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## Spring Camporee 2016: Rollin' on the River!

More than 280 Scouts, Scouter, and volunteers participated in the Patriot District Spring Camporee on April 29 – May 1. Participants were from 14 Patriot District Troops and one Troop from Zekiah District. Scout Yousof Omeish of Troop 114 served as the Camporee Senior Patrol Leader. The event, held at the Rappahannock River Campground in Richardsville, Virginia, featured a “Canoe-o-ree” theme. As the main event, about 180 Scouts and leaders paddled canoes or kayaks down the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers over many hours on Saturday to a pickup point at Moss Landing. One group of older, more experienced Scouts traveled 15 miles on the rivers, while a second group that included many younger Scouts completed a 6-mile trip. The good news: the day was cloudy and cool but without rain to dampen spirits, everyone had a great time, and all returned safely. The flip side (literally): only a few Scouts experienced partial immersion in the cool river waters for a short time following minor boating mishaps.

Other camporee activities enjoyed by many Scouts who remained in camp – joined in the afternoon by returning boaters – included participating in archery, air rifle shooting, and dodge ball; fishing in the well-stocked campground pond; and conquering the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) 30-ft climbing wall. In additions, a number of Scouts participated in merit badge sessions on Movie Making and American Heritage. Two small groups of Movie Making Scouts each created a short film centered on the climbing wall as a major part of their MB experience. The American Heritage MB activity included a tour of the nearby Chancellorsville Civil War battlefield, site of Confederate General “Stonewall” Jackson’s famous flanking attack. One Troop elected to spend an exciting day at King’s Dominion.



**Panoramic View of Saturday Morning Opening Ceremony**

Following dinner on Saturday evening, many Scouts and leaders participated in Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish religious services. For about 50 Scouts and leaders, dinner was a special grill-out affair organized by Troop 1131 that featured grilled meats and fish, salad, assorted side dishes, dessert and drinks. No one left this excellent BBQ feast hungry.

The Saturday evening campfire featured humorous skits by Scouts from at least a half-dozen Troops, viewing of the short movies created by the Movie Making MB Scouts, and a solemn retirement ceremony and burning of a time-worn United States flag, conducted in collaboration with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). At the end of the evening, Order of the Arrow leaders conducted a call-out for newly elected members.

It was only very late on Saturday night that the skies opened up and the rains came with a vengeance. With rain persisting into the morning, many Troops elected to pack up and depart early. The Sunday morning weather and Troop departures thus forced the closing ceremony to be cancelled. But Scouts and leaders heading home carried with them memories of another fun-filled Patriot District camporee.

This successful event was once again organized and led by Bill Dexter, Patriot District Vice Chair for Program and Camporee Director. His efforts were complemented by the extraordinary contributions of numerous adult Scouters and volunteers. Joe Casey, Kelly O'Malley, and Patriot District Executive Kyle Molldene provided administrative and logistics assistance throughout the event. Mike Porter, Patriot District Commissioner, served as the camporee commissioner, assisted by Lee Cass, Dave Astle, Kristin Chioma, Ken Gaul, Jae and Jacki Engelbrecht, and Rick Priest. Camporee HQ "grub master" duties were ably handled by John Merchant and Pat Ring. Order of the Arrow advisor Kristin Chioma organized a team of OA members supporting selected camporee activities. Tony Waisanen trained adults on the NCAC climbing wall and, together with John Cavan, assisted in ensuring that all Scouts had a safe and enjoyable experience on the wall. Rich Harrington led the Movie Making MB activity, and Tracey Koehlmoos provided instruction and guidance to Scouts participating in the American Heritage MB sessions. Archery shooting was under the direction of Mike Stonkey. Ken Gaul and Jennifer Allred led the air rifle shooting activity. Fishing in the campground pond was under the direction of Paul Hoffman. Lee Cass served as dodge ball coordinator. Religious services were led by Paige "DOC" Johnson, Father John O'Donohue, and Howard Kaye. And Bill Snowden tried to be everywhere throughout the event to photograph Scouts and Scouters enjoying the many featured activities; results of his efforts are provided below. A heartfelt and well-deserved thank you to everyone who helped to make the Patriot District Spring Camporee 2016 a very successful and fun-filled event.

