



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

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 For Everyone

 New Article

From Bobwhite's Blather (www.fmaynard.com/scouting/), June 25, 2012



A lot of us were drawn into Scouting as adults with the assurance that “it’s only an hour a week.” We’d be hosting a fun activity, we were told, using the published handbooks and planners, so we don’t have to work through it ourselves. We’ll have help – the other parents will pitch in. We can get trained so the job is even easier. And that’s all there is to it!

It’s only later that we find we take on a second hour, then a third, because we like the way that things are going. We enjoy being with other civic-minded adults, usually our neighbors, who are enthusiastic about Scouting. We like being able to do things that we can’t do otherwise, like camping inside a professional baseball stadium or a Navy sub. We like the fun that our sons are having because it’s good, clean fun. And we start to see that it really is a game with a purpose: help other people, obey the rules, do your best.

And once we get a couple years under our belts, we might be asked (or volunteer) to help at the district level. Would you help train other leaders? Would you help the camping committee with day camp? Can you give a presentation at Roundtable? (Oh, and we could always use another Roundtable staff member. Would you be interested?)

In much the same way as we watch our boys grow and develop their skills, then go on to help the younger ones as they get older, so do we start giving back to Scouting by helping others. We had fun on the way up; everyone should have that opportunity!

I suspect that if you’re reading this article, you’ve gone beyond that second and third hour to the point where it’s almost like another full-time job. We go to work and do the job we get paid to do, but in our time away from work we find ourselves doing more and more for our pack, troop, district or council. Clarke Green summed it up very well in a piece called [Extraordinary People](http://www.scoutmastercg.com/2010/05/scoutmaster-podcast-19/) in his podcast number nineteen (www.scoutmastercg.com/2010/05/scoutmaster-podcast-19/) a couple years ago. We become those extraordinary people because we do things that are beyond the ordinary.

Scouting is different. Scouting is not something you clear your schedule for an evening and go do for an hour a week, then return to your home and your life and resume whatever you were doing before. Maybe this is true of your bowling league, or poker group, or softball team, but Scouting is different. Unlike most other activities, Scouting is more about “be” than “do.” When we become involved in Scouting, not only do we instill the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in our youth, but those values rub off on us as well

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District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Are you Prepared for Rechartering



It's October and all units should now be starting their Rechartering process. Remember it needs to be turned in by the end of November. By now you should:

- Have a committee member dedicated to overseeing the process
- Know how much the fees are.
- Have all new Scout applications from Join Scouting Night turned in. Waiting until you do the recharter to hand these in will only make things harder for you when calculating fees.
- Have all unit leaders check their Youth Protection Training dates to make sure that everyone has completed the new training requirement. If a leader did not complete their new YPT training by end of September then they have been 'officially' dropped by the Boy Scouts and will have to provide a new application form.
- Know who your Chartering Organization Head is, which usually isn't the same person as the Chartering Organization Representative. Know when they are available to sign the final recharter.
- Check out the 2018-2019 Charter Renewal Handbook available at www.ncacbsa.org/commissioners/unit-rechartering/
- Know how to log into Internet Recharter. First Time Users must register to enter the system. After initial registration, they will enter the system as a Returning User. If you don't know your log in password, or the person doing it last year has left, then contact the District Commissioner (John Witek, John.Witek@GooseCreekDistrict.org) who has them.

The access window for units opens Oct 1 as planned.



Board of Supervisor Recognition of Eagle Scout



On September 20th the Loudoun Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution that recognized Jackson Gearhart, of Troop 982, for accomplishing the rank of Eagle Scout. Jackson's Eagle Scout project consisted of building a sensory wall to benefit Alzheimer and Dementia afflicted people who use the Loudoun County Adult Day Care facility in Leesburg. The sensory wall has multiple items on it to help promote mind recognition of common objects, such as cooking pans, light switches, fishing lures, gate latches, plastic cooking utensils, and other objects that many people use every day.





