



# The Patriot Press



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## Troop 1965 Recognized as “Best of Braddock”



Earlier this summer the Braddock District Council and Braddock District Supervisor John Cook recognized Troop 1965 as one of their 2015/2016 “Best of Braddock” organizations. Members of Troop 1965 were recognized for their community service and projects over this last year. Every year the Braddock District Council of Community Associations solicits nominations for individuals and organizations worthy of recognition. Besides unit recognition, this is a great opportunity to get some of your individual superstars (youth and adult) recognized for their incredible community service. Here is the citation that accompanied the presentation of the award.

“The troop, chartered by the Lake Braddock Community Association, is an active and involved member of the Braddock District. In keeping with the Scout mission to be a good citizen and community member, the troop performs numerous service projects in and around the Lake Braddock Community every year, and routinely contribute to local assistance programs in the county. In the past year, the 40 Scouts Troop 1965 have completed multiple service projects, ranging from conservation projects to constructing simple structures for area schools and sports clubs. They collectively volunteered over 800 hours in those efforts. They routinely support the community’s semi-annual clean-up days, and the scouts, their leaders and their parents always support the Lake Braddock Community Picnic and Carnival held each Labor Day weekend. The commitment of these Scouts and the adult volunteers who lead them is to be commended and certainly makes them worthy of recognition as what is the Best of Braddock.”

Obviously Troop 1965 is not the only unit out there making a difference in our communities every day. This was an unusually busy year for Troop 1965 after doubling the number of scouts in the troop over the last couple years. Seven Eagle projects and a jump in community service endeavors made it a noteworthy year. Congratulations to Troop 1965 for being recognized as “Best of Braddock.”

*Randy Witter  
Unit Commissioner, Patriot District*



*Since the day of creation, the fondest hopes of men and women have been to pass on to their children something better than they themselves enjoyed. That hope represents a spark of the Divine which is implanted in every human breast'*

*~ Dwight Eisenhower (b. October 14, 1890)*



### **From the District Chairman:**

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

We've got a great Fall coming up, and there are so many things that your units can do for training, advancement, and just plain FUN! (We're BUSY!!!)

**Popcorn!** Well underway, popcorn is moving out with brisk sales! Please support your Popcorn Kernel and your unit, too! This is a hard job for the Kernel, so please give them your support.

**Fall Camporee.** Plan for a traditional Fall Camporee the last weekend in October, details inside!

**Service Hours and Long-term Camping REPORTING!** The JTE numbers matter for the Unit, the District, and the Council. Unreported hours are not reflected in our annual service to the nation reports. And, of course, Long-term Camping days are critical to the development of youth! See you Commissioners for how!!~

**Youth Mental Health Training.** We're going to sponsor a class in this critical area, so that Scouters can be prepared to work with our youth that are in need! The 8hr class is going to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Holy Spirit School in Burke. Cost \$25.00 See the note inside!!

**AWARDS!!!!** Silver Beaver nominations are due to Council by 30 November. If you want a District endorsement, have them to Kristin Chioma. If you have nominations for the District Award of Merit, please get them to Kristin Chioma by 15 Dec.

**Lions are among us!** We have three units that are certified to be Lion Packs – with their Cub Packs. Don't miss out on this important opportunity to reach our youngest members. Contact John Stewart or Kyle if you want to create some more LIONS! or...

**RECHARTERING** is coming! It's really close! Plan accordingly!

**New units!** If you have any good ideas for where the District can get an **Explorer Post established** please let Kyle or me know. All Joint Scouting Nights would happen this month. We're having great results, and John Stewart gets a big OOH RAH! for the efforts.

**IOLS.** We have scheduled an IOLS course for the District on 4-6 Nov! Any Adults that need this training can sign up with Phil Sternberg, the District IOLS leader for the Fall. Based on need, we may have another in the Spring. Let us know if you need more training in the District!!!

**Thank you** for the generous donations to the Patriot District **2016 Friends of Scouting** campaign. We are about to wrap it up, and want to THANK YOU for your generosity! Patriot District has worked hard to support the professional side of Scouting, so we can increase the quality of program for our youth.

**Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, and The Summit** are all open for business. The Summit is becoming a year-round place for adventure! Are you ready for High Adventure? Registration is open for Scouts and Staff for the 2017 National Jamboree next Summer! Check it out on the NCAC Website.

