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## Patriot District Spring Camporee

### “Barbarians at the Gate”

April 20 – 22, 2018  
Camp Snyder  
(571) 248-4904

As of January 30, 2018

The Patriot District Spring Camporee will be held at Camp Snyder on April 20-22. **The theme for the Camporee is “Barbarians at the Gate” – Scout skills in Action.** The program will consist of a Patrol Skills Competition where patrols will be challenged at several stations to demonstrate their proficiency on basic Scout skills. (A detailed list of the stations and the skills evaluated will be published in February.) Each troop will be asked to sponsor a station and the senior Scouts running the station will work with the Order of the Arrow to organize and execute the competition.

Besides the Scout skills competition, scouts will have numerous choices to challenge themselves and have fun. They include dodge ball, marksmanship with air rifle shooting, archery, STEM activities and rock wall climbing. Additionally, a new Patriot District camporee activity will be the dessert competition where Scouts can enter their favorite dessert. This competition will be voluntary and as many team that want to can enter. Desserts will be judged for their taste, presentation, and ingredients.

The camporee will include the traditional events that bring us together as a District: opening and closing ceremonies, Senior Patrol Leader/Scoutmaster Cracker Barrel, outdoor church services, a Saturday night campfire, and an Order of the Arrow Call-out. On Sunday morning each Troop will participate in a short community service project – they will plant 15 small trees at designated areas to improve Camp Snyder. The Order of the Arrow will provide the Scout leadership for the camporee and members from each Troop are needed to assist them.

The camporee will be held from Friday night, April 20, until Sunday April 22, 2018. Patriot District participants will camp on the camporee field at Camp Snyder. The cost is eighteen dollars (\$18) per participant. There is no charge for adults that are just helping out on Saturday or Sunday and are not camping for a night. Registration will be on-line and will be open from **February 15 until April 16, 2018.**

The Order of the Arrow will provide the Camporee Senior Patrol Leader and the Flag Detail for the opening and closing ceremonies. The Camporee Senior Patrol Leader is responsible for conducting these ceremonies. Also, an OA member will act as the Master of Ceremonies for the Saturday night campfire. This is a great opportunity for a senior Scout to display his leadership abilities. The camporee is looking for at least two Scout buglers or trumpet players. Additionally, 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).

At the camporee, Patriot District will conduct a BALOO training course for Cub Scout adult leaders from Saturday morning until Sunday morning. All participants will camp overnight. The director for the BALOO training course is Justin Day. He can be reached at [kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com](mailto:kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com) or (540) 308-1626. All BALOO attendees must register on-line for the camporee at the cost of eighteen dollars (\$18). There will be an additional fee for food and supplies payable to Justin Day.



### **From the District Chairman**

Scouts, Scouters and Families of Patriot District,

It is hard to believe it is February already! My Christmas lights are down and I even put them in storage, so I am ready to begin the New Year!

I make a very bitter sweet announcement. Our District Executive for the past two years, Kyle Mollene, has been promoted! He was selected to be the District Director for the Patuxent District. While the NCAC has not announced his replacement, he has big shoes to fill! Kyle, you will be missed!

We are well into the annual Friends of Scouting campaign. If your unit does not have a presentation scheduled, please contact Mark Greer, Vice Chair for Finance, ASAP. Please encourage your families to participate! FOS is very important for the National Capital Area Council. 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 10<sup>th</sup>; I know that there are a lot of excited Cub Scouts waiting for this big event!

We have plenty of volunteer opportunities available at District Level. You can assist with something that is a once a year event, or you can take on responsibility for a more involved position. We have space available on the District committee, or you can serve as a member of the Commissioner 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](mailto: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

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*Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation;  
for it is better to be alone than in bad company.*

*~ George Washington (b. February 22, 1732)*

## **From the District Commissioner**

February is going to be a big month for us with University of Scouting at Hayfield High School on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Currently our district only has 15 signed up but I know we can do better. You can register for this important event on the NCACBSA.org website (<https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting/>). Most classes are limited to 30 participants, so the earlier you register the more likely you'll get the schedule you want. Now on to what seems the most asked question. What about girls joining Cub Scouts and what's Early Adoption.



Girls WILL be a part of the Cub Scout program beginning in the fall of this year. Girls CAN be a part of the Cub program beginning January 15, 2018 if your council volunteered to be in the Early Adopter program. Our National Capital Area Council is an Early Adopter council. Our District has one Pack that has already sent their application to Council to accept girls in the Early Adopter program. As our Packs look to incorporating girls into their Pack or introducing a new all girl Pack, should a sponsor choose to do that, here are some guidelines to consider.