Scouting for Food - We CAN Do More



Scouting for Food (SFF) this year will be held on Nov 3 & Nov 10; the first two Saturdays in November. Many units in the district have contributed their time and energy (and sometime food) to this annual nation-wide Scouting event ... and we thank you! Some units simply help out at the food pantries, sorting and storing the TONS of food brought in. Some units distribute bags on the first Saturday, and then collect the food the following Sat, and deliver it to one of the pantries. And some units do what we call the "Trifecta"; distributing notices, collecting food, and then after arriving at a pantry to drop off their food, they hang around longer and help sort/store the food at the pantry. And some units - usually the smaller/younger ones - will team up with another unit to share the joy of knowing that they're directly contributing to those families that need a little more help to make ends meet - for whatever reason. Any and ALL help is so very much appreciated.

As a reminder about why BSA does Scouting for Food, consider the following from our district's Chaplain.

Within our community, there are people who have no food, or not enough food. Our youth need to understand that these hungry people are in our schools – that they are all around us. In our schools, the hungry people will not say that they don't have enough to eat, because that is not cool. They may not have enough to eat because they want their younger brothers and sisters to have more of whatever food is available.

The Scouting for Food activity collects food for community organizations which provide food for the hungry. Most religious groups have teachings regarding the feeding of the hungry. I believe the best way to engage our youth on this religious issue is to ask a simple question ... *"In your religious faith, what are the teachings about feeding the hungry? If you do not know, please discuss this with your parents or your religious minister."*

This year Council will be replacing the plastic bags (which were difficult to attach to doors and ended up floating around the neighborhoods) with a preprinted post-it note that Scouts can apply to the front doors of homes..

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



Webelos-o-ree 2018 Wrapup



Over 190 Webelos from 20 packs, with their parents, came out for a beautiful weekend (except for the rain on Sunday) at Camp Snyder and got themselves exhausted at the activity areas of gaga pit, monkey bridge, human foosball, knife safety, cooking, wilderness survival, fire building, and first aid. All of the activities were run by over 90 Scouts and Scouters from eight troops that came out to assist in the event. They had just a much fun showing the Cub Scouts about what Boy Scouts do and had a great opportunity to use the EDGE method in their teaching.

Topping it all off was an evening campfire, started by Goose Creek's Order of the Arrow ceremony team in full regalia. A number of the packs and troops presented skits or songs for everyone to enjoy and the camp staff performed their traditional pie throwing techniques skit to the amusement of all.

A special 'Introduction to Webelos' presentation was provided to all of the first year Webelos and their parents while the Order of the Arrow did a 'Webelos to Scout' presentation for those that will be transitioning into Boy Scout this spring.

A special thanks to all the adult volunteers who came out to help set up, take down, pickup trash bags, distribute charcoal and fire pit stands, prepare foil strips, manage traffic, and run the food distribution area and to the troops who cut up the onions and peppers for the Webelos's dinner and helped with the food line.

Patches have been ordered and should be here for the October Roundtable. An email will be sent out as soon as we know that they have arrived.

And if anyone would like to borrow the Scout Law/Oath set that was part of this year's Webelos Challenge they can do so by contacting Alan Steiner, Alan.Steiner@GooseCreekDistrict.org



Goose Creek District Committee Help



Goose Creek District Committee, meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm at the Leesburg United Methodist Church (where Roundtable is held). It take a robust committee to deliver an outstanding program to the scouts of Goose Creek, and the committee is always looking for a few good scouters. Opportunities are available in Finance, Membership, Communications and Programming. Without proper resources, the District would not have activities such as Advancement, Training, Camp-O-Rees, Webelo-O-Rees, Join Scouting Nights, etc. Please consider supporting the Goose Creek District by getting involved on the committee.

Unit Leaders: Please take inventory of your adult leadership and consider asking someone to become your unit's representative on the District Committee.

Any questions, contact District Committee Chair Jim Bonfils at JimBonfils@icloud.com or District Director Ben Litten at Ben.Litten@scouting.org



“Cheerful Service Chatter”

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

About the Order of the Arrow



The Order of the Arrow is Scouting’s National Honor Society. Its activities are fun and educational, and they provide opportunities for leadership and service. This article focuses on the opportunities for leadership.

