



# The Patriot Press



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## Meritorious Action Award: Medal of Merit

The Patriot District's Life Scout Skylar Pepler of Troop 1131 in Burke was awarded the Medal of Merit by the BSA National Court of Honor in February. The Medal of Merit is the third highest award that can be awarded by the Boy Scouts of America for lifesaving or meritorious action. The medal honors a youth member or adult leader who has performed an act of meritorious service above and beyond what is normally expected of a member of the Boy Scouts of America. "The Medal of Merit may be awarded to a youth or adult leader who has performed some outstanding act of service of a rare or exceptional character that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others." Since 1945, only about 6,500 Meritorious Action Awards have been presented.



Unknown to him, Skylar was nominated by his younger brother Gavin. Gavin has always enjoyed the "Scouts in Action" stories in *Boys' Life*, even before being of Scout age, sneaking into Skylar's room and borrowing the magazine. These stories inspired Gavin to set the ball in motion to have his brother recognized for assisting their father after a very serious mountain biking accident.

In July 2016 Skylar and his Dad left early one morning to bike the trails Wakefield Park. Toward the end of a several hour trek along the roughly maintained dirt and gravel trail, Skylar executed a "bunny hop" maneuver to clear a one foot diameter log blocking the path. His Dad, seeing how easily Skylar had accomplished this feat, tried the same maneuver. Lacking sufficient forward inertia to clear the log, his bike straddled the log with one wheel forward and the second wheel behind.

As his feet were clipped into the pedals, Skylar's Dad put his arm out to catch a telephone pole to stop the fall. But he missed and the full force and weight of the fall concentrated on one arm. The arm bone suffered a spiral fracture and some bone splintering. Hearing his Dad scream on impact, Skylar looked back down the trail. He saw his Dad splayed on the ground, color draining from his face, eyes closed, and sweat pouring. Skylar immediately recognized the symptoms of shock, even as his Dad attempted to rise. He untangled his father from the bike, propping him on a log and not allowing him to rise. Skylar called 911, keeping his Dad calm and hydrated and the arm cradled in a sling; he then organized three others on the trail to assist with the rescue squad. With the rescue staging area over a half mile away, he kept his Dad calm and awake while waiting the 20 minutes for the EMTs to arrive on scene down the muddy dirt bike trail. Skylar accompanied his Dad for treatment at INOVA, and continued to assist his family during the long healing process. And that is when younger brother, Gavin, secretly started the process to have his older brother recognized.



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

*Chief Sitting Bull (B. 1831)*



**From the District Chairman:**

Greetings to all Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

The Patriot District Court of Honor will be held on Tuesday, May 23! We have plenty of awards and will recognize many deserving Patriot District Scouters. Mark your calendar for the 23 May event. There is no fee this year so be sure and come to help recognize our best of the best!

Summer Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp are already filling. Be sure to get your reservations in for Cub Scout Day Camp before it fills up!

Cubmasters, we are moving into the second year of Lions. Please recruit a Lion Leader and get your Lion Dens started now!

Thank you for the many generous donations to the Patriot District 2017 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 Mollene or Mark Greer for visits to your Pack meeting or Troop Court of Honor. We have not reached our goal yet, so we are asking Unit Leaders to please follow up after the presentations. We all know there are still parents and Scouters who “meant” to donate and just haven’t yet. All we need to do is ask.

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 ([robert.l.mason@gmail.com](mailto:robert.l.mason@gmail.com)) 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,

*Steve Smith, Patriot District Chairman*



*America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.*

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



### From the District Commissioner

With the arrival of May we are looking forward to our annual District Court of Honor where we recognize our Scouters who have given a tremendous effort to supporting the Scouting program in our district. Each unit can nominate an individual to receive the Patriot Spirit Award. Please get those nominations into the District Advancement and Recognition Chair Kristin Chioma ([chioma@msn.com](mailto:chioma@msn.com)) soon. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, it's going to be a great evening.

We're also putting in those last minute tweaks to the summer camping plans. For those Scouts attending Goshen this summer, they should be looking at the Council website ([ncacbsa.org](http://ncacbsa.org)) to see if the merit badge they want to take has prerequisites. They must be completed prior to attending camp if they wish to complete the badge at camp. I recommend completing those with one of our local counselors before attending camp so that you can take a partial completion to camp. For troops who will be attending other council camps, I would recommend you do the same. Some of those camps do not use blue cards, so taking a partial completion will result in having a blue card for the counselor to complete.