- It is a choice on the part of the Pack to accept or not accept girls. This is a decision made between the Chartered Organization and the Pack leadership. There will be three choices this fall: all boy Pack, all girl Pack, or a family friendly Pack (both sexes within the same Pack in separate dens). If a Pack chooses not to participate in the early adopter program, but does plan to be a family friendly Pack in the fall, they can begin recruiting girls and boys in the spring when we being recruiting for the fall.
- For an Early Adopter Pack, the council must approve your pack to accept girls and the following criteria will apply
  - The proposed Den Leader of the girl den must be fully trained as a Den Leader.
  - A minimum of 4 girls (K-4<sup>th</sup> grade) must be registered. Cub Scouts is not available for 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls until the fall.
  - A plan must be developed to show the girls can complete rank advancement by May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Once approved as an Early Adopter, the Pack must make some adjustments to their BeaScout website settings. (All Packs will need to make these adjustments in the spring).
  - Applications for girls to join a Pack in the Early Adopter program will be done online.
  - The online application window for Early Adopters is from January 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Any Pack activity involving girls must have adult female supervision. This may be either a registered female leader or a parent /guardian who has completed Youth Protection Training (YPT). This is a permanent criterion.
  - Notify your Unit or District Commissioner of your intent to participate in the Early Adoption program.
- For girls and boys joining Cub Scouts now or in the spring who will be going into the 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, our Summer Day Camp at Geshar Jewish Day School will be available for participation from July 9-13.

Our Friends of Scouting (FOS) season has begun again and we frequently hear “Why should I participate in this when I spend money on unit dues, uniforms, weekends camping, summer camp, etc? “ One way to respond to the question is to use the iceberg analogy. What you see is about 20% of what the Boy Scouts organization (i.e., the National Capital Area Council) provides. The money we raise goes toward a host of things such as volunteer and professional training, staff support, our camps and the upkeep of their facilities, camp rangers to look after our camps, postage, council website, and camp scholarships for those less fortunate to have the opportunity of summer camping. These are only a few of the things your contributions go toward ensuring our youth are afforded the best possible Council support for their Scouting journey. So please consider participating this year, even if only at a modest level, when a Scouter comes to your unit to make an FOS presentation.

*Dave Astle, District Commissioner*

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## Patriot District Events

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

### February 2018

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Scout Sunday
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 15 SPST
- 17-19 Winter NYLT (Second Weekend)
- 19 Presidents' Day
- 24 University of Scouting
- 25 Patriot Press Deadline – March
- 27 PD Committee Meeting



### March 2018

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 District Pinewood Derby
- 10 Commissioner College
- 10 BCOLS (classroom)
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 22 SPST
- 27 PD Committee Meeting
- 30 Passover begins (sundown)

### April 2018

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – April
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Goshen Early Bird payment deadline
- 13-15 OA Lodge Spring Fellowship
- 20-22 Spring Camporee (Camp Snyder)
- 21-22 BCOLS (Overnight)
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 26 SPST
- 26-28 Wood Badge (Weekend #1)
- 27-28 BALOO
- 27-28 IOLS (Session #1)
- 27-29 OA Spring Ordeal
- 28-29 IOLS (Session #2)
- 28 Life to Eagle Seminar
- 29 Patriot Press Deadline – May
- 29-30 ARC Wilderness and Remote First Aid

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:** February 8, 2018

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

**Midway:** 7:30 – 8 PM

Roundtable: 8 – 9 PM

*Mike Stonkey, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner*  
[mstonkey@verizon.net](mailto:mstonkey@verizon.net)



**Boy Scout Roundtable**

*Not just for Scoutmasters*

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, February 8, 2018

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

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

**Topics:** Quarterly vs Annual Troop Planning, Mental Health, Exploring

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

*Asst. Boy Scout RT Commissioners: Steve Polchek, Joe Margraf*

**Venturing Forum Commissioner**



Hello, my name is Abdul Rashid Abdullah, but I go by Rashid for short. As of January, I have taken over as the Venturing Forum Commissioner. Some of you may better understand that position as the Venturing Roundtable Commissioner, but Venturing is always a bit different so instead of calling it a Roundtable, they call it a Forum. In fact, that's what I want to talk to you about. Roundtable is where adult leaders come to talk about how to put on a better program. Well, Venturing is a program led by youth, so it stands to reason, that the Venturing Forum will be an opportunity where youth and adults could come together to learn how to better the Venturing Program. I would like to invite you and your Venturers to the Forum, every Second Thursday, same time as the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable. I expect that initially things will start off slow, but hopefully, things will start to pick up and eventually, we will get a Venturing Officers Association (VOA) moving forward. My crew has grown from about 5 Venturers to about 15 over the past few years and it is still growing. I would like to share what is working for my Crew.