All Order of the Arrow activities are planned and executed by a youth leader, with the assistance of an adult advisor. Within the Goose Creek District, the Order of the Arrow youth plan and run the District Freez-o-ree and the District Order of the Arrow Ordeal. The Freez-o-ree is a district-wide, winter camping event for scout troops, with competition in various events between patrols. The Ordeal is an event for the induction of new members into the Order of the Arrow, with considerable service as an important component. The youth of the Goose Creek District Order of the Arrow Chapter plan and execute these activities, as well as numerous smaller events (troop elections for new members, service projects, and the like).

Larger events are also led by the youth. The Order of the Arrow Lodge for the National Capital Area Council sponsors an annual banquet, two annual “Fellowships” (service, training, and fun weekend events), and numerous smaller service, training, and fun activities. The Lodge publishes a quarterly newsletter, the “Shark’s Tooth.” All these activities are led by youth, with an adult advisor. The current editor of the “Shark’s Tooth” is a youth from Goose Creek. I

Some years ago, the Goose Creek Chapter Chief was asked about his duties during a college interview. He responded by pointing out that he was responsible for the chapter activities; that the youth running particular events reported to him; that the events involved as few as a dozen people and sometimes over 200 people; that the membership of almost 300 people included all of Loudoun County; that the total annual budget was in excess of \$20,000; and that the Order of the Arrow was similar to the National Honor Society in high schools.

One of the purposes of the Order of the Arrow is to “Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.” Order of the Arrow youth members have plenty of opportunities to learn leadership by doing it.

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Enrique Casillas – Troop 572

Tyler Kraatz – Troop 1159

Lucas Markussan – Troop 998



Eagle Scout Rank Application Approvals from Council



NCAC has undergone some personnel changes. With respect to the Pre- Board of Review review for Eagle Scout Rank applications, please send them to 082NCAC_EagleCert@scouting.org after your District Eagle Advancement Representative has reviewed and initialed the application.



Merit Badge Pow Wow



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints "aka Mormon/LDS Church" is hosting its last Merit Badge Pow Wow on 16 February 2019. The Merit Badge Pow Wow has been a great tradition for 10 years in the Goose Creek district. The Pow Wow allows hundreds of boys from all faiths take 3 merit badge classes in just a single day for \$0. Since the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is leaving scouting at the end of 2019, they thought it would be a great opportunity to involve other scout leaders from Goose Creek District. Essentially train anyone who might be interested in taking the leadership torch in 2020.

If anyone is interested in continuing the tradition, please have them contact: Ross Young, rossayoung@gmail.com



Life-to-Eagle Training



Mark your calendars for November 17 for the last 2018 offering of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek.

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 key goal is to get each of the unit Eagle Advisers up to speed on changes to the process, and some of the district-level mechanics of same. That way, they can help share the message to the Life Scouts in their units on a more frequent basis.

Date: November 17, 2018

Time: 10:30am – 2:30pm

Place: Middleburg, Library, Meeting Room

We're planning on having another 3-4 Life-to-Eagle Seminars in 2019; much like we did this year..

Also, if you ARE a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit, and have not attended one of these in 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.



BSA Will Make Scoutbook Free for Everyone Beginning Jan. 1, 2019



SCOUTBOOK

The BSA announced that it will make Scoutbook subscriptions free to all BSA units beginning Jan. 1, 2019. Units that already use Scoutbook won't be charged when they renew their subscription on or after Sept. 1, 2018.

Scoutbook is the BSA's online unit management tool and helps Scouts, parents and leaders track advancement and milestone achievements along the Scouting trail.

Previously, units paid a small annual fee — up to \$1 per Scout per year — to access Scoutbook's powerful features, which are accessible on any device. By making Scoutbook free for everyone, the BSA can drive program consistency and deepen our movement's engagement with youth and adult leaders.

How will my unit be affected?

- Units with a current Scoutbook account: When they need to renew their subscription this fall, they will not pay any renewal fees, effective Sept. 1, 2018.
- Units without a current Scoutbook account: They can begin their free Scoutbook unit subscription on Jan. 1, 2019.

Will existing users get a refund?

No. There are no plans to reimburse anyone who has previously paid for a Scoutbook subscription. This change applies only to any new Scoutbook subscriptions effective Jan. 1, 2019, or later — and to any renewing Scoutbook subscriptions that would normally be paid between Sept. 1, 2018, and Dec. 31, 2018.