*Bill Snowden, District Deputy Chairman*

### Spring Camporee 2016 in Pictures



**Setting up Camp: Friday**



**Opening Ceremony**



**Friday Night Dinner**



**Ready for River Fun**



**All we need is water!**



**Launch Site**



**And they are off!**



**Pickup Point 5 Hours Later**



**A triumphant Return!**



**Scouts in Camp**



**Cooking can be fun!**



**Getting Ready for Dinner**



**Moving Making Merit Badge**



**Fishin' in the Pond**



**Catch and Release Rules**



**Archery Saturday Afternoon**



**Air Rifle Shooting**



**American Heritage MB**



**Scouts on the Climbing Wall**



**This is how it works...**



**Scouters climb, too!**



**Dodge Ball Every Camporee**



**Troop 1131 BBQ Feast**



**Flag Retirement Ceremony**



**From the District Chairman:**

Greetings to all Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

What a Camporee! Despite a little water from above late on Saturday evening and throughout the night, we had Canoeing, we had Movie Making, we had American Heritage, and we had a lot of fun! The camping trip was really well-planned and executed. It was great preparation for Summer – and summer camp – which are almost upon us!

NEXT?! We have the **Spring Awards Banquet** on Tuesday, May 24! We will award three District Awards of Merit, six Distinguished Patriot Scouter Awards and a host of other Atta Boys! Be sure to register on-line. And don't forget to nominate your deserving members. Contact Kristin Chioma or Aasgeir Gangsaas with nominations by 8 May. See them at Roundtable or send them an e-mail. And mark your calendar for the 24 May event. You can register on-line at <https://www.scoutingevent.com?patriotdinner16>

Are you ready for High Adventure? Registration is open for the 2017 National Jamboree next Summer! Check it out on the NCAC Website.

**Summer Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp** are already filling. Get your reservations in for Cub Scout Day Camp. It will be held 11-15 July at Geshar Jewish Day School in Burke. Register on-line to get your seat reserved today.

**Thank you** for the many generous donations to the Patriot District **2016 Friends of Scouting** campaign. It is well underway, with only a few FOS presentations left to do. If you do want more information, please contact Kyle Molldene or Steve Smith for visits to your Pack meeting or Troop Court of Honor. Steve Smith and his FOS team will work with you to schedule your presentation.

**I always ask you to Share Scouting!** Please share this Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter or Scout Family this month. Then send the e-mail address to Robert Mason so they will be permanently on the distribution list. If you know Scouters in the District who are not getting the Patriot Press, please send their names to Joe Osborne ([joe.osborne@cox.net](mailto:joe.osborne@cox.net)).

As always, this is for you! **Thank you for what you do** for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your continuing support of the Patriot District's Scouting program.

Yours in Scouting, Jack

Jack Campbell, District Chairman  
[wjcampbell1@verizon.net](mailto:wjcampbell1@verizon.net)

A horizontal line with several colorful knots (yellow, blue, red, green) interspersed along its length.

*In my early days, I was eager to learn and to do things, and therefore I learned quickly.  
Each man is good in the sight of the Great Spirit.*

*Chief Sitting Bull (B. 1831)*



**From the Commissioner**



**HQ Campsite**



It was great having a chance to spend some time with so many Scouts and Scouters at the Spring Camporee. Kudos to everyone who help to make this a successful and enjoyable event.