I would like to get a chance to know you better and for you to know me better. Even if you don't have a Crew or are thinking about one or you had one and it fizzled out. Let's talk. So that you will recognize me when you see me, in case you don't know me already, here's a picture with me, my wife (who happens to be my Associate Advisor for Crew 114), my youngest son who is in Crew 114, and my daughter who isn't quite old enough yet for Venturing but has been patiently waiting to join, at the World Bureau Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in December, 2017. Coincidentally, my wife is from Malaysia originally so it was really cool to go there and bring a little bit of the Patriot District and the National Capital Area Council there in the form of a few patch trades. Please get a hold of me at [Crew114@MuslimScouting.org](mailto:Crew114@MuslimScouting.org) and put in the subject line: Venturing Forum so that I know what you want. Yours in Scouting, Rashid.



**FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**

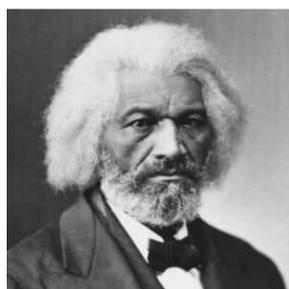
***Important Message for all Committee Chairs and Unit Leaders***

It's time to get your presentation date and time slot for the 2018 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign. Please contact the District Vice-Chair for Finance, Mark Greer, to schedule your annual Family FOS presentation. Ideal times are Courts of Honor and General Pack Meetings. ***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 a successful campaign each year 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, among a long list of NCAC program and operating expenses.

If you are new to Scouting, (or you simply haven't understood why we have this additional fundraising 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 more than \$200 annual program cost per Scout. When we look at the benefits 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](mailto:mfgreer@verizon.net) to schedule your presentation.



***“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 Membership Town Hall Feb. 8 @ 7PM**

We will have a Patriot District Membership Town Hall at 7 PM prior to the start of Round Table.

Goal is to provide a brief State of Membership (SOM), to be followed by a Q&A session for those in attendance.

If you want to submit a question ahead of time please send it to [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil)

The Membership Town Hall will conclude ~7:28 PM, or when there are no additional questions, whichever comes first so that Round Table can start on time. If additional questions remain or come up please forward them to the email address above after the session.

Much appreciation goes out to all units; you all contributed to helping to the Patriot District achieve Gold for Membership in JTE. Let's make 2018 another great year for Membership in the Patriot District!

*John R. Stewart Vice-Chair for Membership and Lion Coordinator  
Patriot District, NCAC*



### **Family Scouting Early Adopter Starts**

Family Scouting Early Adopter Program Launches in January 2018!

A full plan and guide for the [Family Scouting](#) expansion is set to roll-out for the 2018 program year, but for those who could not wait to get started, BSA released an Early Adopter Program starting January 15, 2018.

As you already know, the decision of whether to start a Family Pack is up to the Chartered Organization (COR); regardless of the outcome of that decision,

NCAC stands ready to support Scouting in your neighborhood with the same commitment to top-notch programs as we always have. If your Pack has decided to make the move and open your program to girls, you may be an Early Adopter in January or chose to wait for the official launch this summer. The exact date is still TBD but expected to be early June so girls can attend summer camp.

To better help you decide, here are two questions your Pack Committee should consider with your COR. **If your Pack can answer “yes” to the first two questions below and can comply with the stated conditions, you may be ready to move forward as an Early Adopter of the Family Scouting Program:**

1. Do we have *excitement* in our community to begin a Family Scouting Program?
2. Can our Pack meet **ALL** the Early Adopter Program Requirements, as outlined by BSA?
3. The Council approves your Pack as being in “good standing”. Your [District Executive](#) can help you to facilitate this designation.
4. Your COR and the Pack Committee activates your [BeAScout.org](#) pin prior to March 15.
5. Your leaders are 100% trained, including current Youth Protection Training (YPT), and have female leadership in place for any Pack or Den activities involving female members.
6. Your Pack will have a program plan in place that will enable all members (both new girls and current boys) to advance by May 31.
7. Your Pack agrees to abide by the rules established by the BSA including a minimum of 4 girls in a Pack, and a minimum of 4 girls in any one Den. (For this soft launch Packs can create an “All Ages Den” with at least 4 girls).