What if a current Scoutbook unit needs to add more Scouts this fall?

Let's say your pack has a 75-Scout subscription with 15 open slots. You expect to recruit well over that number this fall. Can you add Scouts to your subscription when/if that happens?

Yes, if you have a current Scoutbook subscription, after Sept. 1, 2018, you can renew your subscription (if needed) or add more youth to Scoutbook at no cost.

What should units that don't currently have Scoutbook do this fall?

Scoutbook will be free to all units beginning Jan. 1, 2019.

In the meantime, watch for the release of Scoutbook Lite for all units later in 2018. This free online tool will provide a slightly different user experience from the full Scoutbook, but it will help your unit track advancements for all your youth members.

How will subscriptions/renewals work in 2019 and beyond?

The need to "subscribe" or "renew" annually will become unnecessary. Once your unit is on Scoutbook, you'll be set for as long as your unit would like to continue using this free tool.

Where can I get more information about this change in Scoutbook?

Contact Scoutbook.support@scouting.org



Meet with the District Advancement Committee Chair



If your unit (Pack, Troop, or Crew) would like to have the District's Advancement Chair, Alan Steiner, come to your unit or committee meeting for a chance to talk about advancements, or even about how the district committee works, please send him an email at Alan.Steiner@GooseCreekDistrict.org.

There is no presentation involved, no request for donations, no request for help, just a simple sit down with him answering your questions.



A Night at the Firehouse



Ashburn Fire and Rescue is offering a session to earn the Emergency Preparedness, Safety, and Fire & Safety merit badges on Oct 19, 5-11 pm.

To register go to: <https://ashburnfirerescue.org/event/night-at-the-firehouse-october-2018/>. The registration fee is \$40 and includes a pizza dinner.

Note: Scouts must have completed their First Aid merit badge prior to the event. Your scout is not guaranteed to complete all 3 Merit Badges at this event. Completion depends on his completion of prerequisites and participation during the event.

They are also looking for adult leaders to help that evening. Please send an email to donnastuck@mac.com if you wish to assist.

Duke of Edinburgh's International Award



The Boy Scouts of America has partnered with The Award USA to offer The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award! This award, which has been around for more than 60 years internationally allows Scouting achievements to be recognized worldwide by providing unique international accreditation of a Scout's experiences.

For the Scouting program, the award provides a structure that Scouts/Venturers can use for their program development while increasing retention, STEM exploration of the outdoors, and BSA high adventure camp participation.

There are a few items to note about the award:

- The award is open to Scouts/Venturers (and other youth) between the ages of 14 and 24.
- The award has 3 levels – bronze, silver, and gold. These awards, similar to the BSA advancement program, are progressively more challenging.
- The award concentrates on 5 key areas of focus – service, skills, physical recreation, adventurous journey, and residential project (gold level only).

More information about this award can be found at <https://usaward.org/about/>.

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You might have been a Scouter too long when:

- You open letters with a pocket knife.
- You really do use those emergency sewing kits.
- You find yourself discussing the relative merits of internal vs. external frame packs on a date.

Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Recognition



The Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution serving Northwestern Virginia invites you to recognize your Eagle Scout with a letter and certificate of recognition for their Court of Honor. Application is easy but can take 4-6 weeks for delivery due to the approval process.

Please provide the following information when ordering a letter and certificate:

1. Scout's Full Name:
2. Scouts' Troop Number:
3. Date for Court of Honor (if known):
4. Name/position of person requesting letter and certificate (for accounting purposes):
5. Address for mailing letter and certificate:

You may address all requests and inquiries to:

Robert Fagan
 Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret)
 Chapter Chairman, SAR Scouting Activities
 Email: rjfmf99@hotmail.com

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Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Your Best Option for Social Media: Facebook



On the social media front, nothing matches Facebook's ability to support a unit's needs. You can schedule events, share photos from recent adventures, post a poll to vote on the next trip destination, stream live videos of courts of honor, answer parents' questions and much more.

If operated correctly and updated frequently, a Facebook page itself could be your unit's website. That's one-stop shopping.