Our Cub Scouts traditionally advance to the next rank on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Most will have completed their rank requirements already, but what if one or two still need to complete a requirement? Section 4.1.0.4 of the Guide to Advancement allows for the Pack Committee to allow more time beyond the school year ending to complete a rank before moving on to the next. As long as he is "doing his best" he will meet the requirements. Summertime is also a time for a Pack to earn the National Summertime Pack Award. Requirements for the award can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf>.

*Dave Astle  
District Commissioner*



Scoutmasters,

We ask that you inform your Scouts that we need 20 Boy Scouts to volunteer to support Cub Scout Day Camp. This is an opportunity to help Cubs, who enjoy working with Boy Scouts. Boy Scouts will have a chance to rotate through the different stations, which will include climbing wall, archery, rifle range, sports, science, arts and crafts. Also, each Scout will earn service hours for their volunteer time.

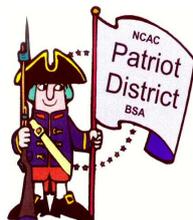
The camp will be held from Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14, 2017 at the Geshner JDC, 4800 Mattie Moore Court, Fairfax, VA 22030. Boy Scouts can volunteer for the full week or part of the week depending on their schedule. Since the Boy Scouts are staff, any younger brother in Cub Scouts may be eligible for the discounted attendance fee. All Boy Scouts will receive a free lunch each day.

Any Scouts desiring to volunteer should contact Justin Day, Camp Program Director, at [kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com](mailto:kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com) (540) 308-1626 or Niko Brown, Camp Director, at [nikobrown@gmail.com](mailto:nikobrown@gmail.com) (703) 231-8781.

*Bill Dexter, Vice Chair for Programs Patriot District  
(703) 978-2632*

Patriot District Events

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



**May 2017**

- 6 NCAC Climbmater Training (Camp Snyder)
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Program Launch & Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 19 Goshen payments due
- 19-21 OA Conclave (Broad Creek Scout Reservation, Whiteford MD)
- 21 Cub Scout Day Camp "Early Bird" payment deadline
- 23 District Awards Dinner
- 25 CPST and Venturing Leader Training
- 26-29 Spring Camporee (NCAC event)
- 28 Patriot Press Deadline – June
- 29 Memorial Day

**June 2017**

- 2-3 IOLS (Camp Snyder)
- 2-4 Wood Badge (weekend #2)
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 STEM University (Camp Snyder)
- 17 OA Chapter banquet
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 18-23 NYLT (complete session)
- 25-30 NYLT (complete session)
- 27 PD Committee Meeting

**July 2017**

- 4 Independence Day
- 10-14 Cub Scout Day Camp
- 19-28 National Jamboree
- 30 Patriot Press Deadline – August
- 31 to 5 Aug NYLT (complete session)

<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 Training
JSN	Join Scouting Night	VCPST	Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training
NLE	New Leader Essentials	VOA	Venturing Officers Association
NYLT	National Youth Leadership Training		

**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, May 11th, 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, May 11th, 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:, UltraLite Backpacking, Youth Leadership Development, Annual Planning

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

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



### Scouting/Cub Scouting Booth

From June 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> at the Fairfax County Government Center, the Virginia Central Service Area of NCAC will staff a Scouting booth to include STEM activities, a Climbing Wall, our Touch-a-Truck, and more. We need Adults and Scouts of all ages to come and help man the booth, prepared to tell how much fun Scouting is and about the adventures that await any new members.



### Musings on Membership for May 2017

It is the right time to plan your Join Scouting Nights (JSNs) for the Fall. 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/or 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 them 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.



### NYLT Training

NYLT (formerly known as IMPEESA) is the National Capital Area Council's presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scouting program and in LIFE. NYLT brings together Scouts from all over the Council to learn and practice the leadership techniques in a risk-free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

While it remains the responsibility of the unit leaders to train their 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.

### Summer 2017 Course Dates

American Legion Youth Camp, Cheltenham, MD (3 separate courses are available)

- 18 - 23 June 2017
- 25 - 30 June 2017
- 1 - 5 August 2017 (Sunday Friendly)

Early Bird cost for the Course will be \$225 until 1 June 2017; after that date, the cost is \$270.