Whether you are launching Family Scouting in January 2017 or August 2017, the Early Adopter Program gives you a good idea what you’ll need to do to “Be Prepared!” for Family Scouting. Similar to the introduction of the Lions program a few years back, this “soft rollout” framework is sensitive to the needs of all families while providing a comfortable starting point for those Packs that are ready to embrace the new program. And like the Lions rollout, the Family Scouting Program will continue to develop and evolve as feedback is received and new challenges are identified. More information will be coming soon.

Still have questions or want more details? Please reach out to us directly at [family@ncacbsa.org](mailto:family@ncacbsa.org) or call (301) 530-9360. We’re ready to launch and here to help if you are too!



## **Family Scouting Participation Survey Packs, Troops, Posts, Ships, Crews**

Please go to the following website to participate in the survey:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/forms/family-scouting-participation-survey/>

This Survey on interest in participation in Family Scouting was originally sent to Chartered Organization Representatives (CORs) in November 2017.

As you are by now aware, [in 2018 BSA will begin offering the Scouting program to the full family!](#) It remains our goal as a Council to bring Scouting to the largest number of young people while helping our chartered partners promote their values to their families. To that end, one of the key features of the roll-out of this new family program is that participation is optional; chartered partners have the option to continue with the traditional boys-only units, begin a full family unit, or even start a single-gender unit for girls.

Organizations that have tried similar programs have found that offering programs at every age level increases family engagement and improves member retention. Whether your organization would like to offer the full range of programs or stay with your current units, we are proud to have you as a partner and will continue to fully and enthusiastically support you in this new chapter of Scouting’s history.

In order to best support our leaders and match families to units near them, please take a moment to complete this survey about your organization’s plans:

The following survey content is the data being sought from units.

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the organization you represent that currently sponsors Scouting programs.

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **Cub Scouts (Ages 5-10)**

OVERVIEW: The family program will have single-gender Dens, with different leaders for each Den. The Pack meets as a whole for the opening, separates for Den meetings, then reunites for the closing.

My organization would like to offer (select all that apply):\*

- A full family Pack
- A single-gender Pack for boys
- A single-gender Pack for girls
- Is not interested in sponsoring a Cub Scout program
- Would like more information about Cub Scouts

### **Girls Troop (Ages 11-17)**

OVERVIEW: In 2019 BSA will introduce a program that offers advancement and adventure opportunities for older girls that are equivalent to the Boy Scout program. It is currently expected this will be a single-gender unit with different leaders run either as a standalone unit or in partnership with a boys-only Troop; this model may change based on feedback.

My organization would like to offer a Girls Troop in 2019:

- Yes
- No
- Would like more information about programs for this age group

### **Venturing & Sea Scouts (Ages 14 – 20, Co-Ed):**

OVERVIEW: Our high-adventure programs for older Scouts already have been co-ed for decades. This fits well in the full-family model as a Venturing Crew provides a way for high school and college-aged family members to participate with their families while also engaging in more challenging, age-appropriate adventures and leadership opportunities.

Venturing & Sea Scouts (Ages 14 – 20, Co-Ed)

- Would like to start a Crew
- Already sponsors or has a relationship with a Crew
- Would like more information about Venturing
- Does not plan to start one at this time

## Dates for Upcoming Membership Activities

These Dates and Locations are provided for Unit Planning Purposes



### Spring Recruiting

Plan **Now** for your Unit Spring Join Scouting activities. Get other to join in on the learning and the fun.



### Join Scouting Night (JSN) Training

7-7:30PM before August Roundtable, THURS 9Aug2018

Great video to help prep for this is located at

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/membership/membership-committee-meetings/>



### Celebrate Fairfax



June 8-10—Planning on COPE Climbing Wall and More

County Government Center ~ 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

Sat: 9:30 AM-5 PM & Sun: 11 AM-5 PM



### Burke Centre Festival (Burke Fest)

September 8 & 9—District Membership Booth adjacent to Troop 1345 Conservancy Festival Grounds ~ 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke, VA 22015 Sat: 9:30 AM-5 PM & Sun: 11 AM-5 PM



*I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph. And there's purpose and worth to each and every life.*

*~Ronald Reagan (b. February 6, 1911)*



### Road to Scouting (R2S) 2018

**WEBELOS Scout II AOL Scouts and their parents—Sunday 16SEP2018**

Redeeming Grace Church, 5200 Ox Road (Rte 123), Fairfax, VA

This is a great opportunity for these soon-to-be Boy Scouts and their parents to come and visit with members of the Boy Scout Troops of the Patriot District. Event starts at 3 PM for the WEB II AOL Scouts and their parents and is set to end by 4:30 PM.

