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From the District Chairman

Scouters, Scouts, and Families of Patriot District,

Spring is finally here! That means the District Spring Camporee, Summer Camp, and Cub Scout Day Camp are on the horizon. Please be sure to keep the “outing” in Scouting! Plan now to attend the Camporee at Camp Snyder! I hear there are Zombies about; this event will be interesting! Make your reservations soon for Cub Scout Day Camp. Get outside; it’s where the real fun begins.

Congratulations again to all the participants in the District Pinewood Derby. It was another great Cub Scouting activity, with all of the participants showing great sportsmanship! A special shout out to our Pinewood Derby Coordinator, Pete Griffith and his committee! Everyone was a winner!

The 2019 Friends of Scouting campaign is well under way. By now almost all FOS presentations have been made. Unfortunately we are way behind toward achieving our goal for FOS 2019, but we are making every effort to do so. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute to the campaign this year, please consider supporting Scouting by adding some of your treasure in addition to the support you provide in giving of your talent and time. Many of you have taken the FOS brochure with the intention of making your donation at a later time; please take the time to make that donation! Mark Greer and I stand ready to come to any Pack or Troop meeting to pick up additional donations.

I always ask you to Share Scouting! Please share this Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter and Scout Family this month. Then send their e-mail address to Kevin Reed, Vice Chair for Communications at kevin.gregory.reed@gmail.com so their names can be added to the Patriot Press distribution list.

THANK YOU for what you do for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your support for Patriot District’s program.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve

*Steve Smith
Patriot District Committee Chair*



Honesty is the first chapter of the book wisdom.

~ Thomas Jefferson (b. April 13, 1743)



From the District Commissioner

This month I'd like to address one topic – TRAINING. When encouraging a Scouter to attend training, I was confronted by the direct, oft-used, and understandable “will I learn anything?” The first words out of my mouth were, “of course you will.” After thinking about it for a while I knew that the real, but not very diplomatic answer might have been, “that depends on you.”

All of us are torn among many requests of our time, our energy, and our resources. How we engage with Scouting has to do with how we value the benefits of Scouting to our youth and maybe even to our own growth. Those who are like the cork on the ocean surface, those who go with the flow, may not be the ones who are really interested in providing the best possible Scouting experience to our kids. They are happy to help, but they are more or less just along for the ride. Others, however, dig into the challenge of helping our youth to become tomorrow's leaders. They look for ways to expand the possibilities as our youth grow in the values and spirit of Scouting to determine their own fate in becoming tomorrow's leaders in our communities and nation. These Scout leaders are the people who get trained for the position they're fulfilling and with whom I want to work as teammates as we support our youth and quite often each other.

Yes, before going to training we all go through a kind of calculation. Will I have fun? Will I take something away from the training that merits the time I put in? Wouldn't it be easier to just take a breather from everything I already do? Each time you look at the equation, think hard about what it takes to provide a strong, sustainable program for our youth. Training may be the single greatest determiner of the ability for a unit to endure and maintain the ability to make Scouting the best training ground the youth of today will ever see. If you aren't sure yet, ask a Life or Eagle Scout if they wonder for a minute that their time in Scouting was worth it. If you can't find that Scout because he's off leading his corner of the world, then ask his parents. I have no doubt what the answer will be.

Currently, only 42% of our Scouters are fully trained for their position. Please consider completing the training offered online for your registered position. With the exception of a couple of courses, everything is online, from Den Leaders to Committee Members and Merit Badge Counselors. Let's have the Patriot District set the standard for trained leaders within the National Capital Area Council.