To register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-NCACNYLT>



## End of 1<sup>st</sup> Lion Year!

### Ensure Your Lions Becoming Tigers

For those Packs that currently have Tigers, attempt to make a smooth transition for them into a Tiger Den. This is a great way to continue to grow your Pack. These Lion-Tiger transition Scouts are eligible and highly encouraged to participate in this summer's Cub Day Camp held 10-14 July at the Gesher Jewish Day School on Little River Turn Pike (see Cub Day Camp article on page 9 for more info and how to get registered).

### Completion of Required Lion Adventures

Once a Lion Scout has completed the required Lion Adventures he is eligible to be awarded his Lion Badge. This should be the first of many awards this Scout earns in his Scouting career. Ensure that you have an appropriate recognition ceremony for the awarding of this badge.

### Calling all Packs hosting Lion Dens!!! You Can Recruit New Lions Now

This Spring is a great time to recruit rising Kindergartners to become Lion Scouts.

See if you can post a Pack flyer with some information about the Lion program being "fun" and promoting citizenship, physical fitness and character development, as well as listing a POC with contact info representing your Pack at your neighboring Pre-Kindergarten facilities.

Local Preschools include the following, but this is probably not an all-inclusive list for the greater Fairfax, Burke, Fairfax Station area: Accotink Academy Preschool; The Appletree School; Baby, Toddler, and Preschool Land; Braddock Road Kindercare; A Child's Place; Burke Kindercare; Burke Lake Road Kindercare; Christ Lutheran Preschool; Country School House; Early Childhood Learning Center; Fairfax Kindercare; Fairfax Presbyterian Preschool; Fairfax United Methodist Church Preschool; Good Shepherd Preschool-Burke; Holy Spirit School; Horizon Child Development Center School for Early Learning; Kiddie Country Learning Center; La Petite Academy-Clara Barton; LePort Montessori Fairfax; Lee Highway Kindercare; Little Acorn Patch; Lord of Life Preschool; Main Street Child Development Center; Mark of Excellence Preschool; Merrit Academy; Montessori School-Cedar Lane; Panda Care Preschool; Montessori School-Cedar Lane; Nini Daycare; Providence Nursery School; Rainbow Child Development Center; Rise and Shine Preschool Center; Sparkles! Child Care Center at White Oaks; Spring-Mar Cooperative Preschool; St George's Preschool; St Mark Catholic School; St Stephen's United Methodist Church; Teddy Bear Day Care and Preschool; Way of Faith Assembly of God; WEE Center Preschool; Willowcreek Academy; YWCA Children's Center.

### New Lion Dens

Any Patriot Packs that want to start a new Lion Den in their Pack this year are cleared to start one. Please coordinate with John Stewart for Lion Guide training as needed. The Lion packages available at the Scout Shop include the Lion Scout's Adventure Book, the Lion Adult Partner Guide, and a sheet of stickers for use at the completion of each Lion Adventure. New Lion Guide Training will be conducted at the August Round Table.

*John Stewart, Patriot District Lion Coordinator and Vice Chair for Membership*  
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*They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary.  
But when shall we be stronger?*

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



## **JSN and New Pack Membership & Marketing Position**

Start planning for your Fall Join Scouting Night (JSN) events now to ensure that you have quality events and the word gets out to prospective new members. Let your unit's fun-filled activities and the excitement of your members show on their faces to your visitors and their parents. Ensure that you let your Unit Commissioner know your JSN event date(s).

On a related note, NCAC has created a new adult position for Packs called the Pack Membership Chair. The "Key Responsibilities" for this position follow:

- 1) Meet with unit leaders and committee quarterly to discuss membership goals and objectives.
  - a) Are more than 10% of the available youth in our area getting Scouting? (Some info available from district on local Market size. Check with your DE and/or your public school's website.)
  - b) How do we let the community know the great things our youth are doing?
  - c) Do we have a working relationship with all the schools and youth institutions in our area?
- 2) Establish and maintain unit web presence (e.g., BeAScout pin, unit website, link from district website or Facebook, unit Facebook, other newer media possibilities)
- 3) Use, or evaluate, BSA's new Online Registration System – including Invitation Manager
- 4) Run at least 2 recruitment/Scouting promotion events per year to insure unit growth (e.g., school fairs, back-to-school picnics, back-to-school nights, PTA newsletters, science fairs)
- 5) Distribute membership flyers to schools or faith-based organizations
- 6) Establish relationships with all the faith-based organizations in your area:
  - a) Posting information about Unit on their bulletin board, website
  - b) Requesting presence in their service literature
  - c) Connecting them with unit leaders for service project opportunities
- 7) Conduct Scouting Rallies In schools, leveraging council support when needed
- 8) Attend a membership chairperson training session or annual best practices seminar
- 9) Track the membership of your unit to insure growth
- 10) Adopt a school or faith community and conduct one community service project for them at least once a year
- 11) Insure That new youth and adult applications are turned into the council service center in a timely manner – 1 week after receipt of applications is ideal
- 12) Ensure unit achieves JTE Gold status in membership
- 13) Prepare press releases for "good deeds", events, and achievements