**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.

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

Yours in Scouting, Jack

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

**Patriot District Fall Camporee**

**“Trauma – Drama”**



**“Emergency Preparedness in Action”**

October 28 – 30, 2016

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

As of October 2, 2016

It is time for units to register for the Fall Camporee. To register, go to [www.ncacbsa.org](http://www.ncacbsa.org) or <http://scoutingevent.com/082-TraumaRama>. Since this is a combined camporee with four districts, the cost has been reduced to fifteen dollars (\$15) per participant. Units need to register by unit. All attendees, to include personnel only attending on Saturday, must pay. The deadline for registering is October 16, 2016. All Patriot District units and outside units camping with Patriot District need to send an e-mail to Joe Casey after they have registered at [jmccasey@verizon.net](mailto:jmccasey@verizon.net) notifying him of your unit and how many attendees your unit has. The numbers are needed so that we can request sufficient camping space. If you have any difficulties registering contact Joe Casey via e-mail. Also, his phone number is (703) 455-9050.

This October, Patriot District will be attending a multi-district camporee at Camp Snyder. The theme for the Fall Camporee is “Trauma – Drama” or Emergency Preparedness in Action. Skills that will be stressed are Safety, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, Emergency Preparedness and Search and Rescue. The Saturday program will consist of a morning skills session where outside providers such as the Prince William Fire and Rescue Services will provide instruction and an afternoon Emergency Preparedness Exercise where scouts will work with first responders as they react to a multi-dimensional scenario. An additional program at the camporee is Movie Making Merit Badge where scouts will follow the Emergency Preparedness program to make their movie.

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. 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.

Patriot District is responsible for the Friday night “Cracker Barrel”, Saturday morning Opening ceremony, Saturday evening church services and the Sunday morning Closing ceremony. Also, we will sponsor the Movie Making merit badge. Additionally, we need to provide adult scouters to assist in putting on the Saturday Emergency Preparedness program. 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).

Patriot District Events

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



**October 2016**

- 8-9 OA Ordeal (Verdun)
- 8-10 Wood Badge (weekend #2)
- 10 COR training
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 17 Third popcorn distribution
- 22-23 BCOLS (overnight)
- 25 PD Committee Meeting
- 28-30 Fall Camporee
- 28-30 V3 Hike-o-ree (4-H Center, Front Royal)
- 29 Rocket into Scouting (NVCC Soccer Field, Annandale)
- 30 Patriot Press Deadline – November

**November 2016**

- 4 Final popcorn order due
- 4-6 SPST / IOLS combined session
- 5 Life-to-Eagle Seminar
- 5 Scouting for Food bag distribution
- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 8 Unit recharter turn-in to Unit Commissioner (last date)
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Scouting for Food Collection
- 15 Commissioner Meeting
- 19 Pow Wow
- 21 Final popcorn distribution
- 22 PD Committee Meeting
- 27 Patriot Press Deadline – December

**December 2016**

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Final popcorn payments/prize orders/scholarship forms due
- 13 Commissioner/Committee joint mtg.

		<b>Legend</b>	
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



## SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouting for Food (SFF) is an annual event where Scouting units from across the NCAC, including the Patriot District, collect food for those in need. The food the Patriot District collects goes directly to the Capital Area Food Bank for distribution to various other food banks and pantries. Historically we have faithfully filled three huge trucks with the food we collect. Our drop off point is the Safeway at the Burke Centre Parkway. We will be there from 9 AM to 2 PM on Sat Nov 12<sup>th</sup>.



### Important Dates:

**October 13<sup>th</sup>:** At Roundtable, we will have the SFF bags for unit representatives to pick up for distribution in their areas. *It is imperative that a representative from every unit attend this Roundtable.* At Roundtable you will receive your bags and be assigned an area to cover. Please ask your Scout parents if they have seen SFF bags in their neighborhoods in previous years. Every empty door is a missed opportunity. Please let us know on Oct 13<sup>th</sup> of any neighborhoods that have been inadvertently missed in recent years.

**November 5<sup>th</sup>:** Scouts from participating units distribute the bags to their designated neighborhoods, beginning no earlier than 9 AM.. With a knock and a call out of "Scouting for Food", a Scout leaves the bag on the door with the hopes of finding a full bag of food the next week. If you run out of bags, you may also tie a note to the door as a reminder of the date for SFF pick up. You may also call Tim Ryder to see if there are any extra bags left over.

**November 12<sup>th</sup>:** Scouts begin picking up the food at 9 AM and deliver the bags to the Safeway located at Burke Center Parkway Shopping Center. We do not take glass jars; please leave them behind if possible. We will ask each unit to stop by the **SFF table** to identify the unit dropping off and provide a bag count. Each bag we estimate as approximately 5 lbs. OA Scouts will diligently be waiting to assist, often with the help of a crew from GMU, and also with some very reliable dedicated adults.