Yours in Scouting,

Mike

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*I never did give them hell. I just told the truth, and they thought it was hell.*

*~ Harry S. Truman (b. May 8, 1884)*

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: [www.ncacbsa.org/patriot](http://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot)



May 2016

- 8 Mother's Day
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Program Launch & Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Touch-a-Truck Event
- 20-22 OA Conclave (Goshen)
- 24 District Awards Dinner
- 29 Goshen payments due
- 29 Patriot Press Deadline – June
- 30 Memorial Day

June 2016

- TBD OA Chapter Banquet
- 3-5 OA Ordeal (Snyder)
- 3-5 Wood Badge (weekend #2)
- 7 1<sup>st</sup> day of Ramadan (through July 6)
- 9 Roundtable
- 11 CPST (complete session)
- 11-13 Shavuot (eve-to-eve)
- 12 CPST (complete session)
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 16 Popcorn Kickoff Event
- 19 Father's Day
- 19-24 NYLT (IMPEESA)
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

July 2016

- 4 Independence Day
- 7 Eid ul-Fitr
- 11-15 Cub Scout Day Camp
- 10-15 NYLT (IMPEESA)
- 16 Popcorn Kickoff Event
- 24-29 NYLT (IMPEESA)
- 31 Patriot Press Deadline – August

Legend

BCOLS	Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills	OA	Order of the Arrow
CPST	Cubmaster Position-Specific Training	SPST	Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
IOLS	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST	Venture Advisor Position-Specific Trng
JSN	Join Scouting Night	VCPST	Varsity Coach Position-Specific Trng
NLE	New Leader Essentials	VOA	Venturing Officers Association

**18th Annual Patriot District Recognition Dinner**

**Tuesday, May 24th, 6:30 – 9:00 PM**  
St. Stephen's United Methodist Church  
9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA

The Patriot District is proud to recognize its distinguished units and leaders for their outstanding service to Scouts and Scouting. Please remember to nominate those distinguished leaders.

Cost per Scouter dinner: \$20

Food choices are Steak Dinner or Vegetarian Lasagna Dinner

Gathering at 6:30 - Dinner 6:50- Awards program 7:45 -9 PM

Reservations received after Thursday, May 19 will be \$25. No guarantee for reservations after Friday, May 20. Please look for on line reservations information.

Register on-line at: <https://www.scoutingevent.com?patriotdinner16>

**Any help is greatly appreciated with set up, cooking and/or serving.** If you can help, Please call Cynthia Yellen at 703-731-3839 cell 24/7 and or at home 703-425-6468 or [cnymsw@gmail.com](mailto:cnymsw@gmail.com). Many thanks.

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**Popcorn Corner**

I am in process of setting up a popcorn storefront schedule using genius.com where you can schedule your unit to sell popcorn on selected weekends and at various stores.

I am creating a contact list of each unit's popcorn contacts. I will use this list for distributing popcorn information to the units, including the storefront schedule. If you have not done so, please email your unit's popcorn kernel, i.e., contact, to [patriotpopcorn2016@verizon.net](mailto:patriotpopcorn2016@verizon.net)

Don't forget to set up your unit's popcorn account at <http://sell.trails-end.com>.

More information will be available at either of the two Virginia Central Popcorn kickoff events: Thursday, 7:00 pm, June 16, at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria and **Saturday, July 16, 9 am, University Mall Theatres, Fairfax, Va.**

Trails End will put 6% of sales into a scholarship fund for each scout who sells \$2,500 or more in one year. Each year thereafter, 6% of every dollar in sales is added to the scholarship fund. You can read about the 6% scholarship fund at the following link.

<http://sell.trails-end.com/content/dd1bdd0cdcc7ba7/college-scholarship---funded-by-trail's-end>

I am asking each unit selling popcorn to provide a volunteer to help distribute the orders for the Patriot District on August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 19.

