“” "To be or not to be , an Eagle, that is the question. Whether tis nobler to suffer the slings and arrows of hiking, camping, cooking out doors, mosquitos, blisters, broken GPS units or to join a boy led Troop and by ignoring the adults have fun. To Scout, perchance  be a Patrol Leader, ah, there's the rub.... for in that chance to plan and learn cooperation and citizenship must give us pause. For to bear the whips and scorn of those who would value the souvenir more than the journey, pity that man.   Soft you now, the fair Ophelia doth now join my Troop...."

 = William Scoutspear =

**The White Oak District Scout Round Table News**

*Where the Scouts’ Leaders Meet!*

***Round Table*** *… Mark your calendars :*

WHEN: Second Wednesday, commencing 7:30pm

 WHERE: USUALLY The Peoples Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Rd. Silver Spring MD

 about 1/4 mile WEST of New Hampshire Ave***.***

**THIS February MONTH ONLY we move to:::**

**The Sandy Spring Friends Meeting Community House**

**The address is 17801 Meeting House Rd.  Sandy Spring MD.**

Directions: On MD Rt108, in downtown Sandy Spring,

**From Georgia Ave. (Rt97)** go east on Rt108, pass Sherwood Elementary, pass Norwood Rd.  Next right turn(at the light), onto Meeting House Rd.

**From New Hampshire Ave. (Rt650**), go west on Rt108, see Urban BBQ on the north (right side),  turn next left at the light (south) on Meeting House Rd.,

\*\* drive down less than 1/4 mile. **Single lane road !** Community House is the big white frame house on the left.  The big brick building you see further down the road is the historic (1817) Meeting House (tours available afterward).

After all, **"the work is done by whoever shows up”**

***Go to***  copy and paste to your brwzr… <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/>

*“Favorite” mark this one now!* Updating and corrections ongoing!

AND on FACEBOOK!!

<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteOakDistrict/?fref=ts&ref=br_tf>

\* \* SEE (newly updated) Program Launch Calendar for alotta details. <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2015/10/2017-18-Program-Launch-Packet-White-Oak-District.pdf>

**\* \* \* 14 February**  ? Vet’s Day ? Valentine’s Day? Are they considerations? **NEW SCOUTBOOK internet advancement thingy ? .**

**“Surprise Presenters…. Eagle Palms? Certificates? Retention/renewal/Cubdaycamp/” “””**

**\*\*\* 14 March TBA**

**Getting Personal** . Scouting has seen many changes thru it’s 100 plus years. I won’t bore you with a list. But some things have remained constant. There has been little change in the Scout Promise and Law. We still strive to “Be Prepared”. Kids still relish being out in the woods, on the river, away from… the usual stuff. Campfires. Outdoor cooking. What’s remembered? The easy trips? Naw… it’s the challenging times they (we) remember. The rain. The snow. The too long hikes that were completed even when they KNEW they couldn’t….

 If folks know you are a Scout, I don’t need to remind you how many times you have been asked to “take care of “ … something. God forbid you should ever be called on to remember your CPR training, from how many years ago? I have had no fewer than 7 types of AR or M to M or CPR or AED techniques, each better than the previous.

And we keep on offering, and keep on smiling at each other because we know, Scouting is (or CAN be) the best youth activity around. Training? Character development? Citizenship? Don’t tell the Scouts that. Let’m figure it out for themselves.

See you on the trail.

Not enough Scouting? Need another Activity? Different styles? Dueling editors?

Check out the other District eNews:

**Potomac:** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/potomac/newsletter/>

**Seneca:** Seneca.NewsFlash@ncacbsa.org and ask to be connected !

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Remember: These missives go out to Adult Scouters, for the most part. Please forward as appropriate to your Scouts and **Other Interested Folks** (You know who they are…)

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 << >> << >> History , Preservation, Service :

**Adds up to Opportunities and Realization…**

**Where we are going is much determined by where we came from … Montgomery Preservation:**

<https://www.montgomerypreservation.org/>

<< >> << >> Aviation Badges . . . College Park Aviation Museum

 Scout Wings Sunday 22 April 11a – 3pm

 <http://www.mncppc.org/calendar.aspx?eid=3699> and <http://www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com/1594/About-the-Museum>

<< >> << >> << >> Camp Cards ! **Popcorn is so passe …**

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/support-scouting/camp-cards-sign-up/>

< < < < < Cub STEM NOVA Tech Talk

 Get together with Microsofties about Minecraft, other games and computer programming… Various days, check it out ! <https://scoutingevent.com/082-TTMSFT>

**>> >> >> >> White Oak Merit Badge Colloquium**

**Where:** ST BERNADETTES RC CHURCH, 70 UNIVERSITY BLVD EAST, SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

**When:** MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2018 Register: 8am, sessions begin 9am

**How and Why and What** (see below! )

Log onto : [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4BA9AB2BA5FC1-white5](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4BA9AB2BA5FC1-white5)

SESSION 1 – 9 AM – NOON SESSION 2 - 1 PM – 4 PM

LUNCH\* 12 TO 1 PM 4PM CLEANUP – SHUT DOWN

**MERIT BADGES OFFERED**

BADGE MORNING (9 to 12) AFTERNOON (1 to 4)

FIRE SAFETY YES YES

PLUMBING YES NO

CITIZENSHIP/WORLD YES YES

MUSIC YES NO

CHESS YES YES

PETS YES YES

CITIZENSHIP/COMMUNITY YES YES

SIGNS CODES AND SIGNALS NO YES

SUSTAINABILITY YES YES

BUGLING YES YES

Each session will be an independent session, no all day sessions.