Participating Troops start set-up at 2:15 PM.



### Scout Jumu'ah (Scout Friday)

Scout Jumu'ah patches are available for sale online at <http://www.muslimscouting.org/scout-jumuah/>. They will also be available during the University of Scouting and during the March Patriot District Roundtable. For more information, please contact [namas@muslimscouting.org](mailto:namas@muslimscouting.org).



### JCoS/ICoS Pinewood Derby

The National Capital Area Council Jewish Committee on Scouting and Islamic Committee on Scouting sponsors an annual Pinewood Derby that is open to ALL SCOUTS of ALL FAITHS. This year, the pinewood derby will be on March 4th. For more information and/or to register, please contact the JCoS/ICoS Pinewood Derby Team at [PinewoodDerby@MuslimScouting.org](mailto:PinewoodDerby@MuslimScouting.org).



*We have, as all will agree, a free Government, where every man has a right to be equal with every other man. In this great struggle, this form of Government and every form of human right is endangered if our enemies succeed*

*~Abraham Lincoln (b. February 12, 1809)*



## Patriot District Day Camp

The Patriot District day camp event for 2018 is scheduled for the week of July 9 – 13. It will again be held at Geshar Jewish Day School and again offer many of the Scouts' favorite activities. We are currently completing the program for the camp, but we already know that we will again need lots of help from both adult and Boy Scout volunteers. Please keep us in mind when making your summer plans.

Additionally, Niko Brown, the camp director, is currently doing Pack visits to tell Scouts about camp. If you are interested in having Niko come out and visit your Pack, please sign up with at least two date options at the following sign up genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aa8a92aaaf58-2018>

We will be distributing more information about volunteer positions and paperwork instructions in the coming months, but please feel free to reach out to Niko Brown or Justin Day with any questions.



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

### **THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW – BEFORE, NOT AFTER, A CRISIS**

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.

We're excited to report that we are trying to schedule the third class for our District. Any interested Scouters please contact Mark Greer ([mfgreer@verizon.net](mailto:mfgreer@verizon.net)) to express their interest. We are trying to ensure we have enough potential attendees to fill a class. The exact date will depend on the availability of our instructors.

**Every unit should have a goal of having at least one trained leader.** The cost for the training is \$30 per person and covers all course materials and instruction. Space is limited, and we are accepting no more than 30 participants for this class. Upon completion of the course, all participants will receive a Youth Mental Health First Aid certificate of completion and an NCAC sanctioned patch demonstrating achievement.



### **Patriot Distinguished Scouter Award**

It that time of year again when the Patriot District accepts nominations for our outstanding Scouters. We all know a Scouter who gives many unselfish hours above and beyond their primary scouting position. This is your chance to submit them for the Patriot Distinguished Scouter Award. This award is meant to honor a Scouter in your unit or serving at the District level who is an example of what a Scout should be.

Please send a ½ page writeup about what the person has done to deserve this award. Please include their contact information.

Submit to [chioma@msn.com](mailto:chioma@msn.com) by February 20th. Questions, contact Kristin Chioma, [chioma@msn.com](mailto:chioma@msn.com)

*Kristin Chioma,  
Patriot Awards and Recognitions Chair*

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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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**Powder Horn 2018**

**The High Adventure Skills Resources Management Course**

**August 24 – 26 (a three-day course)**

**Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD**

NCAC Powder Horn Course Director: Nick Maliszewskyj maliszewskyj@gmail.com

Presented by the National Capital Area Council, BSA

**What is Powder Horn?** Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting’s adult leaders to exciting program possibilities using a variety of resources for their unit. It helps leaders to provide a robust outdoor program that meets the health and safety requirements as well as the rules and regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs. The goal for participants is to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with contacts and resources needed to implement them. It is important to understand that Powder Horn is not a personal development course or a team building experience. It is not a certification course. Its purpose is to educate the youth and adult Scouting leaders about specific high-adventure skills, to connect them to resources to deliver those skills, and to get them excited about delivering those skills in an exciting, challenging way to youth.

