“”This is a wonderful day. I’ve never seen this one before.”” = Maya Angelou =

**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>

**Happy New Continuing Scouting Year !**

 **Next Up:**

**13 February :: A Scout is Reverent…**

**Is that your Scout, ? A Short discussion of Duty to God, awards, requirements,**

 **Scout Sabbath ?**

 **Webelos to Scouts? How’s that work for you?**

**CUBS: Pine Wood Derby, Blue and Gold Banquet,**

**13 March : : Outdoor Ethics, Leave (little or) No Trace**

**Getting Personal:** Neither rain nor snow nor gloom of night….but illness and house construction and general malaise may delay this courier from his taken on promises. None the less, we have lotsa news to pass on, good mostly for sure.

**\*\*\*** Our young ladies have joined us on the trail in encouraging numbers. Our District has some new Troops (hope to see you all at ROUND TABLE) .

I am always surprised and impressed by how our reputation preceeds us. The ScouterHorn mobile climbing wall is remembered by lots of folks. It is a VERY popular item, you have to get the reservations in early. Unfortunately, Olney Days will not have the Scouterhorn, it will be attending a Camporee in Virginia that weekend, but the Sandy Spring Museum (World Famous) Strawberry Festival will , God willing and we have sufficient Scouts to help, have the Scouterhorn in place for climbing fun. **WE NEED** **YOU** to come be trained, and to help (see below for the dates.)…..

\*\*\*\* Look below for the Merit Badge Day offered. May be short notice but , hey, it’s there….

And the Potomac Klondike Derby…. It was cold and fun. Saw some White Oak folks there, yes. Next Year…..

And… If you might have some older Scouts who are looking for the next challenge, White Oak is THINKING (thinking !) of refloating (!) a **Sea Scout Ship.** Any Scouter, adults, Scouts interesting in “Messing about in boats”,,,,,, PLEASE contact Todd Skiles dtoddskiles@gmail.com ahoy….

See you on the trail ? to ROUND TABLE ?

>>> >>> >>> >>> SCOUTERHORN ! BELAY ON !

 Here’s the straight Poop:

It is the neatest thing this side of the Alps… But we need TRAINED folks to operate it. SAFELY. Some online stuff (where have we heard that before) and one morning of HANDS ON. It is fun, you will get to climb it yourself, and it is a good intro to REAL rock climbing . Requirements: Be in good health, be a REGISTERED Scout age 12 and up, or Scouter. Attend this training::::

**Saturday, 4 May, 9am** for two hours or so ?

**Ashton United Methodist Church,**

**17314 New Hampshire Ave.** south 2 miles from MD 108.

 **Never fear, all necessary gear is provided.**

Then, help out at the **Sandy Spring Museum Strawberry Festival** (Ice Cream Sundaes ! )

 **Saturday, 1 June AND/OR Sunday 2 June.** We need Scouter help Both Days !

Look for **Time Sign Ups** in the future…..

**Uniform ?** Scouty Activity Shirts ! (class B uni…) and Scout Caps? Closed Toe shoes.

Neckers get in the way…

 **INFO?** Feel free to call your Friendly Neighborhood Round Table Commisher….

>> >> >> >> Leave No Trace Train the Trainer Classes

 **What:** Training to be able to Train Scouts Outdoor Ethics Requirements

 **Who:** Adult Scouters and Scouts 14 and older. LNT/OE Trainer is a POR.

**When & Where:** **Your Choice:**  **March 30-31, 2019 (Camp Snyder, VA) or**

 **April 6-7 (IWLA Germantown, MD)**

 **Why: O**utdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace are all

included in every Scout program, Cubs thru Sea Scouts. This course trains the Scout/Scouter to serve their Unit or District as a Leave No Trace and Outdoor Ethics Trainer.

**Why Again:** This course will enhance your knowledge, expertise and confidence in

 training Leave No Trace skills. Back country? Front Country? Neighborhood?