*David Astle
District Commissioner*



Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

April 2019

- 6 Life-to-Eagle Seminar
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12-14 OA Lodge Spring Fellowship
- 21 Easter
- 23 PD Committee Meeting
- 26-28 Patriot District Spring Camporee
- 28 Patriot Press Deadline – May

May 2019

- 5 Ramadan begins (sundown)
- 9 Roundtable/Program Launch
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Council Court of Honor
- 12 Mother’s Day
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 23 District Court of Honor
- 27 Memorial Day

June 2019

- TBD OA Chapter Banquet
- 2 Patriot Press Deadline – June
- 4 Eid al Fitr begins (sundown)
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 16 Father’s Day
- 25 PD Committee Meeting

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| BALOO | Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation | NYLT | National Youth Leadership Training |
| 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 |



I have found the only thing that brings you happiness is doing something good for somebody who is incapable of doing it for themselves.

~ David Letterman (b. April 12, 1947)



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, April 11th, 2019

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

Midway: 7:30 – 8:00 PM, **Roundtable:** 8:00 – 9:00 PM

Topic: Annual Planning

Word of the month: Thrifty
Please bring a snack to share!

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
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Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, April 11th, 2019

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

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

Topics: Games, Adult Training, NCAC/Patriot Overview

Randy Witter, Scout Roundtable Commissioner
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Asst. Scout RT Commissioners: Joe Margraf, Rick Priest

Patriot District Spring Camporee: “Zombie Apocalypse”

April 26 – 28, 2019
Camp William B. Snyder
(571) 248-4904

The Patriot District 2019 Spring Camporee guide was distributed to all unit leaders and placed on the District web page on April 7th. The camporee will be held the last weekend in April at Camp William B. Snyder in Haymarket, Virginia. The theme for the Camporee is “Zombie Apocalypse” – Scout Survival Skills in Action. The main element of the overall Camporee program will consist of a Patrol Survival Skills Competition. Scout patrols will be challenged at several stations to demonstrate their proficiency on basic Scout skills. Participating troops will be asked to sponsor a station and the senior Scouts running the station will work with members of the Order of the Arrow to organize and execute the competition.

Background: In 2010, while studying Ebola outbreaks and disease mutations, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta became concerned about the probable outbreak of “zombie-like” epidemics. In 2011, the CDC published guidance concerning “How to survive a Zombie Apocalypse” and started coordinating with the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) in planning responses. Details are available at a FEMA website: <https://www.fema.gov/blog/2011-05-19cdc-preparedness-101zombie-apocalypse>.

Camporee scenario: An active Ebola outbreak in the Congo is out of control. Besides the Ebola epidemic there is a civil war raging in the affected area. Due to the violence, the World Health Organization (WHO) has pulled out United States and European medical teams. Additionally, there are persistent rumors that mutated individuals are showing zombie-like symptoms. The CDC speculates that the Ebola virus may spread to the United States by late summer or fall 2019. Should an epidemic appear, it could create zombie-like mutated individuals. Basic Scout skills to be evaluated at the camporee are recognized as being of critical importance to individual survival. These skills are consistent with skills recommended by the CDC and FEMA.

In addition to the Scout skills competition, Scouts participating in the camporee will have numerous other opportunities to challenge themselves and have fun. Activities will include air rifle marksmanship, archery, STEM activities, rock wall climbing, volley ball, and dodge ball (how do Scouts dodge zombie throws?). The camporee will also include all of the traditional events (opening and closing ceremonies, SPLs/Scoutmaster cracker barrel, outdoor religious services, Saturday night campfire, and OA call-out) that bring us together, as well as a special dessert competition. Scout teams will be encouraged to prepare and enter their favorite dessert, with no limit as to the number of teams that can participate. Deserts will be judged for their taste, presentation, and ingredients.

The camporee will be held from Friday night, April 26, until Sunday morning, April 28. All participants will camp on the camporee field at Camp Snyder. The cost is eighteen dollars (\$18) per participant. There is no charge for adults who are just helping out on Saturday or Sunday and not camping overnight. **Units are urged to provide a tentative registration by Tuesday, April 2, 2019.** It is important that units notify Pat Ring by e-mail (pring978camporee@gmail.com) or by phone (703) 674-6178) that they plan to attend the camporee, together with estimated numbers of Scouts and adults expected to participate. Final camporee registration and payment will take place Friday evening on-site as units arrive. Units and individual staff members are asked to pay by check made out to NCAC-BSA.

