

PATUXENT POST

June 2017

Words from Our Chair

All Hands,

Summer is upon us! All of our camping systems and outdoor activities are a go! Many scouters had the chance to celebrate Goshen 50 recently. NCAC leaders gathered there to celebrate our camp site's 50th anniversary. It is a special place for us that has brought smiles and excitement to thousands of young scouts and their leaders.

We have our Good Scout event this week and we honor Jim Coleman, the leader of the Prince Georges County Economic Development Committee. Recent Good Scouts include our County Executive, Rushern Baker, Business Leader and former

Council Member and Fire Chief, Jim Estep, Hospital President, Neil Moore, Bowie Mayor Fred Robinson and Businessman Geoff Pohanka. All good men who have given much to scouting and the community at large.

We continue to work hard to strengthen our ties with our new partners after the realignment of our district. Our goal continues to be a seamless transition as Patuxent District grows. To our adult leaders you make a very positive difference in every scout's life. We have a great program. Through the years leaders such as

- *Steven Spielberg - Eagle Scout. ...*
- *Michael Jordan - Cub Scout. ...*

- *Neil Armstrong - Eagle Scout. ...*
- *Jimmy Buffett - Life Scout...*

have come to scouting. Today you have the chance to play a major role in the life of future movie directors, professional basketball players, astronauts and professional entertainers. We need to do our best and I know you will.

Carry On!

*C. Philip Nichols, Jr.
District Chairman*



June

- 8 – District Roundtable
- 10 - STEM Univ. (Snyder)
- 12 - OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 - Good Scout Luncheon
- 19 - Cub Scout Day Camp**
- 22 - District Key Leader Monthly Meeting

July

- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 – District Roundtable

August

- 10 – District Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 24 - District Key Leader Monthly Meeting**

September

- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 – District Roundtable
- 16 - Scout Training
- 28 - District Key Leader Monthly Meeting**

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)



NCAC STEM events this summer:

- On June 10, 2017 the NCAC STEM Committee is hosting STEM University at Camp Snyder from 11:30 to 4 PM. Registration is at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-STEMU> --- from 11:30 to 12:40, there will be NCAC's Einstein Fair - so if you have a Scout who has completed a Nova or Supernova project - and wants to share their achievement - this is for them. Participation also counts for the Supernova

requirement to participate in a science fair. Scouts can then continue the afternoon with events at Sally's STEM Shack. --- for Scouters, STEM U starts at 12:30 with check-in, includes an Introduction to STEM, Supernova Mentor and Nova Counselor training - and hands-on STEM activities that you can take back to your unit.

- July 24 to 27 is STEM Day Camp at Camp Snyder. Two Nova Awards will be offered along with hydraulics, soldering & 3D printing. Registration and more information is at

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-11129>

- For those going to Goshen the week's of July 2-8 or July 23-29, there is the opportunity to Learn to Weld, use a 3D printer and build your own drone. More information is at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-GoshenSTEM>

Super Nova Award
<http://Scouting.org/stem>

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**Summer Camp - CUB Camp - Summer Activities
What are your Scouts doing about it? Let's get 100%**

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The District Commissioner Staff meet on a rotating basis.

The Roundtables are on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. to discuss:

- Cub and Boy Scouts
- Order of the Arrow
- Venturing Program
- Learning for Life
- District Program

Units – Please go to your District website - www.ncacbsa.org/princegeorges/

District Training

After the June Patuxent District Roundtable (8 June), it will be time to recognize those units who made the commitment to DO THEIR BEST and provide a better Scouting Program to the scouts and scouters they serve through perfect attendance at our monthly District Roundtables this past program year (July 2016 through June 2017). Our commissioners are urged to encourage units to send at least one adult scouter to each monthly Roundtable and receive the latest scouting news and then share it with their unit parents and scouters. A Unit Perfect Attendance ribbon is presented at the September Roundtable for those units with a perfect representation attendance.