**Volunteers Needed:** On November 12<sup>th</sup>, we need volunteers to collect and sort the food, direct traffic, and many other duties that are much appreciated. Our volunteers sign in at the SFF table where they can have service hours validated. If you are an OA member and plan to attend the event, please try to bring an orange or yellow safety vest to wear over your official BSA OA uniform. If it is cold, please dress accordingly. We will provide hydration and nutrition. Please contact Tim Ryder if you or your unit can help at the collection point on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank You.

Tim Ryder, 2016 SFF Coordinator:  
[Timryder81@gmail.com](mailto:Timryder81@gmail.com), 703-409-1455



*Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children.*

*~ Chief Sitting Bull (b. 1831)*



## 2016 – 2017 CHARTER RENEWAL

*1 September – 8 November 2016*

**Committee Chairs, Recharter Processors, & Unit Charter  
Renewal Teams**

**Recharter Season is NOW!!**



### **Five Keys to Success:**

1. Submit all Youth & Adult Applications Now – as soon as completed
2. Complete Membership Inventory in September
3. Update all Training (esp. YPT) in September
4. Confirm 2017 Leaders and submit their applications Now
5. Click “Update Unit Roster” in Internet Rechartering frequently

All needed materials and resources are at [NCAC Commissioners website](#):

[New & Revised Charter Renewal Handbook](#) – Guidance, Roles, Steps, Best Practices

[Rechartering for Units 2016](#) – Training slides for CC, RP, and the Charter Renewal Team

[Rechartering for Units 2016 all UCRS slides](#) – Training slides plus screen shots for every page of Internet Rechartering

[Adult Reregister Instructions 2016](#) – Handout for every unit adult on updating profile, training, and position

[BSA Applications Checkpoints & Processing](#) – Items to check to avoid defective applications

[Application Samples for Quality Check](#) – Sample youth and adult applications with highlighted areas to avoid defects

[Annual Charter Agreement](#) – For Charter Organization signature along with the Charter Renewal Application

Each Committee Chair was sent the NCAC Renewal Letter with your Internet Rechartering access code and turn-in Envelope. Your Commissioner also has this year’s code.

[Internet Rechartering](http://www.ncacbsa.org/commissioners/unit-rechartering/) access opens 1 October. <http://www.ncacbsa.org/commissioners/unit-rechartering/>

**CONNECT WITH YOUR UNIT COMMISSIONER ASAP.** Patriot District’s POC for help is Lee Cass [lhcase@cox.net](mailto:lhcase@cox.net)

**TURN IN:** Give Completed Renewal packages to your Commissioner before 8 November.



**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 – and  
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, October 13, 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](mailto:bbehlke@hotmail.com), 662-812-3496*



**Boy Scout Roundtable**

*Not just for Scoutmasters*

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, October 13, 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: ScoutCast, Scoutbook, Parent Coaching

*Randy Witter, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner  
703-323-5220, [Randy.Witter@gmail.com](mailto:Randy.Witter@gmail.com)*

*Steve Polchek: 703-978-1309, [sapolchek@verizon.net](mailto:sapolchek@verizon.net)*

# **Patriot District Life to Eagle Seminar & Discussion Roundtable For Life Scouts and Parents**



**Saturday, November 5, 2016  
9 AM – 11:00 AM  
Location: TBD**

Hosted by  
Bob Brese and Ken Gaul  
Former Patriot District Scoutmasters  
And Featuring a Cast of Eagle Scouts and Adults  
Ready To Answer All Your Questions!



What are the requirements? What counts as a position of responsibility? Where do I get a project idea? How do I get my project approved? How long is this going to take? How do I get the money for my project? What is a life purpose statement? How do I fill out the application? What role does the Council play? Where do I get more information? What are letters of reference? Who's on my Board of Review?



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

**Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation for Cub Scout Leaders and Parents  
(BALOO)**



*It was in the days when Baloo was teaching [Mowgli] the Law of the Jungle. The big, serious, old brown bear was delighted to have so quick a pupil, for the young wolves will only learn as much of the Law of the Jungle as applies to their own pack and tribe, and run away as soon as they can repeat the Hunting Verse.... But Mowgli, as a man-cub, had to learn a great deal more than this."*



- Rudyard Kipling, *The Jungle Books*

- What:** VA Central/VA West BALOO (host: George Mason District)  
**Date:** Saturday, October 22, 2016, 8:00 a.m. (registration) – 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** City Gates (formerly Barcroft Bible) Church, 9401 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031.  
**Cost:** \$20.00 per participant (*includes handouts, Cub Scout breakfast, and Foil-Meal Lunch*).  
**Register:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-9662>