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 the Camporee Opening and Closing ceremonies. Also, a 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 various events. Volunteers should phone William Dexter, the Camporee Director at (703) 978-2632 or send an e-mail to wtdexterjr@gmail.com.

Bill Dexter
Vice Chair, Program

Upcoming Training Activities

As we begin to head toward the end of the 2018-19 program year, this is a great time for your unit's Key 3 to take stock of who is and isn't trained. All of our registered leaders, whether they are on the program side or on the committee side, have opportunities to become position trained or continue to expand their understanding of the Scouting program and how best to support it. Let's continue to work toward getting Patriot to 100% trained!

Upcoming Patriot District Trainings

- While we will not have any further trainings this Spring, you can always reach out about a unit specific training event

Upcoming NCAC Trainings

- April 13 – Powhatan District– Scoutmaster Specific Training
- April 13 – NCAC – CPR/AED Pro and First Aid Training
- April 20 – White Oaks District – Scoutmaster Specific Training
- April 28 – NCAC – BSA Lifeguard training
- May 3 – NCAC – Leave No Trace Master Educator Course – Outdoor Ethics
- May 4 – Goose Creek District – Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)
- May 4 – NCAC – Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
- May 4 – Western Shore District – Merit Badge Counselor, Chaplain Aide, Den Chief Trainings
- May 4 – NCAC – Paddle Craft Safety Training Basic Sessions
- May 8 & May 17-18 – Seneca District – BALOO & IOLS
- May 11 – White Oak District – IOLS
- May 11 – Western Shore District– BALOO & IOLS
- May 11 – Colonial District – Scoutmaster Specific Training
- May 17 – Francis Scott Key District – BALOO & IOLS
- May 19 – Seneca District – Den Chief Training
- May 24 – Powhatan District – Scoutmaster Specific Training

Additionally, NCAC in conjunction with the Outdoor Preparedness Initiative (OPI) will be offering a number of sessions of Wilderness First Aid. There will be 1 session per month starting this month through May. If you are interested, you can find the dates and registration at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24507>

Another course that Scouts BSA troops and Venture crews may consider having leaders attend is Powder Horn. This course is designed to help attendees understand opportunities available in the local area to put on a high-quality High Adventure program. Participants also get the opportunity experience many High Adventure activities for themselves! This year's course will be held August 24–26. Registration is currently open and is located at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24637>

As always, help is still much needed to put on a full training program for the District. Please consider joining the training committee, a minimal commitment, and participating when you can to help train new generations of Scout leaders! Every Scout deserves a trained leader.

*Justin Day
Training Chair*



**Cub Scout Day Camp 2019
Theme: Beneath the Sea**

Day Camp registration is currently open. Packs can register at www.gotodaycamp.org

Here are the specifics for the camp this year:

Dates: July 8-12, camp walk through will take place on Saturday July 6

Location: Geshar Jewish Day School

Time: 8:30 AM– 4 PM each day

Packs are encouraged to register together as a unit for ease of tracking at both the pack level and the administration level. Additionally, packs still need to provide at least one adult den walker per five (5) registered Scouts (excluding Tiger Scouts who need an individual adult partner). The final day for packs to turn in all required paperwork will be June 17th. We will be holding a paperwork open house at the Oaks Community Center in Burke for packs to drop off the paperwork;

We still need to fill a few camp staff positions. On the adult side, we are looking for help with our slingshot station (no certification required) and our climbing wall station. Certification is not required to help on the wall, but if you are interested in getting certified to run the climbing wall, we can arrange a training session. On the youth side, we still need quite a few volunteers. I currently only have three (3) Scouts per day and we need at least 15-20 to fully staff the camp! Troops and Crews, please talk with your scouts and encourage them to consider coming out to help.