2017 Wood Badge Course

N6-82-17- 2 Fall 2017
8 – 10 September
and 7 – 9 October

Course Director:
Melanie Anthony

www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/

National Youth Leadership Training

www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-

NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) is the National Capital Area Council's presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their scouting program and in LIFE.

Eligibility Requirements

- Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts
- Completed Unit Leader Training
- At least 13 years of age (*With the Course Directors approval*)

- Youth 12 years of age and younger will not be able to attend
- Home Unit Leader approval

18 – 23 June 2017

Course Director: Tony LaCava
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31 July – 5 August 2017 (Sunday Friendly)

Course Director:

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The 2016-2017 Patuxent District Roundtable year had eleven (11) months – July 2016 was officially canceled. The District Roundtable meets each month on the second Thursday at the Glenn Dale LDS Church, 11525 Prospect Hill Road, Glenn Dale, MD starting at 6:30pm and closing by 9:15pm. The monthly District Roundtable News and Agenda is distributed by email to the top unit leader (CM, SM, NL and Skipper) and unit Committee Chairperson at least a week before the monthly Roundtable. A Roundtable Commissioner is our official greeter and attendance recorder. The meeting agenda has four parts: Gathering, Special Training, Cub and Boy Scout Programs and Venturing Forum, and District Hot-

topics with a closing ceremony. The Cub Scout leader program covers the Cub Scout Program for the next month and the Boy Scout leader program covers topics that group had picked at their annual program planning. The venturing Leader formally meets quarterly (September, December, March, and June). All sessions of the Patuxent District Roundtable are guided by an experienced trained commissioner. The Roundtable is the communication and training hub of the District's scouting program – we need and welcome your participation.

....YICS Dick Fulper DDC/RT



**Cub Scout
Leader Training
September 16
Location - TBD**

**Boy Scout
Leader Training
September 16
Location - TBD**

**THE TRAINER'S EDGE/
FUNDAMENTALS OF
TRAINING
UPCOMING COURSE**

**Saturday, Aug 12,
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Our Lady of Mercy
9200 Kentsdale Drive,
Potomac, MD**

An Eagle Soars - Noah (Troop 1283)

I joined Cub Scouts in elementary school. I was in Pack 1046 as a wolf scout and was very reluctant to join scouts as most of the stereotypes around scouting didn't appeal to me. However, as the years passed I grew to love scouting and met people that I'm still friends with today.

Though I split my time in Cub Scouts between two packs (after my family moved to California after fourth grade) the relationships I made and the things I learned are what I consider to be my foundations in scouting.

The excitement I had leading up to my joining a troop was pretty intense. As a Cub Scout, the Boy Scouts was presented as the "Real Deal." This was where the scouts ran the whole operation, we were doing all the work.

When I finally got there, I realized that while it was the "Real Deal," Boy Scouts was on another level. In Boy Scouts you succeed by preparing and learning. This was something I wasn't expecting going into it, but it changed me for the better. As a result of my time in scouting I've gained a much better work ethic, and a more

intense love for nature and camping.

Over the years, I've experienced things that some people may not even have a chance to do in their lifetime, and I'm thankful that both my troop and scouting have provided me with those opportunities. From the two week backpacking trip in New Mexico, to hiking along the historic trails of Gettysburg, the experiences I gained through scouts are truly special. If I had to say anything about scouts, it's that it is a life changing experience.

I can honestly say that without scouts I would be a different person. I think it really has given me valuable skills and outlooks on life that will help me as I grow up in the world. Reaching the rank of Eagle is not only the hardest thing I've done, but also the most rewarding. All my work paid off and I'm proud of myself for it.

I'd like to say that if you're unsure about joining scouts or putting a child in scouts, you should give it a try because it's an amazing experience. I

would also like to say to my fellow scouts, Eagle is not easy to get but it's not impossible, if you put the work in you can do it.

With my final remark, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me throughout the years, and I would like to thank scouting for all it has given me.



Anyone have a Life Scout that isn't moving onto Eagle? Give him a copy of this letter.

