"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. 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. . . ."

 = Green Bar William Shakyspeare =

**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>

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

***plan to attend* if you have NEVER come to R/T.**

***\*\**Even numbered Units bring DRINKS.**

***\*\**Odd number Units bring GOODIES .**

**AGENDA: Elect/Affirm our District Leadership. CORs vote, those present represent if the COR is not present…**

**Some awards to give out, some sticky sweet stuff to eat….**

**Getting Personal** **Sometimes It’s Up To You….**

First , I’d like to thank those Scouts and Scouters who came out to support and help the **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** last Tuesday. We had about 300 folks from all faiths at the Shaare Tefila Synagogue in attendance. Much was collected to support Olney HELP. So thanks to Mathew, Ricky and Melinda and to Jim Steinbach.

 Secondly, I should thank all those Scouts for their “Scouting For Food” collections. MANNA uses our efforts as a large portion of their supplies. Many worthy folks will eat better because of your work.

Thirdly, I hope you and yours had a rewarding Thanksgiving holiday. It is good to reflect on being thankful for what we have, and for what we DON’T have….

 Finally, As our Scout year comes to a close, I would urge you to look at the list below of “Helpful Scouters” . Notice anything particular? Like the old motel sign, there are “**VACANCIES**”. There are lapses of leadership. As sometimes happens, folks move on, they move to Nebraska (!), they find they no longer have the energy or inspiration to take on that role… And so there are gaps in our program. The Scouts may suffer from lack of adult support. We may say we encourage “BOY/GIRL LED “ , but it still needs adults to support and guide the yoooth. Please consider your time and abilities. How are YOU led? Can you see your way clear to raise your hand (physically, metaphorically) and say …

“I’d like to try that”.

“I think I have an idea about that activity”.

“If I take that on, could you help…. ? “

 BSA has many challenges in the future. That’s obvious. But if we see that future as a challenge worth tackling, as worth shaping, then we (*YOU*!) will find a way. Our kids deserve no less than our time and love and support and guidance. When they do Scouting, we are all the better for it. If they DON”T do Scouting, what should we expect?

 See you on the trail, er , I mean at the District Par-tay (see above). , right ? right ! .

 > > > > > Tired of Your “USUAL” Camporee ?

“Trapper’s Rendezvous” . . .

 [file:///C:/Users/James/AppData/Local/Packages/Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge\_8wekyb3d8bbwe/TempState/Downloads/2019-Trappers-Herald-c-1%20(1).pdf](file:///C%3A/Users/James/AppData/Local/Packages/Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge_8wekyb3d8bbwe/TempState/Downloads/2019-Trappers-Herald-c-1%20%281%29.pdf)

 Hey, you think the local Camporees are “too regulated” ? Too “soft” ? Not “challenging” enough ? **Klondike Derby** is a beach outing compared to **THIS !** Read thru the “brochure” and salivate… Makes me wish I could maybe take a week off to visit Burrton Kansas ! Read thru the ”brochure”… 6,000 (!) plus Scouts….

.<< >> << >> Venture Fest At The Summit !

 Make your plans *NOW !*

First, ya gotta be a Venture Scout… <https://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/>

 < > < > < > 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/>

> > > > > 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>

>> >> >> >> Sea Scouts? Still Around? Absolutely !

**Coast Guard Announces Memorandum of Understanding to Support Sea Scouts:**

 **Read it HERE:** <http://wow.uscgaux.info/Uploads_wowII/B-DEPT/AUX-BSA-MOA.pdf>

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

 **SPECIAL PRICING AND BEFORE EVENTS OFFERS.**

[http://www.gaylordhotelsnews.com/NationalBoyScoutss](http://www.gaylordhotelsnews.com/NationalBoyScoutss%3A)

<< >> << >> << Your Favorite Freeze Dried Camp Food Demo…

 Remember Allison Larue? <http://www.alisonthrives.thrivelife.com/picker>

> > > > > Merit Badges Galore . . .

Fairfax Parks Offer a LARGE Program of Merit Badges.

**See’m here:** <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows/scout>

 > > > > Speaking of Merit Badges… **Merit Badge College ,** **lots of possibilities…**

**What:** Merit Badge College, many, many MBs offered.

**Where:** Elkton High School (110 James St., Elkton, MD**)**

**When:** two days, Saturday 5 January and Saturday 23 February, 2019.

 (some MBs may require attendance BOTH days ! )

**Who:** Any registered Scout.

**How & How Much:** delmarvambc2018@gmail.com $25. The day…

 SEE: <http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/area1mbc>

Pay attention especially to the “prerequisites” ! !

> > > > > And MORE Merit Badge Opportunity . . .

 **Jewish Committee Sponsors a Merit Badge and Faith Award Day.**

**Open to ALL Scouts:**

 **DETAILS**:

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-JCoS-Merit-Badge-Fair-Flyer-Jan-6-2019.pdf>

 > > > > > > Scout Led? ABSOLUTELY !

National Youth Leadership Training :

 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training/>

 **This is the ultimate Scout training around. Two heavy duty weekends. Your SPLs and Troop Guides and Instructors and PLs and APLs …. any Scout aspiring to greatness should consider it. Ideas for the Troop when they return? Resume for school? Apply to life? I should hope so. Excuse for camping? Of course. Make new friends? Added plus !**

 **(Hint: They need a Bugler)**

<< >> << >> Enough Boy Led, Already. Adult Lead**…. WOOD BADGE**

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

 Yeah, yeah,,, any excuse to go camping….

Scouting’s PH.D of Scouting. Often accepted as academic credit. Yes, it is a serious commitment of time and pelf. ***Any*** adult registered leader (Cub, Scout, Venture, Sea Scout, Explorer) is eligible. It is recommended you have a year or two of Scout Leading and all your appropriate position training completed . Scholarship help can be found: in Council, at work, from your AFofL-CIO union, your Scout unit…

 Do not let such trivialities hold you back. Back? BACK ? Back to Gilwell, happy land….

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