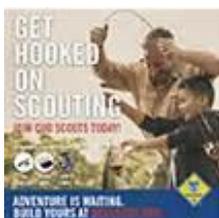
Please direct any questions to me at kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com

See you beneath the sea!

*Justin Day
Day Camp Director*



Hooked on Scouting



Our Fall “Hooked on Scouting” event date will be announced soon. This event provides an opportunity for newly recruited Scouts to participate in fishing-oriented activities and fun. If you have an interest or experience in fishing please send contact Ashley Felton, Patriot District Executive at Ashley.felton@scouting.org or John Stewart, District Vice Chair for Membership, at john.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com



*In a representative republic, the education of our children
must be of the utmost importance.*

~ James Monroe (b .April 28, 1758)

Save the Date! May 23, 2019

What: 2019 Patriot District Court of Honor and Celebration

When: Thursday, May 23, 2019; **Time:** 7 PM – 9 PM

Where: St. Stephen's United Methodist Church (9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA 22015)

Call for Awards Nominations

We are currently taking nominations for two District sponsored awards. Both awards are open to any member of the Patriot district.

Patriot Spirit Award – Each unit may nominate one or two people for this award. This award is a great way for units to recognize volunteers who have made significant impacts in the last year or over the course of a few years.

Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award – Typically awarded to up to five (5) Scouters per year. This award is to recognize scouters who have made significant impacts at the unit and/or District level. This award is usually made to someone who has been actively involved in Scouting for at least a few years.

If you would like to nominate someone for either award, please send an email with a short description of the person's Scouting accomplishments and for which award you are nominating them to patriotdistrictawards@gmail.com All awardees will be recognized at the Patriot court of honor in May.



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING 2019

Important Message for all Committee Chairs and Unit Leaders

The 2019 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign is well underway. Most units have already had their presentation, with only a few units remaining to be scheduled or visited. If your unit does not yet have a time scheduled for your Family FOS presentation, please sit down at a computer right now and send an email to Mark Greer, District Vice Chair for Development, at mfgreer@verizon.net to get on the schedule. Thanks! Ideal FOS presentation times are Courts of Honor for Troops and General Meetings for Packs.

For reasons not well understood, our FOS 2019 Campaign is struggling to achieve its goal. Unit leaders, please encourage your Pack or Troop families to support this most worthy cause if they have not yet made a contribution.

Help make the 2019 FOS Campaign a Great Success!

Mark Greer
Vice Chair, Development

Goshen 2019 Registration



Get ready for Summer, 2019! Goshen registration opened October 1st. Check out the updated dates, fees, and all the new information on the Goshen website, <https://www.gotogoshen.org/> Forming a new girls Troop in 2019 and want to reserve space? No problem! Reach out directly and we'll help you get started. Can't wait for next summer? Neither can we. Check out upcoming events in your own backyard at Camp William B. Snyder.

Summer 2019 Northern Tier High Adventure Opportunity

Troop 1865 has two openings for Scouts who might like to join a crew for an exciting high adventure trek to Northern Tier this summer. Training starts soon, so please contact us if interested. The first opening is for the week of June 16-26. The second opening is for the week of July 28 - August 6. To discuss costs and flight arrangements, please contact Denise Steene at leuctra@verizon.net

This is a great opportunity for Scouts whose troop doesn't have a high adventure activity scheduled this summer to participate in some great Scouting fun. If there are other troops with available slots in their high adventure crews this summer, please contact Dave Astle, Patriot District Commissioner (dave.sonia@verizon.net), who will assist in trying to fill them.



Practice makes perfect!