**Questions:** Contact Julia Farr via e-mail [farr.scouts@gmail.com](mailto:farr.scouts@gmail.com) or via phone (c) 703-965-7013.  
Or Roy De Lauder via e-mail [eaglescout.roy@verizon.net](mailto:eaglescout.roy@verizon.net) or via phone 703-425-3714

**Bring:** Pen and notepad, and camp chair (optional).

**Uniform:** Wear your "Class A" uniform (preferred)

**Course Description:** BALOO is an outdoor skills training program for the Cub Scout Leader or Parent - no camping experience required. BALOO training teaches Cub Scout Leaders and Parents the essential organizing, planning, camp craft and outdoor safety skills to enable a Pack to go camping as a Scouting group. BALOO training program topics include activity planning, program ideas, campfire planning, equipment, cooking and sanitation, safety and first aid. BSA policy requires at least one leader with BALOO training on all Cub Scout Pack campouts.

**Class Size is Limited and Advanced Registration Required by October 19 (No Walk-Ons).**

Roy De Lauder  
George Mason District Training Chair



You can post pictures to: <https://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict>

**Welcome to the Lion Den!**  
**Patriot District Lion Scout Pilot Program 2016-2017**

The Patriot District has four Packs participating in the National Capital Area Council's and BSA's National Lion Pilot Program during the 2016-2017 Scouting Program Year. The four participating Packs are:



- Pack 873, Chartered Organization-Canterbury Woods Civic Association**
- Pack 1101, Chartered Organization-Church of the Nativity**
- Pack 1344, Chartered Organization-Burke Volunteer Fire Department**
- Pack 1967, Chartered Organization-Kings Park Civic Association**

If you know of any potential Lion Scouts have their parent/adult partner contact John Stewart to get them linked up with one of these Packs.

Lions are kindergarten-age boys who are at least 5 years old by **September 30, 2016, and not yet 7-years old**. The emphasis is to give the boys a taste of Cub Scouts and not “total immersion” yet. The best size for a Lion Den is six to eight boys. The **registration codes** for adults associated with the **Lion Program** are: **Den Guide-LL** and **Lion Adult Partner-LP**.

Reminder that this is a **Pilot Program with surveys** emailed to Lion Adult Partners and Den Lion Guides. The survey will solicit thoughts and comments on how well the materials and the overall program are structured and on the program content. Take notes throughout the year on what is working and what

Lions count towards 2016 Journey to Excellence membership totals: Pack objective 2 and District objectives 4 & 5. We have four Packs participating in the Lion Pilot. Some Pointers on the Lion Pilot

1) Age/Grade for Lion Scouts – **Both age and grade constraints apply** to registering scouts for the Lion pilot. This is a kindergarten-age program, therefore a boy in Pre-K, even if 5 years old before September 30, is not eligible to register for the Lion pilot. Applying both age and grade to registering scouts for the Lion pilot at once ensures the scouts are old enough to participate in Lion activities, and ensures a smooth transition to Tigers in June.

2) Participation in Day Camp - A Lion Scout officially transitions to Tigers on June 1 of the following year (2017). He would then be eligible to participate in Day Camp as a Tiger in the summer of 2017.

3) Pinewood Derby – A Lion Scout **may not** obtain a Pinewood Derby car kit, work with his parent partner to build a race car, and then race that race car in his pack's Pinewood Derby. The concern is the Lion Scout's **safety and ability to use tools** to build the car. A Lion Scout may attend his pack's Pinewood Derby as an observer. A Lion Scout may perform age-appropriate tasks at his pack's Pinewood Derby. As for Lion Scout participation in any form of “off-line” races or heats, note

- a. The spirit of BSA's desire to ensure the safety of the Lion Scouts concerning use of tools; and
- b. The official Pinewood Derby is an event for Cub Scouts; sibling races, adult races, and so forth **are not** official BSA events.

4) Training of Lion Guides and Lion Coordinators – BSA has no plans for official training beyond requiring the on-line video. John Stewart will provide in-person Lion training as a convenience and benefit, but it is not a requirement or qualification.

5) Registration of Lion Scout, Lion Guides, and Adult Partners-Unit Commissioners are key to you successfully registering these membership roles. Unit Commissioners will receive your Lion related applications and aide you in putting the correct registration codes previously mentioned. We want Lion registrations turned in to your Unit Commissioner as soon as possible for review and processing.

