“” If happiness is the goal – and it should be – then adventures should be top priority.””

 = Richard Branson =

“” One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight,

for a very long time, of the shore.”” = André Gide =

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

WHEN: Second Wednesday, commencing 7:30pm  **ONCE AGAIN . . .**

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

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

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

**If someone from YOUR unit doesn’t show up, who will do it?**

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

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

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

**Where Can We Hike, Camp? Where are the GOOD places? Who’s been there, done that?**

 **We have ! ! The OA Outdoor Guide . . .**

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Where-to-Go-Camping-Guide-.pdf>

\* \* 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>

**8 AUGUST ( ! !)** (Starting up again) **TBM:**

**1) Join Scouting Night (It’s not just for Cubs ! ) Why join Scouts? Only for Cubs? Young Ladies? Recruiting…**

 **2)Recharteringing**

 **3) Planning for 2 SEPTEMBER Scout-A- Ree !**

 **WE NEED EVERY UNIT< PACK< TROOP< CREW TO HELP !!**

**12 September TBA**

**Getting Personal** The Oval Table was tasty , as always. A small, well intentioned group, good conversation. AREN’T YOU SORRY YOU WEREN’T THERE ? 😉 Maybe next time…

Well the NEXT TIME is the **8th of August**. I can’t promise you snacks or libation, but I CAN promise you good info, ideas and conversation (see above).

My latest crusade is gleaned from personal experience and the internet. The world has never been easy for me, owing to my allergy to POISON IVY. I seem to catch it if I merely glance at it, but I do recognize it easily. Once upon a time, I worked as a surveyor, and as such I sometimes had no choice in my path thru a property. I would come home in the truck not daring to scratch my nose (or any where else on my body, if you get my drift), until I had scrubbed with soap and water and (carefully !) stripped off my boots and clothing….

My topic is **POISONOUS PLANTS**. The threebest known are **Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, and Poison** **Sumac.** Some folks can pull these up with their bare hands to no ill effect, while others might seem to have a severe rash develop after merely walking past them. The oils that cause the rash are transferable, from pet dog or pant leg to hand to face. Any and all parts of the plants (leaf, stem, root, flower) are viable sources of the irritating oils. **NEVER burn them**, as the smoke from the plants can be deadly to your lungs. I use big tough rubber gloves to (very carefully !) pull up the plants and stuff them in trash bags for disposal. Perhaps you already know about these three. Spray with Round-Up? Your choice. Let me introduce you to two more species, invasive, foreign to our shores….

 **Giant Hog Weed and Wild Parsnip.**

The best I can do here is refer you to some websites. These plants can LITERALLY incapacitate one and even BLIND you. Giant Hogweed can grow 8 or 10 feet high, is tough to cut and dispose of. Wild Parsnip looks like and is sometimes called Yellow Queen Anne’s Lace. I have not personally seen any of these of yet around our area, but they “seem to be coming”. I warn you out of concern for your Scouts. Look you here: <http://www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_010304.pdf>

<https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/hogweed.shtml>

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sysmrqw4sEo>

 If you see any of these, notify the **Maryland State Extension Service** (the 4H people), here:

 <https://extension.umd.edu/montgomery-county>

 See you (carefully ) on the trail…..

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> > < < < > > > Forget NOT . . . Take new YPT2 by 1 October or be Un Chartered . . . Exceptions ? I think not . . .

See Attached ! !

> > > > > The County Fair , Here It Comes !

**You can help, free entrance, service hours, Scout Presence ?**

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is just around the corner! This year the Fair will be **Aug.** **10-18, 2018.**  Volunteers are needed during the Fair preparation and the Fair days for the Cheese Booth and the Information Booths.  This is a fun and easy way to earn Student Service Learning hours or Agricultural Center Membership hours. Training sessions for both areas are scheduled so everyone becomes familiar with the responsibilities. The Cheese Booth also needs help before and after each training session to help prepare the booth for the Fair. To register for preferred work shifts everyone, including prior year volunteers MUST attend ONE of the following appropriate sessions:

**Cheese Booth Orientation                 or                  Information Booth Orientation**

July 14, 2018 9:30am-10:30am                                   July 14, 2018 11:00am-12:00pm

July 21, 2018 11:00am-12:00pm                                 July 21, 2018 9:30am-10:30am

July 28, 2018 11:00am-12:00pm                                 July 28, 2018 9:30am-10:30am

Aug. 4, 2018 9:30am -10:30am                                  Aug.  4, 2018 11:00am-12:00pm

Sessions for both will meet at the Cheese Booth. The above Saturdays are Fair workdays and the Cheese Booth will need help preparing the building for the Fair. Fair work day  sign-in begins at 8:00am each Saturday. Volunteers who sign in before 9:00am will get a free lunch ticket. Your help is always welcome.  Volunteering is more enjoyable with friends and family, so bring them along too!