Registration will take place through Signup Genius

Class sizes are limited, and have been set by the Merit badge Counselors.

A signed “Blue card” is required to take a session.

**ALERT**: A scout may **not** be able to complete a badge in the time allotted and will have to follow up with the merit badge counselor. If the scout has any expectation of completing a badge he must at least have completed the **prerequisites (see below)** identified by the counselors. Merit badge work sheets can be used by the scouts as a help, but will **not** be accepted by the counselors as work completed.

\*\*Each requirement for each badge has an Action Verb associated with it and that verb directs how the requirements are to be completed. ie: discuss, visit, prepare.

**LUNCH**

A Pizza Lunch will be available consisting of 2 SLICES, A SOFT DRINK, BAG OF CHIPS AND CONDIMENTS FOR $5.00

***PREREQUISITES : Come With These Things Done !!***

!! Read the Merit Badge Pamphlet!!!

**BADGE**

**Bugling** – Bring Bugle, bring composition for #2b, bring note from SM for #6.

**Citizenship in the World**, re4quirements 3 4b,c, and 7.

**Sustainability**, Requirement 1, this badge will require additional work after MBD.

**Fire Safety**, Requirements 1b, 2, 4a, 4b, 6a, 6c, 12

**Citizenship in the Community**, this badge will require additional work after MBD.

**Signs Signals and Codes**, Read the MB pamphlet

**Music**, bring your instrument.

**Pets** Requirement 1,2.

**Plumbing**, requirements 1b,2aq,2b.

**Chess,** Read the MB pamphlet.

THIS IS A CLASS “A” EVENT Uniforms Encouraged ! You Will Be In The Public !

EACH SCOUT MUST BRING THE NECESSARY SIGNED Blue Card(s) for the badges.

TO SIGN UP – LOG ONTO SIGNUP GENIUS AT

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4BA9AB2BA5FC1-white5](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0A4BA9AB2BA5FC1-white5)

\*\*Select the sessions you want and indicate if you will be buying lunch.

In the event that a session is full you can place your name on a waiting list by sending your contact information and merit badge needed to

 Whiteoakadv@aol.com

Questions or concerns, please call John Wnek at 301-728-2858.

 **> > > > Leave No Trace ? Is that possible?** We think so…

 **What:** Leave No Trace Train the Trainer Course

 **When and Where and How and Who:**

13-15 April Isaac Walton, Germantown, MD.

 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-LNTTR>
 Paul Schimke, paul@schimke.org c: 301.906.0069

21-22 April Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA.

 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16172>
 Victor Bieniek, vbieniek@gmail.com, c: 703.855.8428

 19-20 May Bryans Road, (Accokeek)MD.

 [https://scoutingevent.com/082-SouthMD](https://scoutingevent.com/082-SouthMD%20) Mike Strong, stronbsart@gmail.com C: 301.861.6568

**Why and Who:** This course will train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units

and districts as **Leave No Trace Trainers** and **Outdoor Ethics Trainers.** The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venture and Sea Scout all have stewardship and care of the environment as part of their program.

 \*\*\* The Next Classes will be scheduled in September. \*\*\*

 **Paul Schimke,** Leave No Trace Master Educator,

Maryland Leave No Trace State Advocate, Leopold Education Project Facilitator,

 Tread Trainer, NCAC Outdoor Ethics Committee, C: 301 906 0069

 > > > > > Speaking Of Training…

 Powder Horn: **High Adventure Planning, Managing, Doing…**

 **What:** Powder Horn:: Adult and Older Scout Training for High Adventure Trips

 **Where:** Camp St. Charles, 15375 Stella Maris Dr. Newberg MD 20664

 **When:** 24 – 26 August 2018

 **Who:** Any adult Scouter type person and Scouts over 14 years old

who are tired of the same old same old camping trips.

**Why:** You were never limited to going only to Philmont.

**How Much & How Do:** Check the website:

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/powder-horn>

 < > < > < And the Famous **Wood Badge**

 **What:** Wood Badge, *the* Scout Leader training

 **Where:** Camp Snyder (to start with), your home town,

and various other sites “depending”..

 **When:** Two choices, to start with (the whole thing takes awhile):

 Spring course: **April 26 – 28 & May 31 – June 2 (Sunday friendly)**

Fall Course: **September 7 - 9 & October 12 – 14**

**Who & Why:** *Any* Adult Scouter (Cub, Boy, Venture, Sea, Explorer) who wants to learn

the latest in Scout theory and application, recharge your Scout batteries, and enjoy it at the same time. Group dynamics. Management. Bugling (sometimes). It is good if you have a few years experience to build on and compare to.