6) Pack Lion Coordinators (No More) – The position of Pack Lion Coordinator no longer exists. Unit Lion leaders are the Lion Guides. The District Lion leader is the District Lion Coordinator – John Stewart [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil) or cell 571-318-549.

7) Lion Participation in Pack Overnights – Lion Scouts and their parent partners **may participate** in any pack family camping, including traditional pack overnights/BALOO camping.

**Wear a WACKYTIE**  
**to**  
**National Capital Area Council's**  
**Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow 2016!**

Are you ready for NCAC's biggest training event that's just for you ...  
The Cub Scout Leader?

Have you reserved Saturday, November 19, 2016 for  
Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow 2016?

We do not want you to miss this year's Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow ...  
so get your calendar out now and SAVE THE DATE.

If you miss it this year ... you will have to wait until November, 2017 before you have the  
next opportunity to go to Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow!

We'll be at Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, in Annandale Virginia.

Registration will be opening soon ... so keep checking NCAC's website for additional  
information about the training event and course offerings.

And do not forget ... we want everyone to wear a

**WACKYTIE**

*Don Durbin Director of Camping Services*  
*BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, National Capital Area Council*



**Scout Equipment Swap and Sale**

**When:** 1:00 pm-4:00 pm, Saturday, 22 October 2016

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

**Who:** Members of Scout Units, Families, Guests and Friends. Anyone who has Scout Equipment, Scout Uniforms and Scout Uniform Accessories, camping equipment, etc. to swap or sell

**What:** Boy Scout Troop 1131 at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church will help people set up tables to display equipment to swap or sell. Please let us know if you have any questions by sending a message to the contacts below. If you want to donate serviceable items to help needy scout units in our council, that would be greatly appreciated. We are working with the NCAC History and Archives Committee to support this effort to help needy units.

**Contact:** Philip Sternberg, [phil.sternberg@gmail.com](mailto:phil.sternberg@gmail.com), 703-960-0205 (cell)

Richard Wagenaar, [rwagenaar13@gmail.com](mailto:rwagenaar13@gmail.com), 703-474-9813 (cell)



## Please Report your Unit's Camping and Service Hours

If you have not done so already, please email your Unit's camping summary reports to the Patriot Camping Chair, John Merchant, [merchantj@verizon.net](mailto:merchantj@verizon.net).

Boy Scout and Venture Scout Long Term Camping: How Many Scouts participated? This may include Summer resident camp of at least 5 nights, high adventure, or Camp staff at a resident or high adventure BSA Camp.

Cub Scouts and Webelos: How many participated in resident Webelos Camp of at least 5 nights? How many participated in a BSA Day Camp?

Also please add the total number of number of Service Hours your Unit has performed roughly between September 2015 and August 2016.

This information is needed for the District JTE submission, and is necessary for your Unit's JTE submission.



## Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Adult Volunteer Scout Leaders

As we are all painfully aware, mental health issues including depression, feelings of helplessness and loneliness, being bullied and thoughts of suicide are no stranger to the youth we support. As adult volunteer Scout leaders it is incumbent upon us to know how to recognize and respond to the signs of mental illness and duress. This knowledge can literally be the difference between life and death.

Several years ago Fairfax County schools had a string of devastating teen suicides...and some of the boys we lost were from our local troops. In response, we are now partnering with the Fairfax County Health Department to offer a training course in Youth Mental Health First Aid to help prevent teen suicide. This is the same training that is mandatory for every Fairfax County School System teacher, administrator and staff member to complete. The same instructors from the Fairfax County Government's Health & Wellness Department that teach them have agreed to provide that training to us and to also customize it to the specific needs of Scouting.

Our first Youth Mental Health First Aid training will be at the Holy Spirit School (intersection of Woodland Way and Braddock Rd) in Annandale. It will take place on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8am-5pm. Coffee and snacks will be available and there will be a lunch break, but lunch is not provided. So be prepared to either bring your lunch or buy it.

The cost is for the training is \$25 per person and covers all course materials and instruction; please bring a check made out to Fairfax County.

Space is limited and we are accepting no more than 30 participants for our initial training. Upon completion of the course, all participants will receive a Youth Mental Health First Aid certificate of completion and a NCAC sanctioned patch demonstrating achievement.

Don't miss out! Don't Wait! Be among the first to register for this essential training. To register, please email Mark Greer at [mfgreer@verizon.net](mailto:mfgreer@verizon.net). Mark can also answer any questions you may have.



## Patriot District Awards

It is that time of year again to nominate outstanding Scouters for all the work they do with our youth.

