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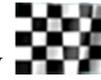
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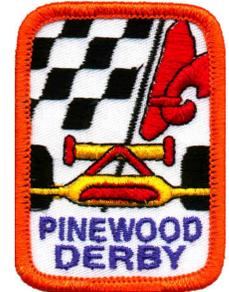
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Patriot District Pinewood Derby



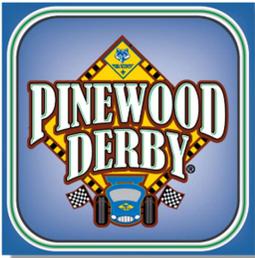
It's Cub Scout Pinewood Derby season again!! No doubt our Cub Scouts in the Patriot District are diligently carving, sanding, painting, tuning, and primping their cars for the pinnacle of Cub Scouting fun: The Pinewood Derby!! The District Derby for 2017 will be held on Saturday, March 4, at Living Savior Lutheran Church located at 5500 Ox Rd (Route 123) in Fairfax Station (same location as last year).



Each Pack in the Patriot District is invited to register one Cub Scout in each of five age/rank categories, and in one of two event competitive categories (either Speed or Show). Each Pack may therefore register up to 10 Cub Scouts total (Scouts may not compete in both Speed and Show). The District Pinewood Derby is not an open event and **all participants must be pre-registered** by their Pack Committee. The registration fee for each participating Cub Scout is \$10.00.

Your Pack leadership has already received and should have disseminated the 2017 Patriot District Rules. If you have any questions about the rules or need a copy of them, please contact Pete Griffiths, District Pinewood Derby Chairman, at (571) 424-0022 or at PinewoodDerby.Patriot@gmail.com. Information regarding the District Pinewood Derby can also be found on District website: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot/cubscouts/PinewoodDerby>.

Cub Scouts will compete in either Speed or Show categories, with their respective Ranks/Dens. Registration and competition times for each Den are as listed in the table below. All participating Cub Scouts should plan to arrive early enough to get registered within the period specified for their rank. Registration lines will close promptly at the time indicated in order to help ensure that the overall competition schedule for the day can be maintained.



The Pinewood Derby Committee is quite pleased to announce that the world-renowned tag-team of Andy Chaves (Pack 1101) and Joe Margraf (Troop 1346) will once again be serving as Masters of Ceremony for this year's event. Rumor has it that there will be pirates, monks, a confused-chef, bad jokes, a return of the legendary "starter-plunger" and general goofiness along with the finest Pinewood Derby competition in the BSA (yeah, we're biased)! We look forward to having loads of fun again this year with all participating Scouts, families and friends.



Patriot District Pinewood Derby Schedule, 4 March 2017

Rank/Den	Registration	Speed/Show Competition
** Setup **	8:00am to 9:30am	n/a
Tigers	9:00am to 9:50am	10:00am to 10:30am
Wolves	10:00am to 10:50am	11:00am to 11:30am
Bears	11:00am to 11:50am	12:00pm to 12:30pm
Webelos	12:00pm to 12:50pm	1:00pm to 1:30pm
Arrow of Light	1:00pm to 1:50pm	2:00pm to 2:30pm
** Clean-up / Wrap **	2:30pm to Finished	n/a



From the District Chairman:

Scouts, Scouters and Families of Patriot District,

It is hard to believe that it is February already! I hope everyone has taken their Christmas lights down.

We are well into the Friends of Scouting campaign. If your unit does not have a presentation planned, please contact Mark Greer, Vice Chair for Finance, ASAP. Please encourage your families to participate! Let's keep a great Scouting program in the National Capital Area growing.

We have the Patriot District Pinewood Derby coming up on Saturday, March 4th; I know that there are a lot of excited Cub Scouts waiting for this big event!

I would like to announce that there are plenty of volunteer opportunities available District Level. You can volunteer for something that is a once a year event, or you can take on responsibility for a more involved position. We can use assistance on the District committee or as a member of the Commissioners Corps. Please feel free to approach me or any member of the committee at any time or at the next roundtable.

Each Unit Key Three, please share this Patriot Press with your families this month. If you know a Scouter or family in the District that is not getting Patriot Press, please send their name to robert.l.mason@gmail.com. The Patriot District is a very active and successful District; let's make sure everyone knows our story!