**Who can attend Powder Horn?** All registered adult leaders are welcome. All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Adults must have completed Leader Specific Training for their registered position, as well as the on-line courses: Youth Protection, Hazardous Weather, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, and Climb on Safely. Youth participants (14 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed their unit leadership training, National Youth Leadership Training is recommended. All participants must submit Annual Health & Medical Record meeting physical requirements for a backcountry

**What will we do?** Powder Horn is organized around the BSA’s High Adventure elements. Topics may include:

Archery	Emergency Preparedness	Rifle
Astronomy	Fly Fishing	Sailing
Canoe	GPS - Geocaching	Scuba
Caving	Hunting	Search and Rescue
Communications	Kayaking	Stem
Conservation	Leadership Lessons on Film	Wilderness Survival
COPE Challenge Course	Mountain Biking	Winter Sports
Ecology	Pistol	Youth Development

**What is the Course Size?** The course is limited to 40 participants (32 adult and 8 youth).

Adult registrations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis to fill the 32 adult participant positions; when those slots are filled, adult applicants will be placed on a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Due to the limited number of youth participants, we are not able to accept youth registration on a first come-first served basis. We must be able to provide a balanced youth participation, and consideration will be given to those youth applications received by April 14. Youth will be notified via email regarding whether their registration has been accepted or wait-listed. Thank you for your consideration and understanding as we need to service all aspects of the Council and its youth participants.

**How Do I Register?** Registration opens Tuesday, March 1, 2018. The fee is **\$250.00**. The fee will include a \$75 deposit. This deposit will only be refunded if you cancel this application before June 13, 2018 **AND** there is someone on the waiting list willing to take your place. Register at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/powderhorn> by July 13, 2018. You will need to register with your BSA Identification Number.

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# INTRODUCING SCOUTBOOK

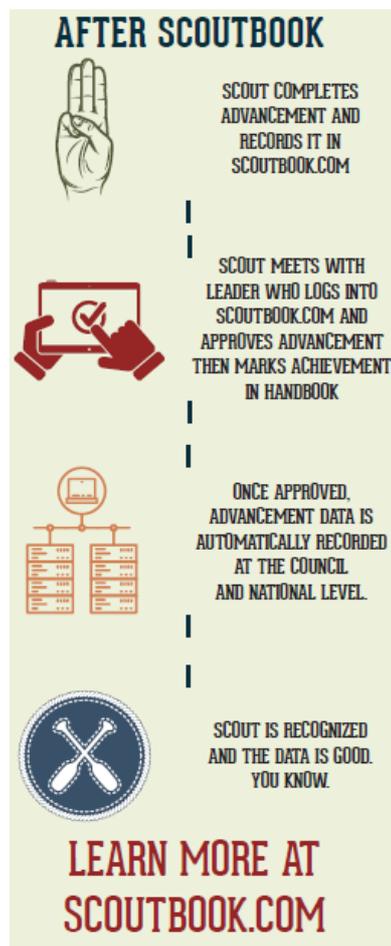
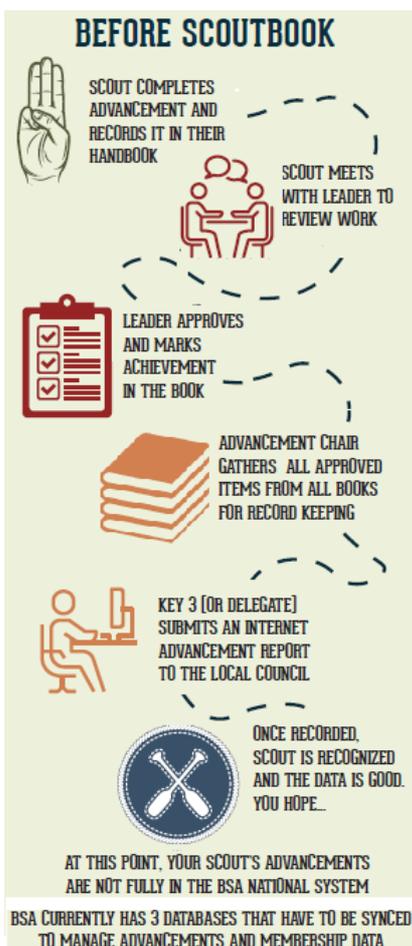
The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is excited to roll out a new solution in Q2 of 2018 that will leverage core components of the Scoutbook platform. **The current Internet Advancement platform will be retired and replaced by a new online tool called Scoutbook Lite.**

This new application is being developed now from the ground up so that unit leaders can quickly key in advancement and other key data. It will sport a slick new user interface optimized for desktop, tablet, and mobile devices.