Join Scouting: Bring a Friend, March in a Parade, Community Events

There are many ways to share Scouting with others. Part of the sharing can be encouraging Scouts to “bring a friend” to a unit event that demonstrates the fun of Scouting. Another way is for your unit to find out when local community events are scheduled and then coordinating to participate in the event(s). These events can range from the unit conducting the opening flag ceremony and leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance; to marching in a community-wide parade for the 4th of July or other event; organizing a fundraising booth or assisting at a Scouting demonstration booth at events like Celebrate Fairfax, the Lake Accotink Cardboard Boat Regatta, or the City of Fairfax 4th of July Parade. Your unit might also attend fall Burkefest in your uniform to hand out flyers.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. What better way is there to help others participate in the “lifelong learning” that Scouting is than to “show and tell” others how great the program is? Do your best to “share” Scouting in your daily life too by continuing to “do a good turn daily” and to “Be Prepared” for whatever may come your way. Help other see and join in the Scouting adventure.

Recruiting, Lions, Bridging Arrow of Light Scouts

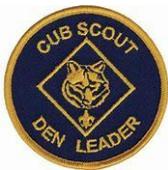


Recruiting is a year-round activity. We should put an emphasis on it at meetings and activities throughout the year in seeking to attract new youth members at quality events. This doesn’t take away from our usual recruiting big pushes in the Spring and Fall, but it provides an opportunity at each meeting and event to let prospective Scouts and their parents see the fun of Scouting.

Attempt now to reach out to local pre-schools and other pre-K organizations such as MOPs to stimulate the interest of future kindergartners who can join Cub Scouting as Lions. We have done well with the addition of Lions as a permanent part of our Cub Scout Packs



this year. Getting kindergartners to join us as Lions is important, but it is also important to ensure that they are having a GREAT Scouting experience at their twice-a-month gatherings (one meeting and one outing) so that they will want to continue on up the Cub Scout trail. Try to have for an “experienced” Den Leader to lead your Lion Den, or to have an experienced Leader help coach your new Lion Den Leaders.



At the other end of Cub Scouting experience are the second-year WEBELOS Scouts who have been working toward earning the Arrow of Light (AoL). They should be visiting Scouts BSA Troops as part of their AoL requirements. These Scouts and parents should both assess how well the visited Troops feel as a good “fit” as the decision is made regarding which unit to bridge into upon award of the AoL. Packs should follow-up with their bridging Scouts to ensure that there is a good hand-off to the gaining Troop.



Yours in Sharing Scouting,

John R. Stewart
Vice Chair, Membership
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Spring Recruiting is Underway in the Patriot District!!

Many units have already started the detailed planning for their spring recruiting events. Help make your events be memorable by going down your checklist and insuring you have all of your bases covered.

Accompanying this article are a flyer for distribution to neighboring pre-schools and pre-school groups to advertise for new Lions to join your Packs (page 16); a New Family Lion Brochure to share with families who visit your pack of to share a handful at nearby pre-schools (page 17); and a flyer on the upcoming May 4th Cub Scout Family Scouting Seminar (page 18) for participation by any Packs considering adopting Family Scouting this year.

Please get your Join Scouting events info submitted to me as soon as you know the Dates, Times, and Locations. Thanks for all you do for our youth members every day.

Yours in Scouting!

John R. Stewart
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Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Training Available at the Spring Camporee

The YMHFA course that folks in the Patriot District help coordinate is a nationally recognized course of instruction. A Patriot Scoutmaster discovered this course while researching training options after a Scout in his unit committed suicide. It is not a Scout course in that it's not organized by the BSA, but we do have local leadership (the NCAC Chief Executive) permission to be advocates for this training in scout units. We work with the Fairfax County Mental Health department, which provides the trained instructors for the course. <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>. The course is 8 hours long. All participants will receive a national certification following completion.

We're offering the next iteration during the Patriot District spring camporee. You do not need to register for the camporee if you are only attending the class. If doing both (e.g., supporting your unit Fri and Sat night, but taking the class during the day on Saturday), then you do need to register for the camporee separately.