Spring is just around the corner and summer camp planning is underway. Do not forget to keep the "outing" in Scouting, and get those campouts planned!

Yours in Scouting

Steve Smith, Patriot District Chairman
<http://www.scouting.org/RTN/History/FRoosevelt.aspx>

Monday, January 30, the Boy Scouts of America announced a national change to our membership policy: effective immediately, a young person will be eligible to join our programs based on the gender they list on their application. This is an extension of our mission to give **all** young people the opportunity to join Scouting. I encourage you to read the full press release and view Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh's video providing more information: <http://scoutingnewsroom.org/press-releases/bsa-addresses-gender-identity/>

A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens

~ Lord Baden Powell (b. February 22, 1857)





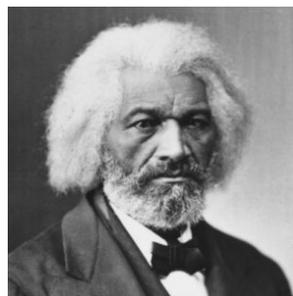
From the District Commissioner

Since this is my first time preparing a Commissioner Comment for the Patriot Press, I'd like to thank last year's Commissioner, Mike Porter, for passing me one of the best if not the best district in the National Capital Area Council. All of the Patriot units have now completed the rechartering process and have an expiration date of Dec 30, 2017. Our last unit was rechartered at the end of January, which is why we ask that all adult volunteers have a Youth Protection Training (YPT) expiration date beyond February. Even though they may be current at the expiration of the previous charter – Dec 31st, they must be current when our registrar (Shared Member Services in Dallas) actually completes the recharter. The good news that comes with the end of the year is the completion of the Journey to Excellence (JTE) scorecards, which reflect how well your Pack, Troop, Team, or Crew delivered the Scouting program to your Scouts. This year we had 5 Bronze, 2 Silver, and 46 Gold units. Congratulations to all of our units for their achievements.

With all of this administrative stuff behind us, we now get into the really fun part of Scouting. Our Cubs are putting the finishing touches on their Pinewood Derby cars and preparing for their Blue and Gold banquets. That means many of our Cubs will earn their Arrow of Light and continue on their scouting journey by joining a Troop. Our Scouts are beginning the final preparations for summer camp, high adventure at Philmont, Northern Tier, or Sea Base, and a few will participate in the National Jamboree at the Summit. This spring our council will also have a "mark your calendar" sort of an event (Memorial Day Weekend) with a Council-wide camporee at Goshen celebrating its 50th anniversary. I encourage all of our units to participate in this fun-packed event.

A great opportunity for our adult volunteers is just around the corner with the University of Scouting. It will be held at Hayfield High School on Saturday, Feb 18th. With over 150 different courses being offered, the University of Scouting provides a great opportunity to attend classes on topics of your choosing. The best part is it all goes toward preparing you to provide our Scouts the best possible program. Registration information for the event can be found at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-9828>. Hope to see you there!

Dave Astle
District Commissioner

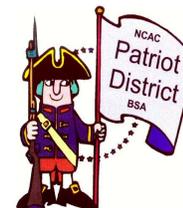


"The man who will get up will be helped up; and the man who will not get up will be allowed to stay down."

~ Frederick Douglas (b. February, 1808)

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot



February 2017

- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 18 University of Scouting
- 18-20 NYLT
- 21 SPST and Den Leader Training
- 26 Patriot Press Deadline – March
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

March 2017

- 4 District Pinewood Derby
- 4 Life-to-Eagle Seminar
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Commissioner College
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 18 BCOLS (classroom)
- 23 CPST and Venturing Leader Training
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

April 2017

- 2 Patriot Press Deadline – April
- 10 COR training
- 10-17 Passover (eve-to-eve)
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 16 Easter
- 24 Early Bird registration deadline/Goshen
- 25 PD Committee Meeting
- 27 SPST and Den Leader Training
- 29-30 Wilderness/Remote First Aid (Big Mac)
- 29-30 BCOLS (overnight)
- 29-1 May Wood Badge (weekend #1)
- 30 Patriot Press Deadline – May

		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



*Still I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain
(what I consider the most enviable of all titles) the character of an honest man.*