**How Do:** Depending…… 30 – 31 March , Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA.

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-24711>
Questions? Contact Victor Bieniek, vbieniek@gmail.com, 703-855-8428

 --OR-- 5 – 6 April (Friday evening 4/5 is optional) Germantown, MD

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-LNTMD1>  Questions? Contact Paul Schimke, paul@schimke.org or 301 906 0069 (c)

>> >> >> >> White Oak Merit Badge Day Sign Up NOW !!

**WHEN -** February 18th 2019, MONDAY 9am and 1pm

**WHERE** Church of Christ at Manor Wood

 5300 Norbeck Road, Rockville, Md 20853

 There are two sessions, 9 AM AND 1 PM

**SCHEDULE** - 8:15 AM – REGISTRATION

 8:50 AM - OPENING CEREMONY

 9:00 AM - MORNING SESSION

 12:00 NOON – LUNCH

 1:OO PM - AFTERNOON SESSION

 4:00 PM - END OF SESSION

**MERIT BADGES OFFERRED**

CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD AM or PM

BUGLING

(see prerequisites:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/wi56mataonq3an2/ScoutBuglingMBprereqs.docx?dl=0> ) AM or PM

SUSTAINABILITY ALL DAY

FIRE SAFETY AM or PM

PETS AM or PM

CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION AM or PM

Bring your Brown Bag lunch - or - Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase ($5.00)

Due to the complexity and specific requirements of the badges, YOU MAY NOT COMPLETE the badge at this session.

Bring your signed Blue Cards.

 To register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4CA8AF2DA64-wodmerit>

<<< <<< <<< <<< Cub Scout Day Camp , Are You Ready ?

 **What:** The most fun a Cub Scout can have in a week !

 **When:** 14 June thru 21 June 2019.,

 **Where:** Izaak Walton League-Lois Green Chapter,

located off Snouffer School Road in Gaithersburg, MD

 **Who:** ***ANY Cub Scout,*** and their Parent and ANY Scouter who needs some FUN in their

drab, dreary adult life….REALLY.

**Why:** If you really don’t know, ask your Cub Scout ! Archery ! Knots ! Flags ! Animal

Tracks (if not the animals), Songs ! Games ! \*ahem**\*…. UNDER THE SEA…**

**How DO:** Your Cub Pack MUST name a CSDC Coordinator, your Cubs should sign up as a Pack, Dens etc. ( Very Affordable) Check out the website:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/cub-scout-day-camp/>

**Who again :** YOU and your CUB….

 **Start the process NOW, before you forget !**!

 << >> << >> << Troop 96 Blood Drive **(do we really bleed khaki ?)**

 **What:** Donate Blood

 **When:** Sunday 24 February 2019, 9am to 2pm

 **Where:** The Peoples Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Rd, Silver Spring MD

 **Who:** Any healthy adult, teen over 16 with parents permission.

**Why:** You have to ask ? save lives…

**How:** Walk-ins accepted as possible, but they PREFER you to Register online

at redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor ID: The Peoples Community Baptist Church or call 800-733-2767

**How again:** The process is safe, relatively painless (yes, you do have a needle in

your arm) , you get a mini check up, and might take about an hour total.

 AND CONGRATULATIONS to Troop 96, recipient of the

 **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. IUL Chapter**

 **2019 Youth Service Award ! ! Well done, Scouts !**

**<< >> << >> << Something for Everyone, University of Scouting !**

**It matters not your position or passion, Cub Leader, to Scout Parent, you can find a class to enjoy and gain from at the University of Scouting ! Consider the Possibilities !**

 **23 FEBRUARY**, <https://www.ncacbsa.org/blog/2018/12/07/save-the-date-for-university-of-scouting-on-february-23rd/>

 >> > > > Scout Me In, All Over !

New Troops , New Scouts, New Adventures….