The first one is the Council level **Silver Beaver Award**. Each year Patriot has a few Scouters receive this award. This award can be submitted to the district or directly to the council. The criteria are

- What they do for Scouting
- What they do for their community (church and other organizations)
- What they do for youth outside of scouting ( team coach, Sunday school)
- The application form can be found on the Council page at

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/awards-and-recognition/silver-beaver/>

Nomination forms are due to the District by November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 or to Council by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The other award is the **District Award of Merit**. This award is given out in each district based on the number of units. Patriot currently gives out an average of 3 per year. This award is only submitted to the District. The criteria are

1. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.

The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth, or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.

2. Consideration must be given to the nominee’s Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.

The application can be found on the Council page at

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/awards-and-recognition/adult-awards/>

Nomination forms are due to the District by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Send to [Chioma@msn.com](mailto:Chioma@msn.com)



## Mark your Calendars

### Goshen@50 Council Camporee

Memorial Day Weekend 2017

May 27 - 29

We're celebrating 50 years of operations of our Council Camps at Goshen. Activities for Cubs, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts and Staff Alumni. Registration will be available soon. If you want to volunteer to be on staff, contact the Patriot District Camping Chair, John Merchant [merchantj@verizon.net](mailto:merchantj@verizon.net).



*Nothing in this world is worth having or worth doing unless it means effort, pain, difficulty.*

*~ Theodore Roosevelt (b. October 27, 1858)*

## BSA and the VFW: Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships



**Background:** The **mission** of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; serve our veterans, the military, and our communities; and advocate on behalf of all veterans.



The **vision** of the VFW is to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country. In **achieving the mission and vision**, the VFW is the Chartering Organization to more than 1,000 Packs, Troops and Crews nationwide. Several, annual scholarship awards recognize outstanding youth and adults.

### **Adult: VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program**

<http://bsabase.org/home/media/relationships/vfwwoodbadgescholarship.aspx>

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

### **Youth: Scout of the Year** <http://www.vfw.org/Scout>

High school students who are at least 15 years of age; registered, active members of a Boy Scout Troop or Venturing Crew; have received either the Eagle Scout Award, the Venturing Silver Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award; and have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting, and the community are invited to apply.

-  **Deadline is March 1, 2017 to a local VFW Post.** Girl Scouts also compete in this award category.
-  **This must be submitted through a local VFW Post. Membership in VFW not required of the parent.**
-  Scouts without an existing connection to a local VFW Post through a family member can still submit through one of the local Posts: Post 5412 in Burke, or Post 8469 in Fairfax.
-  Use the link to get full details and review previous winning entries.
-  Terry Meehan, Patriot district VFW liaison can provide applications to interested Scouts, parents or unit leaders as well as advise on preparation of the application and provide contacts for local VFW Posts, if needed



### **Scoutmasters/ Cubmasters/ Committee Chairmen,**

Please make sure that we are tracking and reporting all service hours. The deadline is approaching to turn these in, so please have a report on service hours for the year at the next Roundtable. Below are some helpful links to get you started in reporting service hours!

JTE information: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

Service hours reporting site: <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

Service hours reporting help: <https://servicehours.scouting.org/includes/files/popHelp.htm>

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## University of Scouting

### Save the Date: 18 February 2017

It is not too early to start thinking about the 2017 University of Scouting.

University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouting, Varsity Scouts, District Operations, and Council). Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cubbing, Scouting, and Adventure and leadership training for Venturing, Varsity, and Sea Scouting; Electives courses applicable across the Scouting programs, and District operations courses. For 2016 we will be offering over 150 classes in five colleges – truly something for everyone.

- The College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses from pack administration to planning for an outdoor program.
- The College of Boy Scouting provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The College of Adventure Scouting is an interesting combination of courses for those who are wish to learn more about Scouting’s “senior” level programs and the challenges of an active high adventure experience.
- The College of Elective Programs offers many “general studies courses” that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs.
- The College of District Operations provides training to district committee members and Scouters with an interest in district operations. While no degree is conferred, those who take the required three courses are awarded the District Scouter Training Certificate and “Trained” patch

Standalone Courses are those that are BSA national syllabus courses such as BALOO, VLSC(Y), VLSC(A), VALST, or are courses that lead to certification recognized and/or needed by the BSA. Note that standalone courses do not meet any degree requirements in any College.

Registration to begin soon, keep an eye on <http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting/>



### U.S. Energy Information Administration’s 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Scout Day Earn an Energy or Nuclear Science merit badge



Online registration has begun for the U.S. Energy Information Administration’s annual Scout Day, where scouts can earn either the Energy or Nuclear Science merit badge. This is a great opportunity for scouts to earn a STEM-related merit badge. Scouts can get more details about the event and register at: <http://www.eia.gov/kids/activities/meritbadge/>

EIA Scout Day will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9:30 am to 1 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Energy headquarters building (located across from the Smithsonian Castle on the National Mall) in downtown Washington, D.C. There are 50 slots for Boy Scouts and 50 slots for Girl Scouts. This event is very popular and the spaces fill up fast.