~ George Washington (b. February 22, 1732)

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, February 9, 2017

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

Midway: 7:30 – 8 PM

Roundtable: 8 – 9 PM

*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, February 9, 2017

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

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

Topics: Order of the Arrow, Advancement, Fitness

*Randy Witter, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner
703-323-5220, Randy.Witter@gmail.com*

Steve Polchek: 703-978-1309, sapolchek@verizon.net

Patriot District Training

Current District Youth Protection Training (YPT) percentage: 94.6

Current District Trained Leader percentage: 39.8

Upcoming Trainings:

University of Scouting: Registration is currently open for the 2017 University of Scouting. It will be held on February 18 from 7:30am – 5pm at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. The early bird cost is \$35 and ends on February 12. After that date, the cost is \$50. Register online at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-9828>

Leader Specific Training: The district is going to be offering Leader specific training on a rotating basis during the Spring months. All trainings will be held at Fairview Elementary school located at the corner of Burke Centre Parkway and Rt. 123. The trainings will run from 7pm – 9pm on the following dates:

February 21: Den Leader and Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster

March 23: Cubmaster and Venturing Leader

April 27: Den Leader and Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster

May 25: Cubmaster and Venturing leader

If you are interested in attending any of the leader specific trainings, please contact Justin Day, Patriot district training chair, at patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com. The Leader specific trainings will be \$5 to help cover the cost of materials.

The district also continues to need volunteers to help with conducting trainings. Please contact Justin if you are willing to serve in this vital area.

Wood Badge Spring 2017: Registration is now open for the Spring session of NCAC's Wood Badge training. The course will be held on April 28-30 and June 2-4 (must attend both weekends). The cost for the course is \$300. Wood Badge is Scouting's advanced leader training. More information and registration can be found at: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>



Patriot District Day Camp

Calling all day campers! Registration for the 2017 Patriot district day camp is now open. This year, the Patriot district day camp will again be held at Gesher Jewish Day School located on Mattie May Ct. off Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax. The camp will run from July 10 – 14. Planned activities will include BB shooting, archery, slingshots, sports, Scout crafts, and – back by popular demand – the climbing wall. The theme for this year is bug hunters. Early bird pricing is \$190 per scout. The camp directors will be holding two question and answer sessions for parents, coordinators, and interested staff at Fairview elementary school on March 2 and March 14 from 7 pm to 9 pm. If you have any questions regarding day camp, would like to schedule the camp directors to come out and talk to your pack, or are interested in volunteering as a member of the staff, please contact either Niko Brown, nikobrown@gmail.com, or Justin Day, kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com.

Registration information can be found at: www.gotodaycamp.org



2017 Wood Badge Courses

Wood Badge is an advanced Scout leader training course that was established in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first director. The course came to America in 1948, and it has been frequently updated over the years to reflect current BSA policies and programs. Incorporating the best techniques available, Wood Badge has become the most advanced leadership training course in Scouting!

Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training. The course provides participants with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas, including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing, as well as at District and Council level. The first half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. Participants learn what makes leadership work in Scouting and their personal life. The second half offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help participants learn the application of leadership skills. Finally, each course participant writes and completes a "Ticket" that consists of five written goals. These goals connect new leadership knowledge to each individual's role in Scouting.

All Scouters who have attended basic training for their registered position and serve in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

The course dates for 2017 are:

Spring 2017: April 28 – 30 and June 2-4

Fall 2017: September 8 – 10 and October 7-9

To register or find out more information, please visit the NCAC Wood Badge page at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>



OA

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.



We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free.

~Ronald Reagan (b. February 6, 1911)



Back into the Lion Den!

The Patriot District Lion Scout Pilot Program 2016-2017

The Patriot District has five Packs with registered Lion participating in the National Capital Area Council’s and BSA’s National Lion Pilot Program during the current Scouting Program Year. The five participating Packs are:

- Pack 50, Chartered Organization-Holy Spirit School**
- Pack 1101, Chartered Organization-Church of the Nativity**
- Pack 1344, Chartered Organization-Burke Volunteer Fire Department**
- Pack 1534, Chartered Organization-Old Creek Elementary School**
- 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 were 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.