The training will take place on **Saturday, April 27, at Camp Snyder from 9 AM – 6 PM** with an hour for lunch (which you should bring). The cost is \$30. To register for the class please send Mark Greer an email at mfgreer@verizon.net. He is also available to answer any questions at that email address.



B-P Still Wants You!



To Join the Patriot District Committee Great Jobs for Great Volunteers

Take your Scouting leadership to an exciting and rewarding new level.

Work with other great Scouters providing great programs for great Scouts.

Contact Steve Smith: smithfamilyzoo@cox.net

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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 bsnowden419@gmail.com.

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STEM Science | Technology | Engineering | Mathematics



Similarities and Differences in STEM in Scouting and STEM Scouts

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Since the birth of BSA over a century ago, STEM has an integral part of the development program, complementary to the camping movement. The founders of BSA embedded scientific concepts and engineering skills throughout the informal instruction merit badge system to inspire Scouts to enjoy learning at the early age. To name just a few: Architecture, Astronomy, Aviation, Chemistry, Electricity, Machinery and Surveying are among the original 57 merit badges. Today, STEM and STEM-related merit badges combined outnumber the total original BSA merit badges.

In the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) there concurrently exists two separate but related STEM programs – STEM in Scouting and STEM Scouts. Understanding the similarities and differences between them is helpful in deciding which program is a better fit for your Scouts.

STEM in (traditional) Scouting is based heavily on the merit badge award system and practical experiments conducted as part of regular outdoor activities. Scouts learn how to read maps and use a compass to find directions during their hiking or estimate the height of objects using simple geometry. About a decade ago, the national STEM committee developed the Nova and Supernova Awards program to expand STEM literacy and knowledge to catch up with the rapid increase in scientific discoveries and technological innovations. The program requirements include reading or watching scientific programs, and Scouts work with adult counselors and mentors to expand their understanding of STEM subjects. By exploring STEM-related career, scouts are nurtured to appreciate the leaning of STEM in early years and prepare themselves for a bright future.

In the fall of 2018, following dozens of other councils across the country, NCAC adapted the newest BSA national pilot program called STEM Scouts. This 26-week coed after-school program comprises two lab safety meetings and four six-week modules. Participating Scouts are inspired to explore STEM topics with enjoyable and educational hands-on experimental activities in a “laboratory” setting. They learn to make ethical and moral choices consistent with the values reflected in the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and they are encouraged to pursue STEM careers. Character, citizenship, leadership, and fitness are embedded throughout the weekly activities and monthly outings.

The national Scouts BSA organization has expanded STEM programs to meet the needs of every Scout. Individual Scouts may prefer the “Kitchen science” or “laboratory science” approaches, but there are various choices that can be made. If Scouts like the outdoors and camping, they can work toward earning Nova and Supernova awards as part of the STEM in Scouting program. If Scouts prefer indoor activities, they would most enjoy the STEM Scouts program. But perhaps no choice is necessary. Enthusiastic Scouts inspired by STEM are free to participate in both programs.

Summary of Scouts BSA STEM Programs:

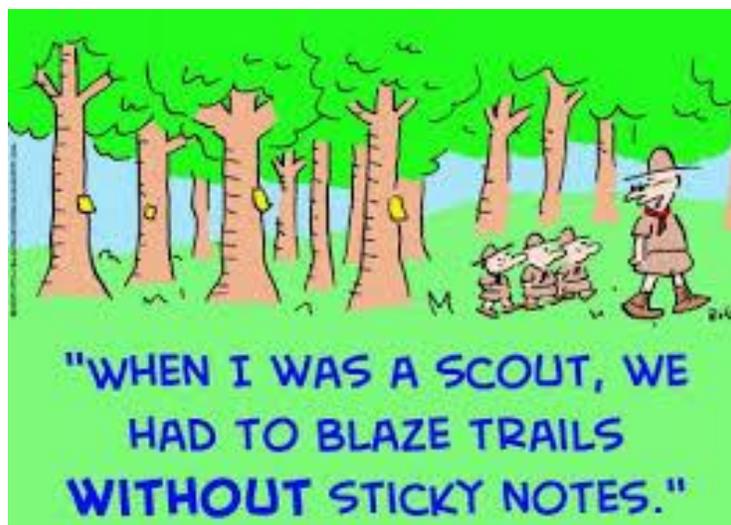
Similarities

| STEM in traditional Scouting | STEM Scouts |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Units are called<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Packs, dens, Cub Scout• Troops, patrols, Scouts• Crews,• Leadership<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth: Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), Assistant SPLs, Patrol leaders (PLs), Assistant PLs• Adults: Scoutmaster (SM), Assistant SMs• Charter Organization• Scout Oath and Law | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Units are called<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior Labs, grade 3-5• Technology Labs, grade 6-8• Research Labs, grade 9-12• Leadership<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth: Principle Investigator (PI), Co-PIs, Program Manager and• Technicians• Adults: Lab Manager and Assoc. Lab Managers• Sponsoring Organization• Scout Oath and Law |

Differences

| STEM in Scouting | STEM Scouts |
|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor environment• “Kitchen science”• Nova/Supernova Awards are optional to trail to Eagle• Elected leadership positions | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mostly Indoor setting• “Laboratory science”• STEM is the main focus; no option to get Eagle rank• Appointed, module rotated leadership positions |

*Sokkhom Kith
STEM Coordinator*





A WORD FROM THE CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

"Combined with formal education, the Lion program helps cultivate positive character-building experiences that are vital for youth at this stage in their development."

Michael Surbaugh
Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America



JOIN THE PACK

READY TO BE A PART OF BSA'S LION PROGRAM?

You can find your nearest council by visiting www.scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx, and get all the details about joining the Lion program at www.scoutingwire.org/lion.

FROM ONE PARENT TO ANOTHER

"I'm amazed at how much my child blossomed in the Lion program. I had such a great time seeing my child learn and grow. It was fun to do things together, but also let the Lions try new things on their own. It was definitely worth our time this year."
—Claire R.



FOR YOUTH THE YEAR BEFORE FIRST GRADE OR 5 YEARS OLD



LION PROGRAM
KINDERGARTEN-AGE YOUTH



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A study conducted by Tufts University found that youth who participate in Scouting exhibit positive character attributes, allowing them to embrace new opportunities, overcome obstacles, and become better prepared for future success.
—Wang et al., 2015

Research shows 23% of parents of school-age children rely on after-school activities where they can make friends, explore their surroundings, and further their learning and development.
—Afterschool Alliance, 2014

WELCOME TO LIONS!

Welcome to the newest BSA program—Lions. We're answering the call for after-school adventures for kindergarten-age youth that are fun while also encouraging character development.

We're sure your child is going to love it!

A ROARING SUCCESS

Here's how other youth and parents have described the Lion program:

- "Fun!"
- "Is hands-on and active."
- "Develops new skills."
- "Builds character."
- "Is age-appropriate!"
- "Is a good use of my time."
- "Is simple and easy to implement!"

Here are just a few of the great activities your child will get to participate in:

- "Fun on the Run"
- "Lion's Honor"
- "Pick My Path"
- "Gizmos and Gadgets"
- "On Your Mark"
- "Build It Up, Knock It Down"

Other adventures that will instill a sense of respect for their peers and emphasize the importance of family, courage, and making good choices.



BUILD YOUR LION ADVENTURE!

Scouting's program for kindergarten age boys and girls.
For more information visit www.beascout.org.



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SCOUT ME IN™

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Cub Scouts Family Scouting Seminar

When: Saturday, May 4, 2019

Where: Marriott Scout Service Center (9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD)

Time: 9:00-11:00AM

Who: For Cub Scout leaders, Chartering Organization Representatives, and Commissioners



Families today are busier than ever and with less free time, families want convenience. Research shows that our programs are extremely appealing to today's busy families.