Questions regarding the Cheese Booth may be directed to Ed at 301-922-2681 or edwardmhogan@gmail.com or Shannon at: irish1der@hotmail.com. Questions about the Information Booths may be directed to Sue Sullivan at 301-325-4384 or suesownline@aol.com.

**Cows, Horses, Funnel Cake, Rabbits, Car collisions, Magic Shows, Hoo Hah !**

> > > > . . . Messing About In Boats . . . SEA SCOUTS ! ! !

 **What:** Northeast Region Seabadge Conference (SB-38-DE-2018)

 **When:** Friday to Sunday, 5-7 October, 2018.

 **Where:** Delaware National Guard Training Site,

 Bethany Beach, DE 163 Scannell Blvd.,

 Bethany Beach, DE 19930-9770

**Who & Why:** Best training for Sea Scout Scouters, or **ANY** adult Scouter interested

 in the support of Sea Scouting.

**How Much& How Do**: Application Deadline 7 September SHARP !

Download the application :

 [http://nerseascout.org/SB-38-DE%2018%20Participant%20r1.pdf](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fnerseascout.org%2FSB-38-DE%252018%2520Participant%2520r1.pdf&h=AT1q-r4b7K8i5UGAjOueUYg84e3KKRT4U3Xe5b93F2yPJdySGZdOY8XPsxvAwegbAnaqoQKG_uh9K-E_yd5B-1YFIfQjbSzxYPPoQUn20xNhY5AJQgpH0wNH3h-XSckToPkg2vVDMtGX4J94wrf4WQ)

**NB:** This is definitely open to **any registered Scouter**. Read thru the application

material. Kinda sounds like “Wood Badge” with water (!) Not cheap, but worth the investment ?

> > > > > National Youth Leadership Training . . .

Sometimes called “Wood Badge for the Scout”

This is what your Patrol Leaders and other Scouts want to attend.

What exactly is “Youth Led”? Another good excuse to go camping….Here ‘tis :

Check the Dates coming up in August and July ! <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training/>

 > > > > < < < < Astronomy ? Lunar Eclipse !

 <https://www.space.com/41007-blood-moon-2018-longest-lunar-eclipse-guide.html>

< > < > < > < Astronomy ? Cub Scouts !

**What:** An Intro to Astronomy

**When :** Friday 5 October 2018, 3:30pm - 5pm

**Where:** the historic Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory,

100 DeSellum Ave., Gaithersburg, MD

**Who:** Any interested Young Person Cub/Brownie, Home Schooler and their Parent?

**Why:** A special Astronomy Day. Explore space near Earth ! create a model of the

Earth-Sun-Moon orbit, train like an astronaut, learn about telescopes, and observe the Sun through the Observatory’s special solar telescopes.

**How Much & How Do?** $5 per child; reservations must be made as a group.

No cost for chaperones. Payment by check taken at gate.

**Bring:** Each child should have a pen/pencil and a clipboard, plus a compass for the group.

**Reservations Required:** When you reserve you will be given a start time for your group. If the weather does not cooperate, registered groups will be contacted with a make up date.

**For Reservations and Information:** Obtain registration form from **Karen Lottes** karen.lottes@gaithersburgmd.gov ,,, , 240-805-1120.

Gaithersburg Community Museum, 9 S. Summit Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

 < > < > < Astronomy? Meteors ! Perseid Shower Approaching !

 14 August ?

<https://www.space.com/32868-perseid-meteor-shower-guide.html> Leaves enough time to organize a Meteor Shower Party, yes? Recliners, dark area somewhere, blankets on the ground, sodas, hotdogs, permission to stay up LATE (midnite to 1am will be best) red cellophane on the flashlight, please.

 > > > > HELP WANTED

World Jamboree Looking For A Few Good Staff

 <https://wsj2019.us/>

 Medical help, Program Areas, USA contingent Adult Leaders.

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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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**Past issues of the WODSRTNews now archived and available** (thanks, Donna**):**

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/roundtable/boy-scout-roundtable/jim-lehman-newsletter/>

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SCOUTER WANT ADS:

 \*\*\*\*\* Scout Trailer ? Free, to a good Troop - -

**A closed trailer. Present owner wants it to go to a Scout Unit… Call’m up …** <https://www.ncacbsa.org/seneca/2018/07/25/troop-trailer-free-to-a-good-home/>

\*\*\* Taking down some more **small** and **not so** small **trees:** Furniture /lumber size down to flag pole/pioneer practice sapling size. Poplar, White Ash, Oaks. Contact James Lehman soonest.

\*\*\* **Coleman gas stove fuel tank** (just the tank !) Holds pressure, but no stove to go with it. FREE. Contact James Lehman.

**\*>\*> The Helpful Scouters of the White Oak District <\*<\***

**Put these folks to work, make’m earn their pay**

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 **Everything About the Scout Year** (the **EASY** Chair?): *Oh, so very vacant*