We are continuing to participate in the Lion Pilot Program in the 2017-2018 Scouting Program Year and would love to have additional Packs participate. Please contact John Stewart to get a Lion Den started in your Pack now.

*John Stewart john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil
Patriot Distract Lion Coordinator/Membership Vice Chair*



Help the Patriot District “Celebrate Fairfax”



The annual Celebrate Fairfax festival is coming to the Fairfax County Government Center on June 9th through the 11th. The Patriot District is planning on submitting an application to host a booth to display the Scouting Program to all of the visitors attending the Celebrate Fairfax event, especially the visitors of Scouting age. Please have your Pack, Troop, Post, Crew, Team develop any ideas for potential participation or taste oriented demonstrations (monkey bridge, dutch oven cooking, boil an egg in a paper cup, etc...) and send the ideas to John Stewart (email below) as soon as you can, but not later than February 28th.

We are planning on coordinating for the NCAC’s climbing tower to be part of our District booth for this event as well. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Crew and Varsity Team members are all wanted to serve at the booth to demonstrate and show off the “fun” of Scouting. Units are asked to send contact info for their volunteers to staff the booth and any specific time slots they want to serve to John Stewart at john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil .

The events hours are Friday June 9th for 12 noon – 2pm for county employees “sneak peak” and then 6pm-12am; Saturday June 10th 10am -12am; Sunday June 11th 11am-7pm. If our booth is approved by the event organizers our goal we be to close our booth a few hours prior to the festivals closing in support of youth and adult volunteers.

This can be an excellent way to get community families exposure to Scouting and potentially to join us! Don’t forget to send in your booth ideas by February 28th and to submit unit POCs for booth volunteers.

*John Stewart, John.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil
Vice Chair for Membership and District Lion Coordinator*



Patriot Distinguished Scouter Award

Nominations for the Patriot Distinguished Scouter Award are due February 15th. This award is meant to honor a Scouter in your unit or serving at the District level who goes above and beyond their actual Scouting job. Please send a ½ page write about what the person has done to deserve this award.

Submit to chioma@msn.com by February 15th.

Questions, contact Kristin Chioma, chioma@msn.com

*Kristin Chioma, chioma@msn.com
Patriot Awards and recognitions chair*



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Important Message for all Committee Chairs and Unit Leaders

It's time to schedule your presentation for the 2017 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign. Please contact the District Vice-Chair for Finance, Mark Greer, to schedule your Family FOS presentation. Ideal times are Courts of Honor and Blue & Gold Banquets. We need a date, time, and POC for every unit in the District.

The annual FOS campaign has several components: Family, Scouter, and Community, and it is absolutely critical to the financial health of the National Capital Area Council (NCAC). It helps to pay for much needed upgrades to Goshen Scout reservation (over \$300,000 in recent years), was a big part of paying for the \$6 million needed to modernize the Lake Merriweather Dam at Goshen, pays for training costs not covered by units/participants, and helps pay the salaries of our dedicated, professional Scouters and staff, to name just a few.

If you are new to Scouting (or you simply haven't understood why we have this additional fund raising activity each year) you may wonder why it's really necessary. Let me assure you that each Scout's dues only pay a small part of the nearly \$200 annual program cost per Scout. When we look at the benefit of Scouting (the value proposition), it is tremendous. A recent Harris Study found that 83 percent of adults who were Scouts say that the values they learned in Scouting continue to be very important to them today. And when we see the return on investment among Scouting alumni, it's even more impressive: 89% of senior class presidents, 71% of football team captains, 70% of Annapolis Graduates, 72% of Rhodes Scholars, and 26 of the first 29 Astronauts were all Scouts.

So please take this opportunity to sit down at a computer right now and send an email to Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net to schedule your presentation.

*Mark Greer, Patriot Vice-Chair, Finance
mfgreer@verizon.net, 703-300-487.*

National Youth Leadership Training

What is NYLT? NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) is the National Capital Area Council's presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training program. 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.

Why NYLT? While it remains the responsibility of the unit leaders to train the youth leaders, this course is designed to supplement the adult leaders' role in the training process. NYLT skills build on the fundamental leadership skills presented in the unit basic leadership training in their home unit.