The Council Website for popcorn information is <http://www.ncacbsa.org/activitiesevents/popcorn/>

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703-674-6178

**CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE!**



**All Cub Scout Leaders, Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship  
and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!**

**The Purpose of the Roundtable:**

To provide the skill to do—skills, techniques, information, program ideas—the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

To provide unit leadership with the will to do—the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

**When:** Thursday, May 12, 2016

**Where:** Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road

**Midway:** 7:30pm – 8 pm

Roundtable: 8pm – 9pm

*Brian Behlke, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner  
bbehlke@hotmail.com, 662-812-3496*



**Boy Scout Roundtable**

Not just for Scoutmasters

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, May 12, 2016

Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke

Midway: 7:30 - Pre-Opening: 7:40 – Roundtable: 8:00 to 9:00

Topics: Troop Budgets, Annual Planning, Photography MB (updated)

Randy Witter, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner  
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Steve Polchek: 703-978-1309, [sapolchek@verizon.net](mailto:sapolchek@verizon.net)

### Membership Corner

Musings from the Membership Vice Chair, John Stewart: [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil)

Encourage your Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers to share their enthusiasm for Scouting with others.

Join Scouting Nights (JSNs) – Take advantage of the fun and educational experiences of your unit by emphasizing them at your unit’s JSN events. You are not limited to just one JSN event in the Spring and one in the Fall. If you would like flyers reproduced by the Council office please use the attached “JSN Flyer Order Request Form” and forward it to [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil) and/or [kyle.molldene@scouting.org](mailto:kyle.molldene@scouting.org) Please allow 7 days for reproduction.



Look for “hot off the press” information on the new Lion program for this Fall’s new Kindergarteners soon!!!!



The attached Touch a Truck event flyer states this event will be held on **May 14, 2016** at Mason District Park (6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003) from 10am to 4pm. The event provides an opportunity for interested Boy Scouts to earn the Orienteering Merit Badge. They should show up at 10am with a Blue Merit Badge card signed by their Scoutmaster and plan on being able to work toward completing most, if not all, requirements.



From June 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> is the 2016 new Tiger Rally to recruit and register a minimum of 5 new Tiger Cubs and recruit and register a Tiger Den Leader. See attached Tiger Rally Flyer. Your Pack will receive the 2016 Tiger Rally Ribbon as well as each of these newly registered Tigers receiving a Tiger Handbook.

Start planning now for your Fall Join Scouting Night events. Let your unit’s fun-filled activities and the excitement of your Cubs and Scouts show on the faces you present to your potential new members and parent.



### National Lion Pilot Program



The Lion pilot program is designed to be an introduction to Cub Scouting. It is filled with fun, age-appropriate activities that will appeal to kindergarten-age boys. Although they share a focus on the traditional Scouting concepts of character development, leadership skills, personal fitness, and citizenship, the activities are specific to the Lion program and are not duplicated within Cub Scouting. The activities will be fun and challenging in a way that is separate and apart from what boys will experience as they enter Tigers in 1<sup>st</sup> grade

<http://scoutingwire.org/answers-to-your-lion-program-questions-revealed/>



*I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience.  
I know of no way of judging the future but by the past.*

*~ Patrick Henry (b. May 29, 1736)*



### **First Aid Merit Badge Class**

- When:** Sunday, 5 June 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Who:** The class is for Scouts who would like to complete the First Aid merit badge (Eagle required), and for Scouts who need to complete First Aid requirements for Tenderfoot through First Class.
- Register:** Send Mr. Sternberg an email message to sign-up for the class no later than 15 May 2016. (see below).  
Note - At least one parent or other adult must attend the class to assist and to insure we have complied with the Youth Protection Guidelines.
- Where:** The class will be in a community room at Mr. Sternberg's home, 5902 Mount Eagle Drive, Alexandria, VA. Driving Directions:  
Take I-495/I-95 (beltway) toward Alexandria  
Take Exit 176A, Richmond Highway south toward Fort Belvoir  
Go through two traffic lights, Fort Hunt Road and Huntington Road  
Turn right onto Mount Eagle Drive (looks like a service road).  
Turn right into the Montebello Condominium. Get a visitor pass at the gatehouse, and continue to the right up the hill to building 2 (5902).  
There is plenty of parking in front of the building. Call Mr. Sternberg, 703-960-0205, for entry into the building.
- Prepare:** Review Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class first aid requirements. Read the First Aid merit badge pamphlet.
- Bring** Bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks. Also bring a notepad and pencil.
- Cost:** Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for first aid supplies and room rental fee.  
Make checks payable to "Boy Scout Troop 1131."
- Contact:** Mr. Philip Sternberg <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>, 703-960-0205

