leaders who wish to expand their water safety. Youth who wish to work on the aquatics staffs at BSA camps need this training. Participants must attend all scheduled sessions.

How: This course includes the Red Cross blended-learning Lifeguarding course. This requires participants to complete 7 1/2 hours of online training at their convenience before the June 2 session. The online training allows us to minimize the classroom lecture time.

When & Where:

- May 20 2-4 pm - Sea Dragon Aquatic Center, 9446 Taney Road; Manassas, VA 20110 - Prerequisite swim test and orientation
- June 2-3 and June 9, 9am—5pm Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket VA

Note: You must attend ALL sessions to complete the course

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-17309> Registration deadling is May 12 and course is limited to the first 16 participants.

Cost: \$130



Earn this Special Patch to Celebrate 70 Years of Wood Badge in U.S.



On July 31, 1948, William “Green Bar Bill” Hillcourt served as Scoutmaster at the first official Wood Badge course in the United States.

Seventy years later, Wood Badge has grown into an essential training experience for adult volunteers. You’ll find proud Wood Badge alumni in every council in the country.

Celebrate the 70th anniversary of Wood Badge in the United States with a special award available only in 2018. It can be earned by completing five of the nine requirements listed below during the anniversary year — Jan. 1, 2018, to Dec. 31, 2018. Think of this like a second, easier-to-complete Wood Badge ticket.

1. Register as member of the Scouting Alumni and Friends, at any level.
2. Attend a district, council or national level training course either as a participant or staff member OR serve as staff on a Wood Badge course.
3. Participate in a 70th Anniversary celebration in your Council such as a reception, reunion or other special acknowledgement at a Council wide event such as annual recognition or F.O.S. dinner.
4. Recruit another individual to attend and volunteer at a Boy Scout training event or Wood Badge service activity.
5. Share the values of Wood Badge and Scouting by recruiting an individual to take Wood Badge.
6. Promote Wood Badge training at a unit, district, council area, region or national event.
7. Contribute \$7 or \$70 or whatever larger amount you can to an existing council custodial fund for Wood Badge scholarships.
8. Solicit another individual to join you in contributing \$7 or \$70 or whatever larger amount they can to an existing council custodial fund for Wood Badge scholarships.
9. Become a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America at the unit, district or Council level. Consider such opportunities for service as: district committee, commissioner, roundtable staff, Alumni or NESA committees and more.

Visit this site, www.americanwoodbadge.org/70th-anniversary-award, to learn more and apply. Applications must be completed by Dec. 31, 2018. Award recipients get a commemorative certificate and the special patch.



A young boy goes camping for the first time in the woods with his father. After they have set up camp he asks his dad where he can go to the toilet.

“That’s the beauty of camping in the woods,” the father replies, “You can go to the toilet wherever you want.”

After five minutes or so, the young lad wanders back to the campfire.

“So, where did you go to the toilet then, son?” The father asks.

“In your tent,” the boy replies.



Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Outdoor Ethics



When and Where?

Friday 04-13-2018 5:00 PM to Sunday 04-15-2018 12:00 PM

Izaak Walton League Rockville Chapter

12057 Clopper Rd

Gaithersburg, Maryland

What is the purpose of this class?

The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Guides. Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have at least one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer.

We recommend that Boy Scouts complete this course before serving as in the troop Outdoor Ethics Guide position.

Who should attend?

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

What will I learn?

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

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

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

(Campsite location, equipment list, and other course details will be emailed to participants upon registration. Each participant will have an assignment to prepare for the training.)

Registration

Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-LNTTR> , cost for the class is \$50.

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

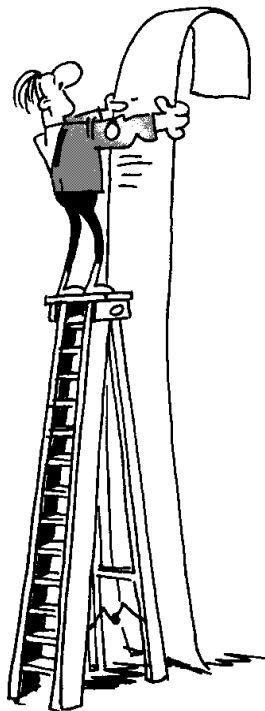
Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308

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



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
7-8 **IOLS**
9 Student Holiday
11 Roundtable
11 OA Chapter Meeting
13-15 **Spring Camporee**
18 **District Court of Honor**
25 District Committee

MAY 2018

4-6 **OA Spring Ordeal 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
18-22 **Goose Creek Day Camp**
18-21 **Goose Creek Twilight Camp**
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**
21 District Committee
21-23 School Holiday
30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

December 2018

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

JANUARY 2019

1 Holiday
9 Roundtable
9 OA Chapter Meeting
18 Moveable School Holiday
21 MLK Jr. Day
23 District Committee