Remember, regrets become greater with age

Quotes

Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable.

Sydney J. Harris

I don't regret things, because I learn from mistakes. If needs be, I always make amends.

Marc Warren

What drives you?

YOUTH PROTECTION IS OUR #1 PRIORITY!

While BSA continuously evaluates and strengthens its Youth Protection programs, the organization recognizes that abuse can happen anywhere, even in Scouting. www.ncacbsa.org/training/youth-protection/

Order of the Arrow Chapter

The Chapter meets the second (LLDC) Monday of each month, 7:00PM-12 Chapter Meeting 8:30PM at St. Barnabus. 17-1 GOAT 19-23 Cub Scout Day Camp

Chapter leadership at Patuxent-Chapter@wipit470.org and we will sort the problem out! Thank you, and see you at Round Table!

Yours in Cheerful Service,

John Keenan

Upcoming Events

June

4 Lodge Executive Council (chiefs/ advisers)
10 Lodge Leadership Development

July

No meeting scheduled
19-28 National Jamboree



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Our newsletter needs a name:

Who has a name for our newsletter? Pax Post is what we used years ago, but a new name will make a big deal in how we go forward. **Deadline June 30.**

Troop 403 - Making Great Leaders for 50 Years

Bowie, MD - Boy Scout Troop 403 is celebrating their 50th year of building young men into future leaders. Had **John Quincy Adams** been a Scout Leader (instead of a founding Father), his quote continues to demonstrate why we need Scouting "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

Troop 403 is chartered by Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Bowie. Over the past 50 years, Troop 403 has produced 112 Eagle Scouts. In 2014, the Troop celebrated its 100th Eagle with a special event attend by half of those Eagles, a few shared some thoughts about what scouting meant to them,

David Hoke, a student at University of Maryland, stated, "Do your best to learn all you can about cooking, cleaning, survival, first aid and camping. These are important skills that not everybody learns today, and if there is an apocalypse, you'll be more likely to survive than a lot of other

people ;) Besides, It's cool to be rugged and one with nature. Other than that, Scouts is great for learning to work with other people. Everyone in your patrol is different, and learning to work along with those people will prepare you for the rest of your life."

What really makes Scouting more impressive is the words from the younger ones, those that are just getting started and will start seeing the fruits of their labor pay dividends:

"You can persevere thru hard times. Good for a job interview."

"You will be a better and stronger person. You will be more prepared for life."

"Tried your hardest. Ready for anything. Be prepared for life."

Whether you were a Tenderfoot, Eagle or you never participated until now, belonging to Boy Scouts continue to make the difference in our community and to the lives of our future leaders.

Cub Summer Camp

When: June 19 -23

Where: Mt Oak United Methodist Church

14110 Mount Oak Rd
Mitchellville, MD 20721



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Day Camps offer many traditional Scouting activities like Archery and BB guns, Crafts, Nature Study, Games, and Fishing. While the program is not specifically achievement-oriented, Cub Scouts have many opportunities to earn belt loops, pins, and other awards.

Each Tiger Cub must have an adult partner attend camp with them, and one additional adult is required for every five additional boys to escort the "bug hunters" through camp.

Want a **REDUCED RATE** for registration?

Adult parents serving full-time on camp staff get up to two of their Cub Scout children registered at \$70 each! Registered Scouts ages 14 or over who serve full-time on camp staff get a \$75 credit to Goshen Scout Reservation or service hours!

Get your forms here:

www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/



Calling All Artists!!!

The new (and improved) Patuxent District has a great name, now it needs a great patch. We hope to have plenty of entries and a winner will be selected this summer. Please send in your entries to LeRoy Parham pgdcomish@gmail.com

2017 Patuxent District "Good Scout" Award Luncheon

Please join us **June 13** to honor James "Jim" R. Coleman at the Largo Doubletree Hotel at 11:30. Please register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-12564> contact Carlos Salazar (carlos.salazar@scouting.org)