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*There are three things which are real; God, Human Folly and Laughter.  
The first two are beyond our comprehension so we must do what we can with the third.*

*~ John F. Kennedy (b. May 29, 1917)*



## **Patriot District Fall Camporee**

### **“Emergency Preparedness in Action”**

October 28 – 30, 2016

Camp Snyder  
6100 Antioch Road  
Haymarket, Virginia 20169  
(571) 248-4904

As of May 6, 2016

This October, Patriot District will be attending a multi-district camporee at Camp Snyder when there is a loud boom in the air. As scouts look up, they see a commercial airliner in distress and watch it make an emergency landing at Camp Snyder. The plane breaks apart and pieces and bodies are scattered throughout the area. Most passengers are still alive but many are severely injured. The plane was attempting to make it to nearby Dulles International Airport but could not get there.

Air traffic controllers at Dulles sound the alarm about the crash and immediately notify first responders. At the same time, scouts on the ground immediately start search and rescue operations and begin to administer 1<sup>st</sup> aid. Also, they evacuate patients to a central collection point. When the first responders arrive, the scouts brief them about what has happened and what they are already doing. The first responders set up a control center and a triage site and begin medical support and evacuations. Nearby hospitals activate their emergency teams and prepare to receive mass casualties. Ambulances and medical evacuation helicopters start arriving to evacuate patients. The headquarters continues to organize the scouts on the ground to assist in handling the tragedy.

Earlier in the day, VDOT closed a section of Interstate 66 for repairs and detoured traffic thru Camp Snyder. During the excitement, two school busses transporting high school drama students to a workshop collide and go off the road. One catches fire. Several students are injured and a few, to include a bus driver, are trapped inside a bus. Scouts quickly realize that between the airline crash and the bus accident that they are assisting with over two hundred casualties.

The theme for the Fall Camporee is “Emergency Preparedness in Action”. Other skills that will be stressed are Safety, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and Search and Rescue. This will be a multi-district camporee with Bull Run, Sully, Occoquan and Patriot districts attending. Bull Run District is the lead. A multi-district camporee allows scouting to attract greater outside participants and create larger programs.

The camporee will be held at Camp Snyder. It will be held from Friday night, October 28 till Sunday morning, October 30, 2016. Instructions concerning registration will be publish at a later date. The total expected attendance from all four districts for scouts and scouters is twelve hundred (1200). The camporee will have the traditional events that bring us together; Opening and Closing ceremonies, Senior Patrol Leader/Scoutmaster Cracker Barrel, outdoor church services, a Saturday night campfire, and the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood walk. As always, the camporee staff is in need of adult volunteers to support the different events. Volunteers should phone William Dexter, the Camporee Director at (703) 978-2632 or send an e-mail to [wtdexterjr@gmail.com](mailto:wtdexterjr@gmail.com).



## OA UPDATES

OA Chapter meetings are now being held at the same place as Round Table. They will begin at 7 pm at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church on Braddock Rd. Combining with Round Table should help the TOARs get information to their troop leadership.

Spring ordeal will be held June 3-5 at Camp Snyder. It is a great way to show your support for the new candidates in your troop. Seeing a friendly face makes the ordeal a better experience and introduction to the OA for incoming candidates.



## Adult Training Opportunity

This year, for the first time, there will be adult training at The Summit Bechtel Reserve, near Beckley, WV. It will include

5-day courses (Monday to Friday) July 4-July 29; (\$475)

7-day courses (Sunday to Saturday) including NAYLE; (\$530)

Weekend courses (Friday evening to Sunday noon) from July 8 to July 22. (\$175)

This is a program for adults only and there is no provision for families to attend as is done at Philmont. Housing and training will be in tents such as have been available at the Jamboree.

