

March 2016 Aquatics Committee Meeting

Meeting Details: 14 March, 7:00 pm, Marriott Scout Service Center

- Welcome and Introductions-(Jason)
- December Committee Meeting Minutes-(Jason)

Recent Events:

- 27 February: University of Scouting (Tom Ryan / Mike Meenehan)
 - We needed to have individual flyers for the Pre-camp swim test and the Lifeguard Review Course.
 - Need to ensure Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat accounts for the changes in the Cub Scout system
 - Cub Scouts are now allowed to use canoes/row boats IAW with the Aquatic Electives by rank
 - Scouts who are not swimmers are allowed to paddle canoes

Upcoming Events:

- 26 March: PCS/SWR Classroom Only; Hylton Training Center-(Jason) (2 for PCS / 1 for SWR)
- 22-23 April: Pre-Camp Inspections; Goshen (Rush Kester)
 - Jim Law and his wife will be at Goshen and Jim might be able to assist
 - Steve Park, a Scouter new to NCAC from the Simon Kent Council in Ohio, is willing to assist
- 23-24 April: BSA/ARC Lifeguard Review Course-(Mike)
- 30 April: Paddle Craft Safety; Hylton Training Center and Silver Lake-(Jason) (3 Adult/2 Youth-all paid)
 - Silver Lake near Camp Snyder is having work done on the dam, and is currently not a lake. This is where we usually conduct the water portion of PCS. Jason will reach out to Ranger Purvis to see what the plan is for the lake, and as a backup, we can use the pond at Camp Snyder.
- 22 May: BSA/ARC LG Orientation; Manassas-(Mike) (1 Adult / 3 Youth-all paid)
- 11-12 Jun: BSA ARC LG; Snyder pool-(Mike)
- 12 June: Pre-Camp Swim Checks; Snyder pool-(Jason, Mike, others???)
- 13 June: Aquatics Committee Meeting; Snyder Pool-(Jason)
- 18 June: Swimming and Water Rescue; Hylton Training Center and Snyder Pool-(Jason)
- 18 June: Camp Snyder will host a splash cinema at the pool, and will need a couple Lifeguards. Pool will open at 7:30; movie will start at dusk.
- 18-19 June: BSA/ARC Lifeguard; Snyder pool-(Mike)
- 19 June: SCUBA BSA; Snyder pool-(Mike) (1 Adult/1 Youth-not paid)
- 30 July: Paddle Craft Safety; Hylton Training Center and Silver Lake-(Jason)
- 31 July Scuba Cert and MB-(Mike) (1 Adult-paid/2 Youth-not paid)
- 6 August: Swimming and Water Rescue; Hylton Training Center and Snyder Pool-(Jason)
- 13-14 August: Scuba Cert and MB-(Mike)
- 20 August: Doggie Paddle at Camp Snyder Pool; will need a couple Lifeguards
- 20-21 August: Scuba Cert and MB-(Mike)
- Not scheduled yet: Triathlon hosted by local district; lifeguards needed; other requirements?

Points of Discussion:

- Aquatics link on NCAC Training Page: Some Scouters had difficulty finding aquatics training on the NCAC website. Aquatics is listed under the "OUTDOORS" page. Aquatics is now listed under the "Training" page, and then under the "Other Trainings" link.

- Goshen Pre-Camp Inspection 22-23 April 2016: Rush Kester volunteered to do the pre-camp inspection of Camp Goshen to help ensure we are ready for summer activities. We need one additional person with a vehicle that can traverse the trails to the camp parking lots at Camp Goshen to help Rush with this important task. Please contact Rush for additional information (rwkester@aol.com or 301.490.1310). [Steve Park indicated he would help; Jim law indicated he might be able to help.](#)
- OA Conclave, GSR, 20-22 May (Jason); Camp Goshen. Amangemek Wipit Lodge is hosting the Section Conclave and has asked if we can open the water front at Camp Bowman. I plan to be there as an Aquatics Director to open the water front, but I could use some assistance with canoeing, kayaking, and stand up paddle boarding as well as running the waterfront. If would like to help make this OA event a great success, please contact me.
- OA Towable Banana (Jason); The OA Lodge is purchasing this for the Conclave, and will then donate it for use at Camp Goshen. We will need to do a PHA for this activity.
- If you have ever wondered what training is required for Camp Inspectors, this year there are two opportunities to attend this training. Please contact me for additional information.
 - 2 April 2016 at the Pennsylvania Dutch Council, 630 Janet Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.
 - 9 April 2016 at the Baltimore Area Council, 701 Wyman Park Drive, Baltimore, MD 21211, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.
- Meet with Camp Aquatic Directors (Jason)
- ~~Camp Inspections:~~ [This was a repeat of a bullet above](#)
- [Aquatics Task Force Meeting \(Mike\):](#)
 - [New digital merit badge books are available. National is focusing on Eagle required merit badges first \(Swimming and Lifesaving\). Digital editions include videos for example strokes in the swimming merit badge book.](#)
 - [Red Cross Updates: CPR/AED has been updated; Lifeguard Course will be revised in 2017. National has signed a new agreement with ARC for courses. With the new agreement, we will see an increase in ARC course fees. Dick Harmon has been providing updates on the new agreement to the Scouters who are authorized ARC instructors.](#)
 - [The Aquatics Task Force has an E-newsletter; Mike can provide the point of contact.](#)
 - [29 Sep-2 Oct 2016: National Aquatics Workshop at Sea Base](#)
 - [Model Aquatic Health Code: This is being implanted in BSA aquatic programs as a best practice prior to states adopting the MAHC. BSA will implement through NCAP standards.](#)
 - [Jamboree 2017 needs plenty of staff members; sign up on the 2017 Jamboree site.](#)
 - [National Camping School: With additional requirements, students are required to show up on Thursday nights rather than the normal Saturday morning report time.](#)
- [Canoeing Clinic: Steve Park was instrumental in running a Canoeing Clinic in the Simon Kent Council, and is interested in starting a similar program in NCAC. SKC offered three courses: Canoeing Basic, Kayaking Basic, and Canoe Trekking.](#)

Scout Professional Minute (Shirley)

Next Aquatic Committee Meeting (13 June 2016) Camp Snyder Pool: [This will be family friendly, will include a BBQ, and will include use of the pool.](#)