## **PATRIOT DISTRICT IOLS**

Patriot District will conduct an **Introduction to Outdoors Leader Skills (IOLS)** training course on June 2 – 3, 2017 at Camp Snyder. The course will follow the new curriculum published by BSA in 2016. We will start at 7 PM on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> with a robust “Cracker Barrel” and end by 6 PM on Saturday, June 3, 2017. Attendees will enjoy the “Cracker Barrel” and be provided food to cook for breakfast and lunch. Attendees with special dietary needs need to notify the Quartermaster/Grub master, Don Northcutt by Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at (571) 232-6076 or [DonaldNorthcutt@gmail.com](mailto:DonaldNorthcutt@gmail.com). Adult leaders will be divided into patrols and will model the patrol method during the course. There will be three patrols and the course needs three participants to volunteer before the course to be patrol leaders and bring a patrol cook kit with them. Patrol leaders should contact the course director to volunteer.

The cost for the course is \$32 for students and \$10 for instructors that are camping overnight. The course is free to instructors that are not camping. All participants that are camping need to register on line with NCAC at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-PatriotIOLS> by Tuesday May 30, 2017.

A preliminary weather decision will be made on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> by the Camporee Director. The director for IOLS is William Dexter, contact information (703) 978-2632 or [wtdexterjr@gmail.com](mailto:wtdexterjr@gmail.com).



### **Patriot District Day Camp: July 10-14**

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 Geshar 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 held two question and answer sessions for parents, coordinators, and interested staff at Fairview elementary school in March. If you were unable to attend one of those session, or 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](mailto:nikobrown@gmail.com), or Justin Day, [kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com](mailto:kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com).

Registration information can be found at: [www.gotodaycamp.org](http://www.gotodaycamp.org)



## Calling all AoL Scouts and their Parents!



Learn what Boy Scouting is all about! Meet area Troops and Boy Scouts!

**WHAT:** Patriot District “Road to Scouting”

(Webelos to Boy Scout Transition Seminar)

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 17, 3:00 pm– 4:30 pm

**WHERE:** Redeeming Grace Church

**5200 Ox Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030**

**WHY:** Arrow of Light Scouts are almost ready to graduate from Cub Scouting.

Boy Scouting is the next fantastic step on the Scouting trail.

Come learn about the fun of Boy Scouting, how it’s different from Cub Scouting, and how to go about finding a Troop that is a good fit for each boy.

Questions? Contact Ken Gaul, [kgaul@verizon.net](mailto:kgaul@verizon.net), or

John R. Stewart, [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil), 571-318-0549



## We need *YOUR* Troop for “The Road to Scouting”

Help recruit your Troop’s next generation of Boy Scouts from the Patriot District’s Cub Scout Packs!

**WHAT:** Road to Scouting (Webelos to Boy Scout Transition)

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 17, 3:00 – 4:30 pm (setup begin at 2:15 pm)

**WHERE:** Redeeming Grace Church, 5200 Ox Rd. Fairfax, VA 22030

**WHY:** In the fall Webelos II/Arrow of Light Scouts begin the process of searching for Troops to join. This is a chance for your Troop to get early exposure to area Webelos, advertise your upcoming recruiting events, and give our Webelos a sense of the adventure that awaits them in Boy Scouting! Bring a display of what you do! Bring written materials to hand out! Bring an activity. **BRING BOY SCOUTS TO TALK TO WEBELOS!**

Reserve your space? Questions?

**CONTACT:** John Stewart, [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil), Ken Gaul, [kgaul@verizon.net](mailto:kgaul@verizon.net)



### Minute Man Sam and his Uncle Need You!!

Patriot District is in need of a Popcorn Kernel. Who wouldn't want a cool title like that?? As the Patriot District Popcorn Kernel you serve as the principal Point of Contact between the Patriot units and the NCAC Popcorn Team, which is led by the NCAC Popcorn Kernel. Your mission includes verifying unit orders in September, October, November, and December.