All participants will be able to participate in some portion of the Summit program during their course. Please pass this on to your trainers, to unit leaders, and to commissioners and other Scouters who might be interested. A flier with most of the details is attached for you to pass on via email or at Roundtables.

If you have questions, please contact Ken Davis at [daviskenjared@aol.com](mailto:daviskenjared@aol.com) or 703-941-9018. The web address is: [SummitBSA.org/training](http://SummitBSA.org/training).



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**National Youth Leadership Training  
SUMMER 2016 NYLT**

**19 – 24 June 2016**

**10 – 15 July 2016**

**31 July – 5 August 2016**

**REGISTER TODAY!!!**

Early Bird cost for the Course will be \$225 until 1 June 2016; after that date the cost is \$270. All courses will be held at the American Legion Youth Camp at 9201 Surratts Road, Cheltenham, MD. In order to attend the course, participants must certify that they have already (or will have by June 1st) met the following qualifications to attend NYLT:

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

**What is NYLT?** 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.

The course is presented primarily using a Boy Scout model as the vehicle, which allows all attendees to SEE how leadership skills fit into the Scouting program. These leadership skills are applicable to all Scouting programs.

While it remains the responsibility of 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!

Remember, "Scouting is a game with a purpose." — Baden-Powell

There are also staffing opportunities for youth who have attended NYLT in the past. If you have questions, please contact Kristin Chioma, [chioma@msn.com](mailto:chioma@msn.com)

## Leadership & Training Awards



**Den Leader's Training Award:** One year of tenure and other requirements. It includes the following. Can be earned three times.

- [Tiger Cub Den Leader Award](#)
- [Cub Scout Den Leader Award](#)
- [Webelos Den Leader](#)



**Scouter's Training Award:** Basic Training and other requirements. Various requirements depending on the program

- [Pack Trainer Award](#)
- [Cub Scouter Award](#)
- Boy Scout Training Award
- District Training Award



**Scouter's Key:** Various requirements depending on the program. Commissioners, Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors, and others.

- Cubmaster Key
- Scoutmaster Key
- Coach Key
- Adviser Key



**Unit Leader's Award of Merit:** Earned by Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Team Coaches, and Venturing Crew Advisors meeting the requirements. It requires 18 months or more in the position along with nomination from the committee or youth.



### Check Out NCAC's New Website!

In January the National Capital Area Council moved to a new website content engine. We believe the new design will make it easier for you to find information and easier for us to make that information available. In addition to the new website, the event registration engine has also changed. You will find the calendar and registering for events have been streamlined. We are currently in the process of populating information on the website and calendar. If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, or praises, feel free to send them to [PatriotDistrictWebmaster@muslimscouting.org](mailto:PatriotDistrictWebmaster@muslimscouting.org). We invite you to check out the new NCAC site at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/Patriot/>.

We also invite you to follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict>. If you have any good news stories or photos that you want to contribute, please feel free to post it to our District Facebook Page.

**Looking for a Few Good Scout Tales**

Do you have Scouts working on Journalism merit badge? Or maybe you would like to share about the great work your unit is doing for the community. Tiger Days, Webelos outings, Eagle projects, and high adventure stories are all welcome. Send your successes and even trials to the editor of the Patriot Press and you likely will inspire other good actions by other Scouters and Scouts.

Patriot District would share our monthly letter with our great Packs, Troops and Crews, hopefully sparking imagination and activity. If the community is recognizing your unit, we would love to share the good news. Send your stories and pictures to [joe.osborne@cox.net](mailto:joe.osborne@cox.net). Please keep the stories to about a page or less with pictures using Times Roman 11-point font, first names only preferred for youth. It also helps if you reduce picture size to less than 1 MB.

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Deadline for copy inclusion in *The Patriot Press* is the Saturday prior to Roundtable. Using MS Word, articles may be emailed to the editor at [joe.osborne@cox.net](mailto:joe.osborne@cox.net).