2017 NYLT Summer Dates:

18 – 23 June 2017, Course Director: Tony LaCava (tjklown@gmail.com)

25 – 30 June 2017, Course Director: Yong Ho Halt (yhhalt.ncacScouting@gmail.com)

31 July – 5 August 2017 (Sunday Friendly), Course Director: Kristin Chioma (chioma@msn.com)

Requirements to attend: NYLT participants should have attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts, completed Unit Leader Training, be at least 13 years of age, and have Home Unit Leader approval. For more information go to <http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training/>



Baden-Powell

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, known as B-P, was born in Paddington, London on February 22, 1857. His father died when B-P was only three years old. In 1876, B-P went to India as a young army officer and specialized in scouting, map-making and reconnaissance. His success soon led to his training other soldiers. Returning home in 1903 he found that he had become a national hero. He also found that the small handbook he had written for soldiers ("Aids to Scouting") was being used by youth leaders and teachers all over the country to teach observation and woodcraft.

B-P set to work rewriting "Aids to Scouting," this time for a younger audience. In 1907 he held an experimental camp on Brownsea Island in Dorset to try out his ideas. He brought together 22 boys, some from private schools and some from working class homes, and took them camping under his leadership. This was to be considered the starting point of the Scout Movement. "Scouting for Boys" was published in 1908 in six fortnightly parts

B-P retired from the army in 1910 at the age of 53, acting on the advice of King Edward VII who suggested that he could now provide more valuable service for his country within the Scout Movement. With all his enthusiasm and energy now directed to the development of Boy Scouting and Girl Guiding, he traveled to all parts of the world, to encourage growth and provide inspiration. The first World Scout Jamboree took place at Olympia, London in 1920. At its closing scene, B-P was unanimously acclaimed as Chief Scout of the World.

In 1938, suffering from ill-health, B-P returned to Africa, which had meant so much in his life, to live in semi-retirement at Nyeri, Kenya. Even there he found it difficult to curb his energies, and he continued to produce books and sketches. On January 8th, 1941, at 83 years of age, B-P died. He was buried in a simple grave at Nyeri within sight of Mount Kenya. His advice of "try and leave this world a little better than you found it" is as relevant – if not more so – today and continues to inspire young people all over the world.

<http://scout.org/bp>



VFW Scout of the Year Scholarship Applications Due SOON!!!



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.

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, Yeatsfan@aol.com, can provide applications to interested Scouts, parents or unit leaders, as well as advise on preparation of the application.
- Contact one of these Patriot Scouters/local VFW Post contacts to submit completed applications:
- Post 5412, Burke: Tom Troy, ttlroy@aol.com
 - Post 8469, Fairfax Station, Don Northcutt, donaldrnorthcutt@gmail.com



Patriot District also is on Facebook.



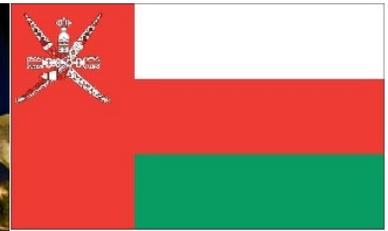
You can post pictures to: <https://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict>



And having thus chosen our course, without guile, and with pure purpose, let us renew our trust in God, and go forward without fear, and with manly hearts

~Abraham Lincoln (b. February 12, 1809)

**International Scouting Day
At the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center**



The registration page is now open (<https://scoutingevent.com/082-11532>) for the upcoming International Scouting Day, which will take place at the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center (1100 16th St NW) on February 25, 2017. Scouts in the Washington, D.C. area are invited to set foot in Oman for half a day to learn about the nation, its people, and culture at the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center. Participate and experience: Omani culture, Scouting around the world, painting activities, and Scouting in Oman. This is an incredibly fun and interesting way of meeting requirements for Citizenship in the World MB or the International Spirit Award.

Please note that pre-registration required via NCAC website: no walk-ins can be accommodated. All adults (18 years old & above) must show photo ID. Doors open ½ hour before each session – please be prompt. See you there!

Yours in International Scouting

Philip Sternberg



A Scout is Reverent

From Tiger Cub to Arrow of Light Scout, one of the advancement options is to "earn the religious emblem of your faith that is appropriate for your age." St. Matthews United Methodist Church on Little River Turnpike near Prosperity Ave. is hosting the PRAY Program's "God and Me" for grades 1-3, and "God and Family" for grades 4-5.