You also support the unit kernels by (1) answering their questions, which you can pass along to the Council Popcorn Kernel for an answer, and (2) arranging for show and sales at various local stores and creating an online signup process for the Patriot units. We've used sign-up genius in the past. Other responsibilities include promoting the popcorn initiative throughout the District – for example, setting up a popcorn table at the monthly Roundtables from 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month.

Other Patriot District volunteers will help you distribute the orders to units at the pickup location. There will be four pickup dates in the middle of the following months: September, October, November, and December. It involves three hours of service to Scouting on a Saturday morning. You also get to provide a brief popcorn update for the monthly Patriot Press.

There is no formal training to be our Popcorn Kernel. **But you don't have to do this on your own!!** You learn from information provided at the Council Popcorn Kickoffs, asking the Council Popcorn Kernel, asking the prior Popcorn Kernel, and from the online manual. Our District Executive, Kyle Mollidene, and last year's Kernel (Pat Ring) will assist and be on hand to assist and sub for the Patriot Kernel on an *ad hoc* basis.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact the Vice Chair for Finance, Mark Greer, at [mfgreer@verizon.net](mailto:mfgreer@verizon.net) or 703-300-4876.



### Patriot Spirit Award

It is that time again, time for the annual Patriot Award Event. It will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd. At the event we will recognize members from our district who provide outstanding service. Please send in your nomination for an outstanding member of your unit to be honored at the Event. Include the name, unit number, and a few sentences about the person. Send it to Kristin Chioma at [chioma@msn.com](mailto:chioma@msn.com) by Thursday, May 18th."



*This country cannot afford to be materially rich and spiritually poor.*

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

# Patriot District Court of Honor



**Tuesday, May 23, 2017— 6:30 PM**

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Join Patriot District Scouters to recognize  
*Unit Leader Volunteers of the Year*  
*Unit Journey to Excellence Awards*  
*District Award of Merit Recipients*  
*District Key 3 Awardees*  
*OA Vigil Honorees*  
*Minute Man Sam Awards*

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St. Stephen's United Methodist Church  
9203 Braddock Rd., Burke, VA 22015

**Cost: Free**

**RSVP by May 15th to the below link:**

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-PatriotCourtofHonor>

**STEM Corner**

Mark your calendar for:

What: STEM University  
When: June 10, 2017 Noon to 4 pm  
Where: Camp Snyder  
6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169  
Why: To have fun  
For Youth:



- NCAC Inaugural Einstein's Science Fair
- Be prepared to bring and present your science project! This activity also supports the requirement in many Supernovas to participate in a science fair.
- Supernova recipients presentation
- Hands-on STEM Activities at Sally's STEM Shack

For Adults:

- Supernova Mentor and Nova Counselor training
- Hands-on STEM activities for Cubs, Boy Scouts, and Venturing Scouts
- STEM-in-a-box to take back to your unit

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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](mailto:joe.osborne@cox.net).

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## Launch your career!

On May 13th, you have an opportunity to work with professional Eagle Scouts who are volunteering to teach and coach you in career navigation, using LinkedIn. You will learn to build your professional profiles, expand your network, and seek out leaders who can advise you about career connections.

Before seats run out (only 40), please register: [REGISTRATION](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [aaron.chusid@scouting.org](mailto:aaron.chusid@scouting.org).

We look forward to seeing you there! If you know other Eagle Scouts under 25 years-old, please forward this email. If you want us to plan a future event closer to your area, please notify Aaron.

p.s. It is Scouting day at DC United that day. We hope you can make it.

Thank you!

<b>NESA-DC Career Navigation Committee</b> <a href="#">Andrew McCoy</a> , Chairman (volunteer)	<b>NESA-DC Executive Committee</b> <a href="#">David Paschane</a> , Chairman (volunteer)
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**2017 National Jamboree**  
**July 19-28, 2017**  
**Summit Bechtel Reserve**  
**Glen Jean, West Virginia**

**Aquatics Scuba Staff Opportunities**

We need YOU to help staff the Jamboree aquatics activities! Activities will include Scuba, Water Reality (obstacle) Course, Kayaking, Standup Paddleboarding, and Team SUP.