One important note: Be sure to consult the BSA's Social Media Guidelines (<https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/social-media/social-media-guidelines/>) before you proceed. You'll learn, for example, that the BSA does recommend that units use Facebook for public information and marketing but does not recommend the use of closed or private Facebook groups. Scoutbook is a better option for that.

What about Twitter, Instagram and YouTube? These have their place, but if you're short on time, it's better to do one platform well instead of five or six that you update irregularly.



6 Ways to Make Your Unit Website Better



1. Include a calendar: Modern moms and dads plan their calendars months in advance. By including meetings and outings on a detailed online calendar, you're giving parents and Scouts fewer excuses for missing activities down the road. But if you're going to prominently display a calendar, be sure it's up to date.
2. Keep it updated: If the most recent activity on your unit's online calendar is from 2015, that sends one of two messages to potential recruits: (1) this unit has stopped operating or (2) this unit is unorganized. There's some work involved in keeping a website up to date, but it's one outward-facing sign of a vibrant, active pack, troop or crew.
3. Appoint at least two people to update the site: Many hands working on a website make everyone's job easier. So giving admin powers to multiple users makes sense, especially if someone goes on vacation or gets swamped at work. For troop or crew websites, at least one of the admins should be a youth to keep their needs and interests in mind. After all, "youth-led" applies to the online realm, too.
4. Upload packing lists: Consider this scenario: It's the night before summer camp, and, of course, Chase hasn't even started packing. That's not a huge problem, except for one thing: Chase can't find the packing list he was given at the troop meeting on Monday. Sound familiar? Alleviate this headache by including last-minute details right on your homepage. I'm thinking departure time, meeting location, emergency numbers, and, yes, the all-important packing list. But this sensitive information shouldn't be publicly displayed, which brings us to ...
5. Avoid personal info: Visitors to the site should be able to see the time of your weekly meeting, a way to contact the Scoutmaster, a summary of your unit's recent successes, a few photos and other key information. Don't keep information like Scouts' last names, trip itineraries, members' contact info, or anything else that could be used maliciously, on the unit's website.
6. Visit the BSA Brand Center (<https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/>) : Using the BSA's official logos, images and brand guidelines will help you put your best foot forward online. Go here to find all you need.

There are hundreds of website builders out there, but the trusted review site Wirecutter (<https://thewirecutter.com/reviews/best-website-builder-for-small-businesses/>) likes Wix and Weebly best of all.

Want to reach more potential members? Make sure your unit's website is part of your listing on BeAScout.org.



Goshen 2019 Registration



Get ready for Summer 2019! Goshen registration opens October 1st. Check out the updated dates, fees, and all the new information on the Goshen website: www.gotogoshen.org.

Forming a new girls troop in 2019 and want to reserve space on 10/1? No problem! Reach out directly, and we'll help you get started: www.gotogoshen.org/information/contact-us/



Welcome to the Cub



Nobody recruits Cub Scouts better than other Cub Scouts.

It's in that spirit the BSA released a refreshing new recruiting video featuring boys and girls talking about why they love Cub Scouting so much.

"You get to go to parks, you get to ride your bike, you get to pet a bug," one Tiger Scout says.

Find priceless comments like these throughout the video, which has the clever name "Welcome to the Cub."

After you watch the video, share it! If your pack hasn't yet held its join Scouting night, this is a great way to promote the event on social media.

If your join Scouting night already happened, use the video to encourage people to call you, e-mail you, find you on BeAScout.org or send you a Facebook message.

After all, recruiting season never really ends. A pack's doors remain open all year long.

Step 1. Watch the video.

Step 2. Share the video.

- Here's the direct link to the video on Facebook, which makes sharing it to your pack or personal Facebook page a snap.
<https://www.facebook.com/officialcubscouts/videos/305325166891732/>
- Here's a link to download the full version of the video. This enables you to share it on any social media channel you choose.
<https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/4369027/79932856>
- Here's a link to download the 30-second version — perfect for Instagram.
<https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/4369027/80197608>

However you use "Welcome to the Cub" in your recruiting efforts, be sure to include the hashtag #ScoutMeIn.

A behind-the-scenes shot during the making of the "Welcome to the Cub" video, filmed with Cub Scouts from the Pathway to Adventure Council in Illinois.

Step 3. Make it your own.