Is your pack ready to welcome the entire family into Cub Scouts?

Join us on May 4 to learn how to incorporate Family Scouting into your pack.

RSVP to Janee.Ellis@Scouting.org

Skype Option: <https://bit.ly/2EDAayv>



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2019

NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) equips 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 leadership techniques in a risk free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.



6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE
TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD
CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

NYLT is for Scouts who are likely to take on leadership positions in their Troop, Crew, Ship or home unit.

REQUIREMENTS

- 14 years or older (13 with permission)
- First Class Rank
- Scoutmaster approval
- Completed ILST*
- BSA Med Form: Parts A, B & C

NYLT is an *intense course* for *mature Scouts* who want to become *better leaders*. Scouts must be *respectful* of each other and their actions must be consistent with the *Scout Oath and Law*.

* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), or Ships (ILSS)

COURSE DATES

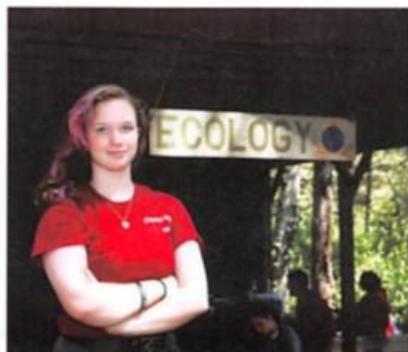
- 19-21 January & 16-18 February
Camp William B. Snyder
(Must complete both weekends)
- 16-21 June 2019
Cheltenham, MD
- 23-28 June 2019
Cheltenham, MD
- 28 July-2 August 2019
Camp William B. Snyder
- 4-9 August 2019
Camp William B. Snyder



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:
www.myNYLT.org



JOIN GOSHEN CAMP STAFF 2019!



GENERAL INFORMATION

Every year, the seven camps and which make up Goshen Scout Reservation employ close to 250 highly motivated individuals to participate in the experience of a lifetime.

Goshen is comprised of two Webelos Resident Camps, three Scout & Venturing Resident Camps, one High Adventure Base, and one Administrative Camp.

For all positions, the primary focus is delivering program to youth and adult participants, whether that's in a program area or a wilderness outpost. Other responsibilities include general duties based on the operations of camp.

At the resident camps (and for High Adventure staff when at base camp), staff have a canvas tent on a wooden platform to stay in and store personal equipment.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

We're seeking motivated and enthusiastic people who enjoy the outdoors. Prior experience in the Boy Scouts of America is not required.

Applicants must be 15 years of age or older to work at one of the Webelos or Scout/Venturing Resident Camps and 16 years of age to work at Lenhok'sin High Adventure Base and Camp Post. We are also seeking those 18 years of age and older for leadership and other positions.

Are you 14 years of age? Be a Counselor-in-Training at one of our resident camps.

Employment dates are from June 15 to August 7, 2019.

The National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, is an equal opportunity employer.

Please visit WWW.GOTOGOSHEN.ORG to learn more and apply!



CAMP SNYDER

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2019 SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS WANTED!

WORK WITH CUB SCOUTS

LEAD FUN ACTIVITIES

GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS

BI-WEEKLY PAY + ROOM & BOARD

TRAINING BEGINS JUNE 29TH
CAMP ENDS AUGUST 16TH

Seeking friendly, outgoing, fun, and responsible individuals age 15 and up to be program wide Camp Counselors and age 18 and up to lead our Fort, Big Dig, Ship, Nature, and Handicraft program areas and to direct BB and Archery Ranges. We are looking for age 21 and up to direct Waterfront and Pool activities, as well as Camp Commissioner, Summer Director, and Program Director. Only 14 years old? Be a Counselor-in-Training!

LEARN MORE AND APPLY

www.GoToSnyder.org