 **How Much & How Do**: Yes, it sounds expensive**.** Woodbadge is accepted as academic

credit by many colleges. Scholarship help is available.

Go to <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/> to start.

**< > < > < > University of Scouting = 24 FEBRUARY 2018**

**Hayfield Secondary School 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA**

**Everything Scouty for the discerning** **Scouter =**

 TRULY SOMETHING FOR EVERY SCOUT PERSON . . . Cub, Boy, Venturerer, Explorer

**Check out the course catalog = =**  [www.ncacbsa.org/uos](http://www.ncacbsa.org/uos%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

 > > > > Scoutmasters and Assistants and Wannabes . . .

 <**nextup** >

 SMS: Saturday 24 April, 2018 – Registration will open soon… TBA….

 IOLS: Saturday 5- Sunday 6 May 2018,

 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-IOLS_WOD_S18_0505>

 << >> << >> << >> Training? What’s That?

 **More specifics about the who, what & Why**:

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/> click on Training <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/> scroll down the left side…

as a last resort, “google is your friend”. If it’s a required Scouter course, you may take it in any District, not only White Oak (no matter our reputation!) Some courses will be listed, but not yet scheduled. Be patient, we are all volunteers…

 << >> << >> << >> Daddy, What’s a Commissioner?

A good way to answer that question is to take the training …

 **University of Commissioner Basic Training**

**What:** **UCBT** is the entry-level course for unit commissioners.

Or ANY Commissioner . You start out as a Unit Commissioner.

 **Who:** New Unit Commissioners and others interested in commissioner service .

**When**: 8a to 4:45p Saturday, 10 March 2018.

**Where:** Kensington LDS Stake Center

10000 Stoneybrook Dr, Kensington, Maryland

 **How Much and How Do:** Register: [www.ncacbsa.org/college](http://www.ncacbsa.org/college)

 **What else:** Lunch included. It is recommended that the **Fieldbook for Unit Service**

be read/reviewed. Download here: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/commissioner/pdf/33621-Cms_Fieldbook.pdf>

 This UCBT is sponsored by Colonial District in the Virginia Central Service Area.

 **Questions?** Sasha Loftin, DC , Colonial District: sashinka1@gmail.com

> > > > Eagle Scout / Gold Award Scholarship Awards

nothing ventured, nothing gained….

<http://usascholarships.com/eagle-scout-scholarships/>

 < > < > < > Hey Hey BooBoo, a pic-a-nic Basket….

<https://watchcartoonsonline.to/watch/the-yogi-bear-show-episode-45-cub-scout-boo-boo/>

YO ! The editors are always grateful for tips, ideas, (“All feedback is a gift”) brickbats,

compliments, volunteers, names, addresses, cash donations, credit vouchers, oh most anything…. To have names added (yay!) or deleted (sniff) from our mailing list, contact the Chief Instigator, James Lehman, as below….

**\* \* \* \* \* \* \* SCOUTER WANT ADDS:**

 **\*\*\* Basketball hoop on steel pole** Help me take it down, it’s yours. Regulation height, it can be levered down to 5 feet high . Call James Lehman for info.

\*\*\***Flag Poles:** Several, used for CSDC, Camporees, etc. If you like, can include ropes, pulleys, clips for flags. Natural logs, 20’ long, poplar, maple, cherry, Contact James the RTC (see below)

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You ever get the feeling there’s something MORE? Something that YOU could do, something that NEEDS to be done? Tired of the same old same old? Need a change ? A fresh, wider view point? Well, maybe here’s the chance….

**\* \* \* \* District Scouters Wanted: \* \* \* \***

**“”WHY DOESN’T SOMEBODY….”** Well, aren’t you somebody?

 You will never hear ANY WOD Scouter say “no thank you, we have enough help…”

Requirements:

1) Must want to help our Scouts hike, camp, learn, **be Scouts**.

 2) Must enjoy helping other folks gain from **YOUR** experience and knowledge.

 3) Must be willing to “put yourself out” to the Scout Units of Montgomery County .

 4) Must understand that “No Scouter is an island”.

We progress by helping each other.

**Positions available**: \*\*Order of the Arrow Advisor (speak to Dennis soon !) , \*\*Assistant Cub Scout RoundTable staff (Jeff Cohen), \*\*Assistant Boy Scout RoundTable Staff (James L.) , \*\*Camp VChair, \*\*Venture Scout RoundTabler, \*\*Explorer Scout Affairs VChair, \*\*Outdoor Ethics/LNT Coordinator,,,,
“”Special Event Organizer”” (you name it !) , District Commissioner ? ,

 **Speak to ANYONE on the list below**. You’ll be glad you did !

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To have names added or deducted from our email list OR to suggest/donate/forward stuff of interest to Scouters, Write to James Lehman, Jr., Esq. below….

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 **Everything About the Scout Year** (the E.A.S.Y.) Chair: *Oh, so very vacant*