“”Every fire is the same size when it starts”.

 = Seneca tribe =

**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 Continuing Scouting Year !**

 **Next Up:**

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

 **Latest info, how to train, how to be an example…**

 **Messenger of Peace ? Ideas ?**

**10 April : : TBA…**

**Getting Personal…. “why don’t these things come out on a regular basis?”**

I wish I could give a really good answer.

 Everytime I sit down to slave away at a hot computer, I worry that I’ve forgotten something I promised someone I’d include. Everytime I FINALLY sit down here, I feel good that I included the stuff I did. Somebody canuse that piece , or that one…

Why indeed. I get side tracked, I feel guilty, I wonder why I do it at all, some times. I sit down and veg with the son watching Incredibles 2… Taxes need attention, Meeting grounds business needs attention, Scout stuff needs attention, I have an inherited table saw I want to play with, litter box needs attention, washer repair is coming, yard leaves OH! A HAWK !. And then I sit down and it sort of just flows….

 Scouterhorn requests, it’s gratifying that we are remembered. EVERYbody wants the Scouterhorn at their event ! It is sad that not every event can be accommodated, but we can try. Please come out to the Ashton UMC (weather permitting) and see how easy it is to operate this big “toy”.

 Consider the White Oak District Awards, your Scout Leaders need their “Attaboys”, for real. And the Merit Badge U. And the PWD. Folk send me events, I see them elsewhere, I put’em together.

 Look for the attached new Training Catalogue. It might be YOU….

See you on the trail…..

< > < < > < > More Awards,

**You Have Someone In Your Pack, Troop, Crew Deserving of Your Thanks.**

**Here’s Some Ways To Give It To’em:::**

 **The Annual White Oak Awards Dinner** it is always appropriate and enjoyable to break bread with fellow Scout people. AND give them that deserve it a pat on the back…

 **When:** Tuesday 28 May, 6p to 9p

 **Where:** The Church of Christ at Manor Woods , 5300 Norbeck Rd. Rockville MD

 **Who:** Scouters, family, friends and Scouts (of various sizes )

 **How:** Registration will soon be online: Be patient.

**>>** **IN THE MEAN TIME< <** Consider who is deserving of your accolades::: Nominations for the following awards should be sent to **John Wnek** , [www.WhiteOakAdv@aol.com](http://www.WhiteOakAdv@aol.com) Put AWARDS in the subject line. Please send a SEPERATE email for each nomination….

**ANY NOMINATIONS** should (must !) include COMPLETE information. The nominee’s name, Unit number, their position in Scouting, and a COMPLETE story as to why this person is worthy of that award…

The Unit Key Three may nominate Scouts and Scouters FROM YOUR UNIT as follows:

 \*\***Outstanding Unit Scouter** (**the Bowline**) : the Unit Key Three may select one or two of their registered Scouters OTHER than the Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Cub Master. These Scouters may receive this award ONCE in their scouting career.

 **\*\* Acorn Award ::** nominated by the Unit Key Three, (please, not by the parents) presented to ayouth Scout (Cub, Boy, Venturer), who has demonstrated outstanding compliance with the Scout Promise and Law thruout the past year.

 **Other Awards will be presented:**

 \*\* **Oak Tree** :: “… from little acorns grow…” Awarded to the **Units** that have shown exemplary support and participation in WOD activities .

 **\*\*Spark Plug ::** selected by the District Committee to Scouters whose energy and dedication to the spirit and ideals of Scouting has helped make the District Program a success.

 **\*\*White Oak Key Three Award : :**  to one individual for outstanding work in the District.

 **\*\* Distinguished Scouter Award ::** A unique award to one individual, selected by the WOD K3 and Awards Committee in recognition of their years of service and unselfish dedication to Scouting.

 **\*\*Scouter of the Year ::** recognizing outstanding effort and success in one or more events in the past year. Selected by the WOD Committee.

 **BUT WAIT**… There are **MORE** awards… At the WOD Dinner, we will also acknowledge the **Silver Beaver** recipients (this is a Council Award !) , the **District Award of Merit** and the **Sheet Bend** for outstanding Commissioner performance.