*Tom Doggett, Z Inc contractor, U.S. Department of Energy*  
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**Attention New Scouts!**

**Annandale - Northern Virginia Community College (Soccer Field)**

Saturday October-29, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

8333 Little River Turnpike

Annandale, Virginia 22003

Register at: [www.ncacbsa.org/launchdays](http://www.ncacbsa.org/launchdays)

Each person, youth and adult, attending is \$5.00.



All new Scouts who have turned in your application to register will be given a free rocket. This will help launch their Scouting career and also serve to promote a lifelong love of STEM "take off". Launch Day events are being planned at multiple sites around our Council. Choose a site closest to you, or a day that works best for you and your family. The entire family is welcome and additional rocket kits can be purchased on line and assembled at the event.

National Capital Area Council gives Scouters the tools needed to recruit big in their service area. First, every youth that joins a Scouting program, either Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Venturing, will receive an Estes rocket kit! What a way to kick off scouting, by flying high!! Second, NCAC supplies yard signs and flyers. Each unit should be putting out signs all over the District. We also have free full-color flyers that you can provide to your schools, churches, community centers for distribution to every boy. All you have to do is fill them out, send them back to me over email, then wait about a week for me to deliver them to you (please schedule a time a place with me to meet). Thirdly, if you are associated with a school or church, I will be willing to visit and ask the principal, about classroom talks, cafeteria talks, or just putting up a campsite in the middle of the school and hand out flyers. We want you to succeed with recruiting!

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*The Patriot Press*, Patriot District  
National Capital Area Council

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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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Scouts,

Would you like to observe the universe with real research telescopes?

**Skynet Junior Scholars** (SJS) engages young explorers in the study of the universe using the same tools as professional. With a simple internet connection, scouts can use world-class telescopes in the US, Chile and Australia to conduct astronomy investigations. SJS program, suitable for middle school and older, offers:

- Access to Skynet Robotic Telescopes;
- Explorations: a series of inquiry-based STEM activities that engage young people in a variety of astronomy topics;
- Online web-portal allows youth to create an image gallery, share data with other young scientists, publish their results;
- Communication with astronomers, engineers, software developers and SJS staff;
- An opportunity for youth to advance, and assist astronomers with their projects.

Scouts have opportunity to work on requirements toward Nova/Supernova Awards.

If interested please email Sokhom Kith [skith123@gmail.com](mailto:skith123@gmail.com) with the subject line: Interested in Skynet Junior Scholars



## **The USPTO and SHPE to Host Noche de Ciencias/Night of Science**

Date: Thursday - November 3, 2016

Location:

T.C. Williams High School  
3330 King St, Alexandria, VA 22302

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Parent Workshops: 6:00pm-7:15pm

STEM Expo: 6:00pm-7:50pm

Noche de Ciencias or Night of Science is a national program of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and was initiated in 2008 as a way to introduce students and families to science and engineering through hands-on activities and exposure to college and career information in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in collaboration with SHPE, is hosting Noche de Ciencias on **November 3** and is expecting to draw 300 area students and their families. Workshops discussing financial aid, college admissions, and scholarships in both Spanish and English will be provided. There will also be hands-on STEM activities designed to help develop problem solving, inventive thinking, and introduce intellectual property concepts—such as invention, patents, and trademarks—to K-12 students.

In addition to the workshops, the USPTO is inviting other STEM-focused federal agencies to exhibit and share information about careers in their respective fields



## Conservation Corner

Upcoming opportunities to assist our local communities in their efforts to improve our environment. Many are suitable for Den, Pack, Patrol, or Troop activities and can, for instance, be used as part of earning the Cub Scout World Conservation award.

- Saturday, 15 Oct 09am-12pm Friends of Long Branch Stream is planning a Clean Up Day
- Saturday, 22 Oct 09am-12pm Friends of Royal Lake is planning a Clean Up Day.
- Saturday, 29 Oct 09am-12pm Friends of Oak Hill Park is planning an Invasive Vine removal and Native Planting Day.

Contact Patriot District Activities and Civic Service Chair, Mark Greer at [mfgreer@verizon.net](mailto:mfgreer@verizon.net) or 703-323-9033 for more information.