The BSA has found that less than 10% of units use the CSV data file import feature in Internet Advancement. In the interest of focusing on tools that serve more Scouters, the CSV data file import will not be supported once the current Internet Advancement platform is discontinued.

Other than the CSV import feature, Scoutbook Lite will offer optimized functions for everything found in the current Internet Advancement platform. The Scoutbook database will become the official record of advancement for the Boy Scouts of America. And we will continue to work on and improve Scoutbook as our full feature application.

**Are you a programmer?** For Scouters who are experienced in the development of apps or web platforms, the BSA is excited to announce the upcoming roll out of API's. A selection of specific, read-only API's will be made available to Scouting volunteers in the first half of 2018. There are no current plans to roll out API's to third parties.





**Do you enjoy Sailing? Just want to try it out?**

**You're invited to attend our special April Boy Scout 'Merit Badges Afloat (MBA)' Sponsored by Sea Scout 'Ship 1942' – Flagship Fleet**

**When:** Saturday 8:00am, April 21 to Sunday 4:30pm, April 22, 2018

*(this event is an overnight tent camp out on Saturday)*

**Where:** *Washington Sailing Marina, 1 Marina Drive, Alexandria, VA 22314* (Off of the GW Parkway, just South of Ronald Reagan National Airport)

**Cost:** \$65 per Boy Scout with all meals provided both days for all participants

**Details:** This event is open to any teen 1st Class Boy Scouts age 13 and older, Scouts attending the entire event will earn the Merit Badges of Smallboat Sailing, Weather, and Oceanography. One Scout leader from each participating Troop for the overnight camp out, must stay the night. Boys who register must attend the full time on both days! Please do not sign up for this merit badge training if you can't be there for the full time. Space is limited to 40 boys on a first come, first served basis. Every year we have put this on to FULL Capacity. Payment is required with registration form. A waiting list will be maintained after the event is full. Refunds will be given for cancellations received prior to April 1, 2018 – but ONLY IF YOUR SPOT IS FILLED with someone on the waiting list. NO REFUNDS will be given for cancellations on or after that date. An e-mail confirmation will be sent to the Troop leader or parent after registration has been received.

**Boys Bring:** Rubber-soled shoes with closed toe and heel (NO flip flops or water sandals), Rain jacket and/or sweatshirt, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, sunglasses, tent, sleeping bag, and mess kits. Boy Scouts 'Be Prepared' as it's cool on-the-water with the fall breezes blowing this time of year (especially early in the morning). Come with layers.

**Leaders:** Bring up-to-date BSA Medical Forms (Parts A & B) PLUS permission slips for each Boy Scout attending. You will need to turn in a copy of these forms to the adult-in-charge of the event, so be sure to keep the original for your own records. No Boy Scout will be allowed to participate without these forms on file. We do ask that at least one adult from each Troop represented with more than one Scout stay during the day time (this duty may be divided up among several different adults throughout the weekend).

**Questions?** First read the FAQ section below. If your question is not answered there, feel free to contact Tom Ballew (Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 1942) at WThomasBallew@gmail.com. Only a check received reserves the actual sailing slot.

**FAQs**

**1. What if it rains that weekend?**

The event will be held rain or shine. If weather conditions are unsafe for sailing, other activities will be done on land until the weather conditions improve. *All Guide to Safe Scouting requirements will be followed.* In the unlikely event that the workshop is cancelled due to severe weather conditions, the payment will be refunded. A rainproof jacket is a must.

**2. Can my son just come on one day and earn just one of the Merit Badges?**

No. Activities from each of the three merit badges are covered on both of the days, so if a Boy Scout attends just one day he will have completed only part of each of these merit badges. This is because we will have some boys out on-the-water and some boys doing land activities at all times to make the best use of all our sailboats and give each Boy Scout the best sailing experience.

**3. Will my son actually get to sail?**

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Yes, he will spend a great deal of time on-the-water, in one of our six 19' Flying Scot sailboats. There will be very experienced teen Sea Scout sailors on every boat as his Sailing Instructors, but the boys attending the Merit Badges Afloat event will be allowed, and eventually expected, to handle their boat.

**4. Is there a limit to attendance as to the number of Boy Scouts from any one Troop?**

YES. A Scout may come as an individual, or a single Troop may only sign up five (5) Boy Scouts from any one Troop to attend our Fall offering of Merit Badges Afloat. If a Troop is going to Sea Base in 2018, we will waive that limitation.