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**American Trucking Associations (ATA)  
Truck Transportation and Traffic Safety Merit Badge Evening**

**Tuesday May 17, 2016**

Woodson High School Cafeteria A F104  
9525 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22031

Viewing of vehicles and discussion time with drivers **4:00-6:00PM**  
Registration time **5:00-5:50PM**  
Merit Badge Sessions Begin at **6:00 PM**



Annandale BSA Troop 1532 is hosting this event in coordination with the [American Trucking Associations \(ATA\)](http://www.trucking.org/Pages/Home.aspx) (<http://www.trucking.org/Pages/Home.aspx> ) and [Fairfax County Police Department \(FCPD\)](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/) (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/> ). ATA and FCPD will be covering the following Merit Badges:

The Fairfax County Police Department is committed to keeping the citizens who live in, work in, and visit Fairfax County safe on our roadways. We intend to accomplish this through continuous communication and education. Please visit any of the following links to learn more. If you need information that you do not find there, please call our Public Information Office at (703) 246-2253, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Tentative Schedule:**

4:00 - 6:00PM **Tour of ATA Truck, FCPD Police Cruiser, and FC Fire Truck**  
5:00 - 5:50PM **Registration, Pizza, and Drinks**  
6:00PM - 7:30PM **Truck Transportation Merit Badge**  
7:30PM - 9:00PM **Traffic Safety Merit Badge:**

**Admission:**

1. Two properly completed Blue Cards (include requirements (by number) on reverse). Leave name and Address of counselor blank – that item will be completed during that evening.
2. Each Scout **MUST READ THE MERIT BADGE BOOK (or WORKBOOK from above meritbadge.org sites above) BEFORE COMING TO THE SESSION AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS/ EXPLAIN/ DO WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS CALL FOR.**
3. **THIS IS A UNIFORMED EVENT:** Shirts tucked in.
4. Scouts should bring paper, pencil, pen, and merit badge book or workbook.

**Prerequisites:**

**Truck Transportation requirements:** [http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Truck\\_Transportation](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Truck_Transportation)

**Traffic Safety requirements:** [http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Traffic\\_Safety](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Traffic_Safety)

Scouts should bring paper, pencil, pen, drinking cup, and merit badge book or workbook.

**Cost:** \$15 per Scout (Snacks and drinks will be made available)

**Registration: REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 200 SCOUTS**

The registration **DEADLINE** is **May 13th, 2016.**

**Registration will be accepted by Eventbrite (\$1.82 fee) ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY at:**

<http://troop1532-trucktrans-trafficsafety-meritbadge.eventbrite.com>

**Contact for questions:** **Peter Padovani**, [ppadovani@msn.com](mailto:ppadovani@msn.com), Cell: 703-424-5251

BSA: **Truck Transportation Merit Badge.Org:** [http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Truck\\_Transportation](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Truck_Transportation)

American Trucking Association <http://www.trucking.org/Pages/Home.aspx>

BSA: **Traffic Safety Merit Badge.Org:** [http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Traffic\\_Safety](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Traffic_Safety)

Fairfax County Police Department - Traffic Safety: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/traffic/>



## STEM Corner

The Human to Mars Summit will be held at The George Washington University, Washington D.C. from May 17-19, 2016 and has a captivating speaker panel, including Bill Nye the Science Guy, Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, author of The Martian Andy Weir, educational entertainer Janet Ivey and more. Details are [here](#).

Specifically, on May 17, 2016 from 5PM – 7:30PM, H2M is holding workshops for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to earn their NOVA Awards!

The workshops are **free to attend but registration is required**. The link to registration is here: <https://h2mscouts.eventbrite.com>

Click on the green “Register” button, and scroll down to select the Nova Workshops.



## STEM-University Adult training in STEM!!

**Date:** Sunday, June 18 1-4 PM

**Where:** Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA

**Who:** Leaders and Parents

Learn about STEM in Scouting!