When sharing the "Welcome to the Cub" video, customize the text of your post to meet your pack's recruiting needs. Offer details about your pack's join night, if applicable, or the time and place of your next meeting.

You don't need to write a dissertation. Something simple like this will work well: "There's still time to join Pack 123! We meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Main Street Church. Please email or call if you'd like more information. [Include contact info.]"

★ BSA recalls Cub Scout Neckerchief Slides Sold between February and August 2018



The Boy Scouts of America on Thursday announced a voluntary recall of Cub Scout neckerchief slides sold between February 2018 and August 2018.

The affected products include the orange Lion, red Wolf, green Bear and blue Webelos slides. The Tiger slide is not involved in the recall. Neither are Boy Scout neckerchief slides or any neckerchief slide sold before February 2018.

No injuries have been reported as a result of the affected slides, and the BSA has identified and fixed the problem that led to the recall. The recall was prompted by the discovery that the paint on the surface of the colored portion of the slides may contain levels of lead above limits set by the federal government.

Families with a recalled slide should stop using it immediately. They're entitled to an exchange or refund, even if they no longer have a receipt or the original tag.

How to tell whether you have a recalled neckerchief slide

A white label attached to the back of the slide reads "Made in China" and bears one of these four P.O. numbers:

- 200233281
- 200236630
- 200228276
- 200231755

If you threw away the label, that's OK. If you purchased a neckerchief slide this year, follow the instructions below or visit your local Scout Shop.

What to do if you have a recalled neckerchief slide

Families with a recalled slide should stop using it immediately.

Even if you no longer have a receipt, you are eligible for an exchange or refund.

Return the product to any Scout Shop or directly to the BSA's National Distribution Center in Charlotte, N.C.

Instructions for returns can be found at this link: www.scoutshop.org/returns

2018 Interfaith Prayer Brunch



Join us for Brunch to Celebrate Scouting! Bring the family, all ages welcome and encouraged to attend.

Keynote speaker, Rabbi Peter E. Hyman

Q&A session with NCAC Faith Leaders

Special Presentations of youth and adult religious awards

Brunch is free of charge but will require REGISTRATION for planning purposes.

When: Sunday November 4, 2018 - 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Camp William B. Snyder - 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169

Sponsored by the NCAC Endowment Committee and Order of the Arrow Amangamek-Wipit Lodge 470.

National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships



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

The window for the latest round of National Eagle Scout Association scholarships opened Aug. 1, 2018. It will close for good on Oct. 31, 2018. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail on July 15, 2019, and money will be disbursed to these deserving Eagle Scouts in fall 2019.

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

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

What are the requirements?

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

Academic scholarship applicants must apply during their senior year in high school unless the Eagle Scout board of review was held after Oct. 31, 2018. In those cases, the applicant must apply during the Aug. 1 to Oct. 31, 2019, scholarship cycle, even if he is already attending college.

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

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

Applicants may receive a NESA scholarship one time only.

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

How does an Eagle Scout apply?

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

Applications must be submitted at this site:

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

NESA has posted this list of helpful FAQs:

www.nesa.org/site/pp.aspx?c=9oIFJMPsGgIWF&b=9535037#Scholarship.

Good luck!

V3 Hike-o-ree 2018



The 29th Annual V3 (originally named for Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held October 26-28, 2018, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration is limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Scout units including Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Boy Scout Troops, and Girl Scout Troops.

Units are encouraged to form trail crews consisting of no more than twelve members, including at least two adults. Participation minimum age for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is 13 years old as of January 1, 2019.

BSA units will need to comply with the Guide to Safe Scouting, etc., and meet the safety requirements therein. All BSA Scouts and Scouters that hike must bring a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (2014 edition), parts A, and B, and meet the weight limits on part C.

Trail crews will be assigned a hike based on the preferences indicated in their registration. All hikes are approximately ten miles in length and range in difficulty from moderate (1500 foot change in elevation) to super strenuous (2600 foot change in elevation). Other Hike-o-ree activities include a Friday night opening rally, a Saturday night High Adventure Rally, and a service project on Sunday morning. Camping at the 4-H Center is BACKPACKING style using ONLY backpacking equipment. Do not bring chuck boxes, coolers, Dutch ovens, propane tanks, camp lanterns, or lawn chairs!!! Bring ONLY what you can carry in your backpack. Crews receive their Hike-o-ree t-shirts Saturday night.