**5. Can the adults attending sail as well?**

No, unfortunately we must limit this event to boys only due to the number of sailboats we own and will have available for our use; but you are more than welcome to stay and take 1000 Kodiak picture moments.

**6. What are the overall qualifications of the adults-in-charge?**

Our adult leaders have hundreds of years of combined sailing experience. They are certified Boys Scouts of America National Camping School Aquatics Instructors and American Red Cross Waterfront & Pool Lifeguard and Wilderness First Aid Instructors.

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## Merit Badges Afloat Spring 2018 Registration

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

Leader Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Boy's Name:	Age:	Parent's e-mail:	Parent's emergency Cell Number:

**If registering as an individual Boy Scout, please give BSA ID # to verify that Scout is registered:**

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# of Boy Scouts attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL DUE

**Mail this Registration Form and payment in the form of a Troop Check made payable to "Sea Scout Ship 1942" for the total number of boys attending to:**

**Merit Badges Afloat Event Registrar  
Skipper Tom Ballew  
11110 La Messa Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030**



## Pearls of Wisdom Quotes from Baden-Powell



As posted on Scouting.org

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/quotes.pdf>

“A boy on joining wants to begin Scouting right away.”

“A fisherman does not bait his hook with food he likes. He uses food the fish likes. So with boys.”

“Scouting is a man’s job cut down to a boy’s size.”

“Scouting is a game for boys under the leadership of boys under the direction of a man.”

“Where is there a boy to whom the call of the wild and the open road does not appeal?”

“It is important to arrange games and competition so that all Scouts of the troop take part.”

“We are not a club or a Sunday school class, but a school of the woods.”

“Fun, fighting, and feeding! These are the three indispensable elements of the boy’s world.”

“Scoutmasters need to enter into boys’ ambitions.”

“A boy is supremely confident of his own power, and dislikes being treated as a child.”

“Boys can see adventure in a dirty old duck puddle, and if the Scoutmaster is a boys’ man he can see it, too.”

“A boy can see the smoke rising from Sioux villages under the shadow of the Albert memorial.”

“Teach Scouts not how to get a living, but how to live.”

“We must change boys from a ‘what can I get’ to a ‘what can I give’ attitude.”

“The code of the knight is still the code of the gentleman today.”

“The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others.”

“In Scouting you are combating the brooding of selfishness.”

“Scoutmasters deal with the individual boy rather than with the mass.”

“Can we not interpret our adult wisdom into the language of boyhood?”

“It is only when you know a boy’s environment that you can know what influences to bring to bear.”

“It’s the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man.”

“It is risky to order a boy *not* to do something; it immediately opens to him the adventure of doing it.”

“You can only get discipline in the mass by discipline in the individual.”

“The Scoutmaster must be alert to check badge hunting as compared to badge earning.”

“The Scout Oath and Law are our binding Disciplinary force.”

“A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.”

“A boy is not a sitting-down animal.”

“Vigorous Scout games are the best form of physical education because most of them bring in moral education.”

“An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.”

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“When a boy finds someone who takes an interest in him, he responds and follows.”

“The sport in Scouting is to find the good in every boy and develop it.”

“Success in training the boy depends largely on the Scoutmaster’s own personal example.”

“Correcting bad habits cannot be done by forbidding or punishment.”

“Show me a poorly uniformed troop and I’ll show you a poorly uniformed leader.”

“The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond.”

“It should be the thing never to mention unfairness of judging when defeated in a contest.”

“The Scoutmaster teaches boys to play the game by doing so himself.”

“O God, help me to win, but in thy wisdom if thou wiltest me not to win, then O God, make me a good loser.”

“There is no teaching to compare with example.”

“We do not want to make Scout training too soft.”

“The Good Turn will educate the boy out of the groove of selfishness.”

“When you want a thing done, ‘Don’t do it yourself’ is a good motto for Scoutmasters.”

“Loyalty is a feature in a boy’s character that inspires boundless hope.”

“See things from the boy’s point of view.”

“The boy is not governed by *don’t*, but is led by *do*.”

“The object of the patrol method is not so much saving

the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy.”

“The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct.”

“Scoutmasters need the capacity to enjoy the out-of-doors.”

“A boy is naturally full of humor.”

“If you make listening and observation your occupation you will gain much more than you can by talk.”

“A boy carries out suggestions more wholeheartedly when he understands their aim.”

“The Scoutmaster guides the boy in the spirit of an older brother.”

“To get a hold on boys you must be their friend.”

“In Scouting, a boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed.”

“The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light.”