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/02/08/50-states-50-photos-scouts-bsa-launch-week-was-a-huge-success/>

 < > < > < > Hello, I’m Looking For A Little Advice . . .

 **The “OLD COOTS” are ready for you . . .**

 <https://rare.us/rare-humor/old-coots-free-advice/>

 << >> << >> << Advice? Help?

 World Organization of the Scout Movement

May Have The Answer….

**New service and support** : <http://services.scout.org/about>

<< >> << >> Armed Forces Day ,

Joint Base Andrews, 10, 11,12 May 2019

Make your plans early !

 <https://www.jba.af.mil/Home/Air-Show/>

 Open to the public, but note the restrictions ! Static displays and spectacular air shows !

 < > < > < > Scouts In The Parks ? Is That Possible ? The Montgomery County Park and Recreation Department is developing guidelines and plans for the future utilization of our Parks. If you think there is a possibility that Scouts might utilize Parks (What a Concept !) and be considered in possible events, activities, ***here is your chance***. Read thru some of these ideas, give your opinions, and make a difference !

<https://montgomeryparks.org/projects/directory/energized-public-spaces-design-guidelines/>

 < > < > < > < But Wait….

There already are a lot of possibilities for Scout Activities !

 **Here’s the Park calendar :**

<https://www.montgomeryparks.org/calendar/#utm_source=Mailchimp&utm_medium=Hist%2FArch%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=Newsletter-%20Calendar>

**> > > > > We Need Some Philmont Scouts !**

**Venture Crew 759 has some open spots in their Philmont Trek. They are EAGER to offer these spots to other Scouts ! Venturers ! Trek includes experienced Venture Crew leaders, eager Scouts. Details:**

 **What** : Philmont Trek

 **Where:** Philmont Scout Reservation, of course, New Mexico.

 **When:** 18 June thru 30 June , #618-141

 **Who:** Scouts, meet usual Philmont Requirements.

 **How Do & How Much:** Need to pay $100 deposit ASAP ! total cost $970. In two more

 installments , or all at once…PLUS transportation (TBD)…

**CONTACT ::** **STEVE EPPELEY**  ASAP ! ! UMDHIDTA@hotmail.com 301 .774. 0830

**> > > > > MORE Philmont… Different Dates…**

**Troop 1441 seeks “a few good Scouts” to fill their Philmont crew……**

**What:**  Philmont Trek (the usual Lifetime Memories)

**Where:** Philmont Scout Reservation, New Mexico

**When:** Depart Balto/Wash 25 July, 2019, or there abouts.

**When again:** Philmont 26 July thru 7 August

**Who :** Scouts, age 14 , First Class, usual Phil Requirements., by 1 July.

**How Do, How Much:** Phil” $970. Transpo, outside lodging, souvenirs, food, etc.

estimate additional $800 - $900.

 Scholarships may be available to worthy Scouts. (ask).

 Adult Scouters considered, according to your training and availability.

 Contact **ASAP** (!) PeterLidiak  ptl@lidiaks.us 301.325.2853

 > > > > Journey : Life To Eagle Conference

 Yes, there have been changes… Discuss the Scout’s needs and requirements

on the trail to Eagle . This is where you can have your questions answered.

**What:** Life To Eagle Conference

**When:** Sunday 10 February 2019, 1p to 4p

**Where:** Medstar Montgomery Med Center, 18101 Prince Phillip Dr. Olney MD

 (look for the signs in the lobby as to what room)

 **For Who:** The prospective Scout Eagle candidate and their parent

and Scout Leaders.

 **Why:** Because the nuances have changed.

 **How Much & How Do:** Free, bring your notebook, wear your uniform,

register by email: WhiteOakAdv@aol.com with Scout name(s), Troop number, space MAY be limited.

 **Questions? :** John Wnek, WOD Advancement VChair,

301-607-8770 or 301-728-2858. Jwnek1007@aol.com

> > > > > > 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)**

Scouter Classifieds

 \*\* Still got a **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*