 **\*\*\*\* Again,** Unit Awards MUST be nominated by the Unit Key Three, (ComChair, Unit Head, COR) . You may nominate folks for the other awards also to the appropriate group.

**>>> Send ALL nominations to Advancement Chair, John Wnek** **WhiteOakadv@aol.com****, Questions? Wake John up at 301.607.8770. Cell: 301.728.2858 … Thank You !**

>> >>> >>> >>> 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….

<< << << << WOD Pinewood Derby ! Gravity Start Our Engines !

 **Yep, there is a District PWD ! Bragging Rights Possible !**

 **Where: E. Brooke Lee Middle School 11800 Monticello Ave, Silver Spring, MD**

**When :** Sat 14 April   – Set up 9:00 – 11:00. Adults in the set up crew…

                     Racers Check-in & Inspection between 11:00am – 12:30pm.

 **How & How Much:** ALL THE DETAILS HERE:::

 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-WOD2019PinewoodDerby>

 **Racer Rules (note, same for 2019 ) HERE**:::: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2017/01/18B-2016-2017-WOD-Pinewood-Derby-Builders-Guide-20161206.pdf>

 >> >> >> >> Joyce Kilmore Disciples Wanted….

 **Tree planting project continues… Strong Scout Hands desired…**

**What:** Tree Planting at **Our House** in Brookeville

**Where:** Our House, 19715 Zion Road, Brookeville, MD

**When:** Saturday 13 April 9am -4pm

**How Much & How Do:** Free, bring your strong selves, work gloves, work clothes,

SSL hours credited. Scout Service Hours credited.

Contact **Steve Eppeley**: UMDHIDTA@hotmail.com

RSVP for lunch arrangements.

>> >> >> >> Gardening Merit Badge? Can you Dig It? Yes You Can:

 **Master Gardeners, at Ag Farm Museum, Muncaster Mill Rd.**

 **27 April 8am – 2 or so…** Scouts will receive vegetable and flower bedding plants as well as seeds needed to complete Gardening merit badge . AND a composting kit. There will also be a followup program 14 September to allow scouts to meet with the counselor to have blue cards signed !  **Scouts** register HERE::

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boy-scout-gardening-merit-badges-april-27-2019-tickets-53816905814>

>> >> >> >> 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)

 <<< >>> <<< >>> In The Wild… Survival Skills For Adults ?

 **What:** Class in Wilderness Survival Skills for Adults

 **Where:** Fox Haven Farm 3630 Poffenberger Rd. Jefferson, MD 21755

**When:** March 30 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**How Much & How Do:** $30.

 foxhavenfarm.org/events/winter-survival-skills-for-adults/

 **Who:** Taught by an adult Eagle Scout, just for us adults (for a change ?)

<<< <<< <<< <<< 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 !**!

 <<< >>> <<< WELL, I Have ONE More Weekend Left. What To Do?

 Here’s the local PARKS calendar:

 <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/calendar>

 >> >> >> >> Venturers ! Get Together ! Just Us Venture Scouts !

  **A lock In Escape Room Check it out here:**

 <https://ncacbsa.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=cb30b56516da784790f6ba90d&id=e396d7cd2e&e=29130c64e5>

Lucky the Leprechaun and his son Lucky, Jr. are traveling through Washington, DC with a load of gems and shamrock jewelry. They have stopped on their journey to share a meal and camaraderie with the Venturers in Centreville. Our Leprechaun friends need our help to
figure a way out of the Escape Room!

Come to a **themed Lock-In** hosted by NCAC Venturing Officers Association and Venturing Crew 893 at **Centreville Dance Academy** on **March 16-17, 2019**.

Includes an escape room, board games, music, scavenger hunts and late night snacking! All Venturers and any Venturing age scouts (14-21) in the National Capital Area Council are invited to attend. Events will begin **at 6:00 PM** and continue through the night.

 sponsored by the NCAC Venturing Officers' Association

>> >> >> >> DC Merit Badge University: Check Out The Catalogue: <https://app.box.com/s/2d7i6xw8zbbxd4z9qldtu3ytzdlktv2t> Many Badges, Register soon !

 **April 13 & 14, 2019 | 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. both days**

> > > > > > 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)**

**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*