Who: This is an open program for girls and boys of any Christian denomination who want to participate. This meets the religious requirements for faith-based awards for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls and similar groups. The program works best for each child when an adult partner participates with them, so we encourage adult partners to attend.

Dates: The program occurs over two days, Sunday, February 26, and Sunday, March 5, with activities running each day from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003. Map at <https://goo.gl/maps/CsaUtWS2rYP2>

Cost: A \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of materials and snacks. (This is not required if \$10 prevents a child from participating.)

Questions: email Keith@Robertory.com.

Registration: Visit the Evite posted at: <http://evite.me/Up9QpEzpv1>

Keith Robertory, 703-930-5459

The Patriot Press, Patriot District
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Deadline for copy inclusion in *The Patriot Press* is the two Sundays prior to Roundtable. Using MS Word, articles may be emailed to the editor at joe.osborne@cox.net.

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Boy Scout Troop 1131
Burke, Virginia
Scouting since 1970

American Red Cross

Wilderness and Remote First Aid (WRFA) Certification

When: Starts – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, 29 April 2017
Ends – 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 30 April 2017

Who: Adult leaders and Scouts/Venturers (14+) attending BSA High Adventure Bases this year. Others may sign up on a space-available basis. Class size is limited; all participants must have and bring their current First Aid and CPR certification.

Where: Camp Big Mac, 12647 Moss Hollow Road, Markham, VA. Directions: I-66 West to Exit 18. Left onto County Road 688, take tunnel under Interstate, cross Route 55 to Leeds Manor Road. Turn right on Leeds manor Road. Continue about two miles to Moss Hollow Road. Turn right onto Moss Hollow Road (gravel). Pass Camp Moss Hollow and enter Big Mac through gate.

What: Participants will earn the American Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid (When Help is Delayed) certification. BSA High Adventure crews must have at least two certified CPR and WFA members; however, it is a good idea to have more people certified. Please eat breakfast before you arrive. Our first meal is lunch Saturday, we have a cracker barrel Saturday evening, and the last meal is lunch Sunday.

Bring: Camping gear in a backpack. Pack as you would for a high adventure trip. This can be a tent camping event, but there are small cabins available too.

Contact: To register, send the following information to Philip Sternberg, phil.sternberg@gmail.com via e-mail or 703-960-0205 (Phil's cell phone)

Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, home and cell phone numbers, BSA unit type and number, and BSA Personal ID number (on your membership card).

Cost: Sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) covers the cost of American Red Cross fees and classroom training materials, and Camp Big Mac fees. Checks should be made out to "Boy Scout Troop 1131" with memo line "Wilderness First Aid Training."

Send checks to Philip Sternberg, P.O. Box 4052, Alexandria, VA 22303. Sign up as soon as possible.

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There are three registration categories:

Unit Weekend Camping: Webelos, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, Sea Scout, and Exploring youth; Adult Leaders; and individual Alumni. \$35.00 per participant

Family Weekend Camping: Cub Scouts and family members, Webelos family members, Scout family members, and Alumni and family members. \$20.00 per participant

Day Pass: Cub Scouts and families, Webelos and families, Scouts and families, Alumni and families, and any other individuals who only wish to spend the day and not camp overnight. \$15.00 per participant

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10TH ANNUAL GAME AND SLEEPOVER NIGHT

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FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD
6:35 PM FIRST PITCH

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- CAMPING IN THE OUTFIELD
- MOVIE ON THE VIDEO BOARD AND REFRESHMENTS
- BREAKFAST IN THE MORNING WITH ASSORTED CEREAL, MILK, BANANAS, COFFEE AND JUICE

LAWN SEAT: \$20 FIELD BOX SEAT: \$27

GAME ONLY:

- BOX MEAL AT THE GAME (HOT DOG, CHIPS, DRINK)
- TROOP'S NAME ON THE VIDEO BOARD
- BLUE CRABS SCOUT NIGHT PATCH
- ON-FIELD PARADE

LAWN SEAT: \$10 FIELD BOX SEAT: \$17

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