Registration on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS begins on September 1, 2018, on the BSA National Capital Area Council website.

An initial unit deposit is required to reserve a particular hike not later than October 6, 2018. After you register for a hike and pay your deposit, you will be sent a confirmation email with the leader's package and detailed information about the hike you have selected.

Because of the lead-time required to produce the t-shirts, the final date for submittal of number of shirts and sizes (small, medium, large, extra large, extra extra large) is October 12. NO ADDITIONAL ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE. The remaining balance, including fees for any no-shows, is also due on October 12. Submit payment and shirt information online using this web page.

The cost of the Hike-o-ree is \$23.00 per participant.

For additional information: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-HikeORee2018>

Can Scouts go on a Hayride or Ride on a Trailer in a Parades



Yes. Scouts can participate in hayrides or parades but with certain provisions. Scouts cannot be transported to or from the event in the trailer or the truck. Learn more in Section 8 of the Guide to Safe Scouting (www.go.ScoutingMagazine.org/gss).

2018 Jamboree-on-the-Air, Jamboree-on-the-Internet Dates Set



The 2018 Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet, empowering Scouts and Venturers to communicate with other Scouts from around the world, will be Oct. 19 to 21.

Just how big of a deal are JOTA and JOTI? Consider this: The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2017 JOTA and JOTI events had more than 1.5 million Scout participants from more than 160 countries.

In addition to talking to Scouts from other countries, participants complete requirements for Cub Scout adventures, Boy Scout merit badges and the International Spirit Award. All that, plus JOTA and JOTI offer a hands-on lesson in STEM — the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

Requirements completed

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

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

For more information about these events go to

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/06/21/wave-hello-2018-jamboree-on-the-air-jamboree-on-the-internet-dates-set/>



Questions from a New Den Leader



If your Cub Scout pack is typical, you'll not only be recruiting Scouts this fall – you'll also be recruiting adult leaders. Den Leaders are the ones that packs usually need the most, and they're the most important because they deliver the program.

Your prospective den leaders will undoubtedly be full of questions, since many will come to you with either no Scouting background or perhaps have experienced Scouting as a youth member many years ago. If so, direct them to these Bobwhite Blather articles:

- <https://bobwhiteblather.com/questions-from-a-new-den-leader/>
- <https://bobwhiteblather.com/more-ideas-for-den-meeting-planning/>



Get “Hooked on Scouting” this Fall



Hooked on Scouting uses the fun and excitement of fishing to reel in new Scouts this fall. Scouts will learn all the skills and techniques they need to get started fishing along with actual hands-on experience! Parents will get a chance to discover the adventure Scouting can provide their families while sharing the moment their new Scout catches a fish for the first time.

As part of this program, new Scouts who turn in their completed application by October 31 will receive a free fishing bobber. NCAC also will host fishing events in each service area.

All equipment will be provided by our Council with support from partnering organizations. Professional Scouters and volunteer leaders will be on-hand to help with the event, answer any questions, and of course, sign up new Scouts. The only thing families need to focus on is having a great time while getting a chance to try out Scouting.

New Scouts who sign up before the event in their area will receive free admission. Events will be held in late September and October, watch for details on the Council website and Facebook page.

Hooked on Scouting membership recruitment materials – including flyers, lawn signs, and stickers – are available to units at no charge; just ask our District Executive.

Camp Snyder Service Day



If you have an hour or two to spare, come on out for some of the most satisfying fun a Scouter 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: Nov 18, 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.

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>

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>

On-Line Resource of the Month



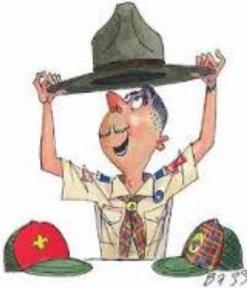
This is the time of year when many packs welcome new Cub Scouts and new leaders. Returning Scouts and leaders are tackling a new rank. Most of us are in planning mode, and we're scouring the internet for good ideas. One new site that has come up is www.CubScoutIdeas.com. The site belongs to a Cub Scout mom, Sherry, who loves to find cool projects that fulfill requirements or that are fun for the boys. She especially likes it when those projects are cheap to do.