## Eagle Projects in Need of Scouts to Plan and Conduct Them

Eagle projects almost always benefit the community in which we live. And sometimes community associations come to the Patriot District with ideas for projects which would both benefit the community and offer an excellent opportunity for a prospective Eagle Scout to show some leadership and accomplish this significant step on the way to achieving the rank of Eagle.

The Friends of Oak Hill Park are one such organization that has approached the District with two ideas for Eagle projects. They just need someone who wants to help.

**Potential Project One.** Tarheel Way to Glen Park Road trail that had fallen trees blocking the trail and overgrowth was reestablished by the park authority with the understanding Friends of Oak Hill Park would use this trail to remove dumped bulk trash. Park Board Member, Tony Vellucci encouraged the Park Authority to remove the "dumping sign" and install split rail fence at the top and bottom of this trail. Eagle Scout Project #1 would connect this fence on both sides to encourage park users to stay on park property while preventing homeowners from encroaching/blocking the trail.



**Potential Project Two.** This project would clean up the Robertson/Robinson Cemetery (2 graves) next to this same trail and build an ADA Historical Interpretive Sign with information about nearby Oak Hill Manor and those who settled the property such as the Robinson/Robertson Family.

Please contact Glen Erickson (Steward/President, Friends of Oak Hill Park) at [gericksonbell@hotmail.com](mailto:gericksonbell@hotmail.com) or 202-450-8303 for more information. Or contact Patriot District Activities and Civic Service Chair, Mark Greer at [mfgreer@verizon.net](mailto:mfgreer@verizon.net) or 703-323-9033.

# You're invited!



Saturday, October 15

NCAC's International Committee presents

## Scouting and Saudi Arabia!

Scouts in the Washington, D.C., area are lucky in that they can experience the cultures of many nations – without leaving town.

In past years, the Council has arranged for NCAC Scouts to “visit” countries such as Costa Rica and Sweden. This time, Scouts can set foot in Saudi Arabia for half a day to learn about the nation, its people, and culture at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (601 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington, D.C.)

Watch and experience:

- Scouting in Saudi Arabia,
- A “fashion show” of traditional Saudi attire,
- A video on Saudi Arabia, a nation of nearly 27 million people that is the world’s largest producer and exporter of oil, and
- Scouting around the world.

The cost is just \$8, and reservations can be made at

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/program-impact/international/upcoming-and-recent-events/>

Attendance is limited to 200 Scouts and Scouters in the morning session (9 a.m.-noon) and 200 in the afternoon session (1 p.m.-4 p.m.). Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Each attendee will receive a special patch for participating.

**Don't miss out on this unique international Scouting event! Sign up now!**

*Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.*

*~ John Adams (b. October 30 1735)*

## **Outdoor Odyssey group rescues injured hiker in Vermont**

Jabril Mohamed a former Boy Scout from Troop 1131, and is now a freshman at Cornell University. He was part of the group of students participating in a Cornell Outdoor Education program called "Outdoor Odyssey" hiking in Vermont in August. Jabril went to Philmont in 2014 with Troop 1131, and as part of his preparation took First Aid-CPR-AED and Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training conducted by the Patriot District.

The story starts with an accident in the morning of Aug. 17, 2016. Three friends were hiking in the Green Mountain National Forest's Long Trail near Ripton, Vermont, when one, Mr. Lowe slipped and fell, dislocating and breaking his ankle in three places. His friends fashioned a splint. One of them went to call 911 and ran into Jabril's Cornell group on the trail, telling them what had happened.

When the students arrived 30 minutes later, they found Lowe on the ground in the rain. Several of the Cornell group including Jabril had Wilderness First Response and emergency medicine training. Taking notes about Lowe's condition for when rescuers arrived: They found Lowe shivering and in shock. The students put up a tarp, covered him with sleeping bags and boiled water for drinking, prepared a hot water bottle to treat his hypothermia, and started calling for help. They finally got through just before noon. A fire department rescue team would not arrive until after 2 p.m. The student's goal was to keep Lowe warm and dry. Moreover, the students helped carry the 240-pound Lowe in a Stokes basket, leaving their students left their packs behind to help the rescue squad in the arduous four-mile descent down the mountain. Lowe said he has been long-distance hiking for over 40 years, and "I am here to tell you that those students saved my life on that trail and displayed determination [to] succeed that was humbling." Lowe, 69, is an emergency management coordinator and retired US Army Colonel from New Jersey.

Stories can be found at:

<http://www.wcax.com/story/32784948/injured-hiker-rescued-in-ripton>

<http://news.cornell.edu/stories/2016/08/outdoor-odyssey-group-rescues-injured-hiker-vermont>