Introducing the biggest mushroom in the world, armillaria ostoyae or as it’s been fondly nicknamed Fungus Humongous. Covering 2,385 acres of Malheur National Forest, Oregon, it’s our largest organism, and from the way the fungus has been growing, it may also be our oldest organism. Humongous is estimated to be between 2,400 years – 8,650 years old.

( and you thought your kid thought YOU were old…)

**White Oak District Scout Round Table News**

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

WHEN: Second Wednesday, commencing 7:00pm for GATHERING, *Official* Stuff at 7:30pm.

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”**

**WHO** will show up from **YOUR** Pack? **YOUR** Troop? **YOUR** Crew?

***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>

**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>

**14 November Merit Badge How / When / Why / Rudy Singleton….**

12 December Holiday Par – Tay **goodies to partake, friends to share,**

**plan to attend if you have NEVER come to R/T. Some awards to give out, some sticky sweet stuff to eat….**

**Getting Personal: It’s been a busy week. Home from IOLS**, (Thanks Jeep, Mark and Jay and Enoch), always a fun, rewarding weekend. [ “Rain? What’s a little rain ? “ = Henry Clay Frick, Johnstown PA reservoir owner =] . We had forty (!) eager nascent ASMs and BALOO folks at the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, ate good camp food, watched the clouds roll by and talked about Scouting, acted out some old campfire skits and came home , perhaps a little sleepless but feeling fulfilled.. Got home, put stuff back up on the shelves, threw the clothing in the laundry and fell asleep. Kudos and appropriate “attaboys” to you who receive this.

I have been apprised by some that my email WODSRTNews might be an internet security risk, so you may notice a difference in the addressing. We have had no problem for the last three years, even after Verizon gave up the email biz. Say la vee, as they say, we adjust. Please let me know if things are good or bad.

This time November, , Merit Badges, MB Colleges, MBCounselor training/registrations, etc. Rudy Singleton, our resident WODMBDean, will lead the discussion. I look forward to it, can I look forward to seeing YOUR smiling Scouty visage?

See you on the trail.

<< >> << >> << >> Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, All Invited,

Scouts Needed to Help Usher, Direct Traffic, etc.

**What:** Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, All Faiths Invited.

**Who:** Olney Interfaith Ministerium <https://www.facebook.com/Goyim-Greater-Olney-Interfaith-Ministerium-728670810542848/>

**Where:** **Shaare Tefila Synagogue,** 16620 Georgia Ave. Olney MD

(turn west on Emory Church Rd. , south on the service rd. parallel to

Georgia Ave.) **PARKING IS LIMITED**. If you come early , PLEASE consider parking over at Oakdale Emory Church and walking over. Flashlights !

**When:** Tuesday, 20 November, 7:30pm

**Why:** Never a bad thing to be thankful. Native Americans to be especially included.

**How & How Much:** Donations to **OLNEY HELP** (can goods, money) accepted.

**Who:** Everyone invited. **Scouts** needed for ushering, guiding duty.

No need to “register “ ahead of time, come at 6:30pm.

**Scouts and Scouters IN UNIFORM**, welcome. dress for the weather, some may help outside, **BRING YOUR FLASHLIGHT.** Yes, SSL hours credited.

**And Who**: Interfaith Choir is forming: contact **Caroline** [caroline@carolineferrante.com](mailto:caroline@carolineferrante.com)

**Questions?** Contact James Lehman, see below.

< > < > Scouting For Food !

Help the Food Pantries In The Area Help Others !

Come to RRRRRoundtable and Pick Up Your SfF Notice Stickers !

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/blog/2018/10/18/get-ready-for-scouting-for-food/>

< > < > < > Tired of Popcorn? Too much Carbohydrate?

Try CAMP CARDS ! Speak with your DE . . .

**easy program, discounts in grocery, restaurants, all types of places:::**

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

>> << >> << Workshop on Racial Equity and Justice in Education.