At Cub Scout Ideas, she has many articles that will be helpful to leaders—both new and experienced—as you get ready for your new year. She has pulled all of them together in one easy-to-use guide that's available only to the site subscribers. And it's totally FREE!

Note: She does accept advertising on her blog. She also participates in affiliate programs which means that if you click on an affiliate link, she will either be paid for referring you there or paid a commission if you make a purchase. From time to time, she writes product review. Some of those reviews are sponsored or she has been given a review copy.

Training Opportunities

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) will be presented by Goose Creek District at Camp Highroad on October 20-21.

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.

All Leaders should wear their Class A Scout Leader Uniform.

Please bring a chair and a water bottle for class sessions.

Also bring full camping gear for an overnight stay; camping overnight is part of the course.

Meals will be provided. Please provide any dietary restrictions.

Fee: \$35

Register for at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-21779>

Pow Wow 2018



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

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

Pow Wow is an all-day adult training event and the course sessions are intended for adults only. All courses have limited enrollment and many fill very quickly. Courses that reach maximum enrollment will not be available when you electronically pre-registration or at walk-in registration.

When is Pow Wow? Pow Wow is Saturday, October 27, 2018. Doors open at 7:30 am with 8:00 am for walk-in registration. Opening ceremony begins at 8:25 am. The first training session starts at 9:00 am.

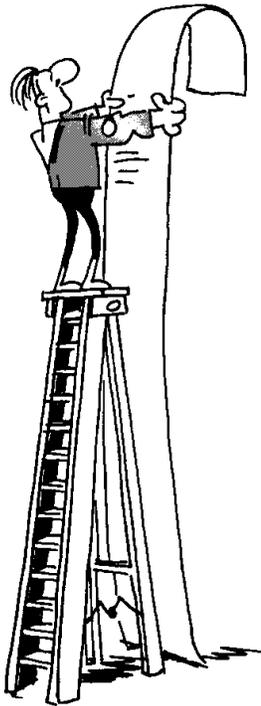
Where is Pow Wow? Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, VA.

What's included for the registration fee? The fee includes a day of training (as many as six courses, an event patch, lunch with beverage and a cookie), and as much scout fellowship, spirit, and networking you can take-in during the day!!

For more information about PowWow go to: www.ncacbsa.org/training/pow-wow/

The site does list the 2018 Class Catalog and schedule.

District Calendar



October 2018
 8 Columbus Day
 10 Roundtable
 10 OA Chapter Meeting
 20-21 **IOLS**
 24 District Committee
 26-28 OA Fall Ordeal
 27 **Pow Wow**

November 2018
 3 **SFF Post-it Note Distribution**
 5-6 School Holiday
 7 Roundtable
 7 OA Chapter Meeting
 10 **SFF Food Pickup**
 21-23 School Holiday
 28 District Committee
 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

February 2019
 3 Scout Sunday
 8 Scout Jumuah
 8-10 **Freeze-o-ree**
 9 Scout Sabbath
 13 Roundtable
 13 OA Chapter Meeting
 18 President's Day
 27 District Committee

March 2019
 9 **District Pinewood Derby**
 13 Roundtable
 13 OA Chapter Meeting
 27 District Committee
 29 School Holiday

April 2019
 1 Student Holiday
 5-7 **Spring Camporee**
 10 Roundtable
 10 OA Chapter Meeting
 15-19 Spring Break
 24 District Committee

May 2019
 1 **District Court of Honor**
 3-5 **OA Spring Ordeal**
 8 **Program Launch**
 8 OA Chapter Meeting
 22 District Committee
 27 Memorial Day

June 2019
 7 Last Day of School
 12 Roundtable
 12 OA Chapter Meeting
 17-21 **Goose Creek Day Camp**
 17-20 **Goose Creek Twilight Camp**
 26 District Committee

July 2019
 4 Independence Day

August 2019
 14 Roundtable
 14 OA Chapter Meeting
 28 District Committee

September 2019
 2 Labor Day
 11 Roundtable
 11 OA Chapter Meeting
 25 District Committee