Have fun with hands-on activities that YOU can bring home to your Cub Scout, Boy Scout, & Venturing units! Get trained as a Nova Counselor or Supernova Mentor!



**Helping our Youth of Today for a Better Tomorrow**

**SATURDAY May 14th - 10am-4pm**

Mason District Park  
6621 Columbia pike  
Annandale, VA 22003

**Come and See:**

20+ Different Vehicles **Fire Truck**, Police Motorcycles, and a **Helicopter**, FBI, Crane, Dump Truck, Roller, Concrete Truck, Trash Truck, Mobile DMV, and many more!

**CLIMB THE ROCK WALL**

TRAIN RIDE

SPORTS GAMES AND CLINICS

Climb the monkey bridge

CAR SEAT CHECKS

CHILD SAFETY ID BOOTH

FOOD

CHECK OUT "JOTA" JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR Preview Ham Radios

VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS Muscular Dystrophy InTotal Health – visit their Gaming Educational Truck

CERT

Hapmudo Martial Arts Studio

**FOR SCOUTS:** Come and earn your Orienteering Badge



**WOOD BADGE**

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

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

**2016 Wood Badge Courses**

N6-82-16-2 Fall 2016

9 – 11 September and 8 – 10 October

*(You are required to attend both weekends of the course.)*

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>

If you have any questions please contact Kristin Chioma, [chioma@msn.com](mailto:chioma@msn.com)

## Tiger Rally Ribbon



**June 1 – 30, 2016**

Requirements:

- Recruit & register a minimum of 5 new Tiger Cubs
- Recruit & register a Tiger Den Leader

Applications must be turned in to District Executive by June 30.

**FREE Tiger Handbook to all new Tigers by June 30.**

Letter and gift card will be mailed to homes of new Tigers.

**FREE Tiger Den Leader Guide for new Tiger Den Leaders registered by June 30.**

Book will be mailed home to Tiger Den Leader.

For more information, contact your District Membership Chair, District Executive, NCAC Cub Membership Chair Pete Minderman, [minderman@gmail.com](mailto:minderman@gmail.com), or NCAC Cub Membership Advisor, Don Kilgore, [Donald.Kilgore@scouting.org](mailto:Donald.Kilgore@scouting.org)



Boy Scout Troop 1131  
Burke, Virginia  
Scouting since 1970



### Troop 1131 Spaghetti Dinner

**When:** 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Friday, 13 May 2016

**Where:** St. Stephen's UMC, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA Fellowship Hall

**Who:** Scout Families, Guests and Friends

**What:** Please join us for a great Spaghetti dinner sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 1131 at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. The dinner raises funds for Scouts to use to help pay for the cost of Scouting activities. Please let us know how many people will attend the dinner by sending a message to the contacts below, or by signing up at a Troop Meeting.

The dinner options include (1) spaghetti with/or without meatballs or (2) spaghetti with shrimp, salad, rolls, desert and a drink. The cost for dinner is \$7.00 per person, or \$25.00 for a family of five. Eat In and/or Carry Out options.

**Contact:** Carol Harrity-Tun, [charrity@cox.net](mailto:charrity@cox.net), 703-321-1404  
Philip Sternberg, [phil.sternberg@gmail.com](mailto:phil.sternberg@gmail.com), 703-960-0205  
Christopher Wallace, [crwallaceva@verizon.net](mailto:crwallaceva@verizon.net), 571-926-3222

# JSN FLYER ORDER REQUEST FORM

Please allow 7 days for printing

District: \_\_\_\_\_ District Executive: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Pack: \_\_\_\_\_ Person submitting request: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Fliers Needed: \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Drop off location/arrangements: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The following information will be printed on the flyer:**

-School: \_\_\_\_\_

-Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

-Contact (name, phone, email): \_\_\_\_\_

**The District Executive's name and number will also be listed on all fliers.**

District Executive Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Question or comments please contact your district membership chair or your district executive.