- Are you trained or have experience in any of these activities, or are just interested in helping? (On the job training will be provided!)
- Are you scuba certified, a scuba Instructor or a BSA Aquatics Instructor, BSA Lifeguard, ARC WSI?
- Do you want to make a difference in the lives of young people?

The 2017 National Jamboree needs YOU to be a part of its Aquatics Staff. There are no more rewarding and enjoyable jobs at the National Jamboree than at the various aquatics activities.

If you are interested you can obtain more information and apply for Jamboree Staff online at:

<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers/>

Sign up soon so you will be considered for your first choice of positions. Contact the following if you have questions:

Mike Meenehan, Jamboree Scuba Activity Team Leader [mmmeenehan@cox.net](mailto:mmmeenehan@cox.net)

<https://www.facebook.com/michael.meenehan/videos/1088099497879285/>

Matt Tarnow, Jamboree Aquatics Staff Coordinator [matthewtarnow@qwestoffice.net](mailto:matthewtarnow@qwestoffice.net)

**Start the adventure today—Sign up now**



Our goal is to present over 20,000 safe and fun introductory scuba experiences over 10 days with little to no waiting for the participants





### VFW: Scholarships for Scout-aged Youth

In achieving the mission and vision of the VFW, 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.



### VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program

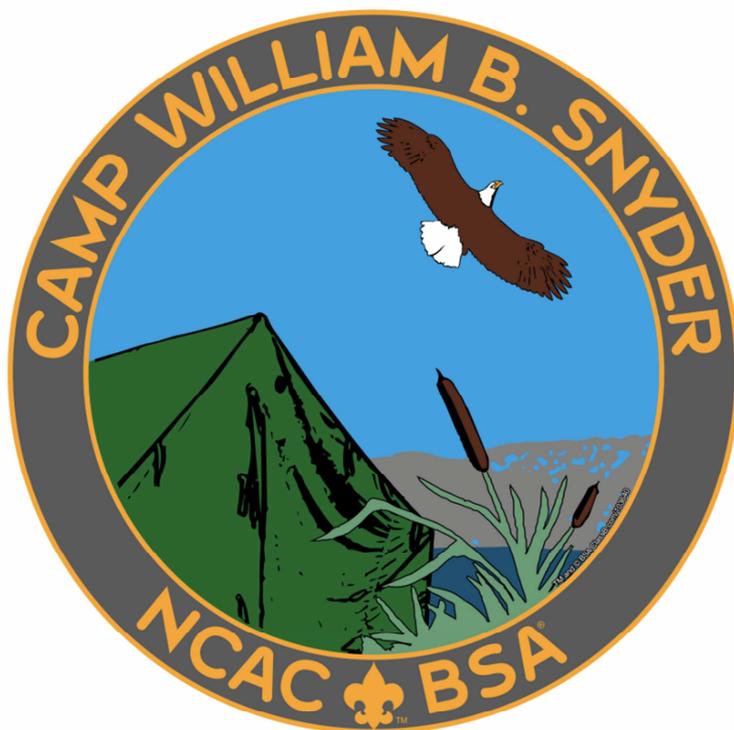
<http://bsaseabase.org/home/media/relationships/vfwwoodbadgescholarship.aspx>

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.

**The following youth opportunities must be submitted through a local VFW Post:** (Use the links to get full details about, obtain an application, and in some cases review previous winning entries.)

Program	Eligibility	Description	Due Date
Scout of the Year	-High School Student -Age 15+ -Active Scout -Eagle Scout; Silver Award; QM Award; or Gold Award recipient	<a href="http://www.vfw.org/Scout">http://www.vfw.org/Scout</a> All registered Scouts who have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting, and the community are invited to apply. National winner receives a scholarship of \$5000.	Mar 1
Voice of Democracy	Any grade 9-12 student	<a href="http://www.vfw.org/VOD/">http://www.vfw.org/VOD/</a> The premier youth scholarship program of the VFW. It gives students a chance to extol the virtues of democracy and experiment with the technologies of radio broadcasting. The first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship	Nov 1
Patriot's Pen	Any grade 6-8 student	<a href="http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/">http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/</a> Challenges entrants to reflect on American history and their own experiences based on a patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives \$5,000	Nov 1

Except for the Wood Badge adult scholarship, VFW membership by a parent is NOT required for youth application to a scholarship program.



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