* What does equity and inequity look like? Hear personal stories and demographics that help us understand our schools.
* Inequity in education? Consider steps for addressing inequity where we live.
* How do we think and act systemically? Explore ways we can elevate educational equity as a priority for our schools.

### **Where:** Cedar Ridge Community Church, 2410 Spencerville Rd Spencerville, MD 20868

**When:** Saturday 10 November 9am - 1pm

**Who:** Public invited,

**Who Again:** Led by Reverend Dr. Brenda Girton-Mitchel.

**How & How much**: Please Register by 10 November, [info@crcc.org](mailto:info@crcc.org). Info? [www.crcc.org/](http://www.crcc.org/)

**> < < > Scout Color Guard To Form for Veteran’s Day Observance:**

**What**: Veterans Day Ceremony,

**Need:** Color Guard, Flag Ceremonialists needed. Scouts ! Full Uni !

**When:** Sunday 11 November, arrive 10am, Ceremony commence 11am

**Where:** Wheaton Veterans Park, 11200 Amherst Ave. Wheaton MD 20902

**Who:** Sponsored by VFW Post 2562, Scouts for ceremony, **BUGLER** sought.

Public, media invited

**Who to Contact:** Charles P. Roe, Civil Air Patrol, 301.660.1485 , 202.267.5099

[www.mdcap.org](http://www.mdcap.org)

> > > > > Scholarships for Scouts? Never Stop Learning !

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/01/29/8-great-scholarships-for-eagle-scouts/>

Scouts ? Not just for Eagles…. <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/student-organization/boy-scouts>

< > < > < > On The Rails ! Western Maryland Scenic Railroad . . .

**Scouts can ride up, cycle down ! Or hike down…**

**The WMSRR will soon have the largest STEAMER on the east coast, a rebuilt Mallet Allegheny. See it here:** <https://www.wmsr.com/> Any Scout would love a trip on the rails. Check it out. Railroad MB anyone?

**< > < > < > Ice Skating Scouts ! !**

**SPECIAL PRICING AND BEFORE EVENTS OFFERS.**

[http://www.gaylordhotelsnews.com/NationalBoyScoutss](http://www.gaylordhotelsnews.com/NationalBoyScoutss:)

..ww.wmsr.com/ww.wmsr.com

**<< >> << >> << Fire Extinguisher Recall from KIDDE:**

**If you purchased a KIDDE extinguisher in the past couple of years, check your model against this website. They may provide a new one to replace yours:**

<https://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/support/product-alerts/recall-kidde-fire-extinguisher/>

>>>>>>>>> How Safe/Secure is YOUR Troop Trailer?

<https://www.wistv.com/2018/10/17/cajun-navy-replaces-stolen-boy-scouts-camping-supplies/?outputType=amp>

<<<>>>><<<<>>>> But What Can We Do ?

**Trailers** are a more recent phenomenon. Who owns the tents? Cook gear? Stoves? Troops used to be all “on the back” and “in the station wagon”. Now? If your Charter Org cannot/will not provide indoor storage space, you might NEED a trailer or two (or three ?? ). Store it at the SM home? Donated Storage Yard? Back of Church Lot? Who would steal a Scout’s Trailer ? **Discussion HERE:**

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/10/17/tips-for-preventing-troop-trailer-theft/>

Scouter Classifieds

\*\*\* **For Crafts?**  Approximately **350 CDs, DVDs, CDRoms, 3” discs.** out of date, no good, scratched, etc. Why did I save them? Who knows now? Point is can YOU use’m ? Cub STEM projects, garden flashers, model wheels, etc. James Lehman, as below…

\*\* **Full Size Basketball outdoor pole, fiberglass backboard, hoop and net.**

Good condition. Help me pull it out of the ground (PLEASE !) , it’s yours. Call James Lehman.

\*\* Still some more **small trees and saplings** to cut down. Contact James Lehman for

availability. Flag poles, lashing practice, hiking staves, etc.

\*\*\* Firewood future: Contact James L., we may have lots of cordwood to dispose of in the near future. Either the Arborist, or you can haul it away…

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

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