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# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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from Bobwhite Blather: <https://bobwhiteblather.com/even-leaders-make-mistakes/>

## Even leaders make mistakes

*To err is human*, said the poet Alexander Pope over three hundred years ago. Everyone makes mistakes. Scouts make mistakes. In fact, the Scouting program is built partly to allow young people to safely make mistakes and learn from them. In the words of Samuel Beckett, *No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better.*

But while making mistakes is a common and not often fatal attribute, in certain cases they can cause disruption in an organization. The fatality arises from the inability to recognize mistakes for what they are.

You've probably encountered someone who just can't admit having made a mistake. Saving face is all important to them, and the appearance of having made a mistake is interpreted as a sign of weakness or vulnerability. They'll go to any length to pretend they didn't make a mistake, or tell a twisted story to try to justify their action and prove, in some small part, that they didn't err after all.

Yes, leaders make mistakes too. Some are big, some are small, but no matter how hard they try, they still do. What sets a great leader apart from the rest is the ability to *recognize* the mistake, *resist* the urge to embellish the facts to their advantage, and *report* to those they lead that they goofed. (Yes, I borrowed from the three Rs of child abuse prevention, but you get the idea.)

When leaders make mistakes, they're usually a lot more visible than when others do. This is because we generally expect leaders to be in control of the situation and have responsibility for outcomes. Mistakes can disrupt things, affecting many others. Great leaders admit their mistakes, fix things up and move on. *Failing fast* is one flavor of Beckett's concept.

Leaders who admit their mistakes are viewed as being more trustworthy – one of our twelve points – because it shows that they are in touch with the effects their actions have on the teams they manage. It shows that they can responsibly tolerate mistakes in others and encourage them to learn and improve. And because making mistakes doesn't always result from negligence but is more often from having made a less than optimal choice, it encourages team members that it's all right to be a bit daring, to try something new that might not work, and that they won't suffer consequences if they get it wrong the first time. We'd still be in the dark if Thomas Edison had been punished for having chosen the wrong material for the filament in his electric light bulb the first time, or the tenth or fiftieth time. He tried thousands and thousands of materials – six thousand plant sources alone – before finding that tungsten worked best.

Sometimes, mistakes can lead to team development. Ever do one of those "what's wrong with this picture" puzzles? Honest discussion of how to improve a process or situation can not only correct a mistake but can help a team learn how to do better next time. And great leaders trust the people on their team to do their best.

Certainly, mistakes shouldn't be happening all the time – being prepared is part of the key – but when mistakes inevitably occur, fixing them fast and taking the opportunity to learn from them is the mark of a great leader.

## District News

District Website: [www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek](http://www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek)



### Are you Prepared for Rechartering



It's October and all units should now be starting their Rechartering process. Remember it needs to be turned in **by the end of November**. By now you should:

- Have a committee member dedicated to overseeing the process
- Have all new Scout applications from Join Scouting Night turned in. Waiting until you do the recharter to hand these in will only make things harder for you when calculating fees.
- Have all unit leaders check their Youth Protection Training dates to make sure that everyone is current.
- Know who your Chartering Organization Head is, which usually isn't the same person as the Chartering Organization Representative. Know when they are available to sign the final recharter.
- Check out the Charter Renewal Handbook available at [www.ncacbsa.org/commissioners/unit-rechartering/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/commissioners/unit-rechartering/)
- Know how to log into Internet Recharter. First Time Users must register to enter the system. After initial registration, they will enter the system as a Returning User. If you don't know your log in password, or the person doing it last year has left, then contact the District Commissioner (John Witek, [John.Witek@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:John.Witek@GooseCreekDistrict.org)) who has them.

#### Notes:

1. The national registration fee is being raised from \$33. At this time, we are not aware of what the new registration fee will be. That decision is said to be announced by Oct. 23rd. In October the Internet Re-chartering window will open, and the renewal processor can go all the way to Stage 5 Summary. You will see a message to stop and return to Internet Re-chartering on 1 November. When logging back in as a Returning User the data will be as you left it and fees will be loaded. Then you can complete the process.
2. BSA is going to start performing periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds to support the continued safety of youth in our programs. In order to conduct these checks, a new "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization" form has been announced as part of the 2019 Charter renewal process. All registered leaders will need to submit a new Background Check Disclosure as part of the unit and non-unit charter renewal processes this fall. Copies of that form will be linked to our NCAC website and to the email with charter renewal instructions and access codes being sent.

Upcoming rechartering trainings are on the following dates:

- Monday, Sep 30 @ 7:30 via WebEx
- Tuesday, Oct 1 @ 7:30 via WebEx
- Wednesday, Oct 9 @ Roundtable
- Tuesday, Oct 22 at 7:30 via WebEx
- Monday, Nov 4 @ 7:30 via WebEx

WebEx Conference details: <https://www.webex.com/meet/sbashore> , Meeting Number: 591539470. Join by phone: +1 3148881153 Access code: 591539470

## Goose Creek Day/Twilight Camp - 2020



THE WORD IS OUT on Day and Twilight Camp for 2020! The plan is set, and details are already taking shape.

Dates: Camp will be held from June 15-19, 2020

Location: Loudoun County Fairgrounds

Theme: "Out On The Farm".....so break out your straw hats and overalls!

As always, we will be on the lookout for youth and adult volunteers to make this camp the best ever! We are looking forward to a truly great year.

For information, contact Shannon Klee at 317-833-3138, or email [goosecreekcubcamp@gmail.com](mailto:goosecreekcubcamp@gmail.com).



## Mafeking Adventure



Troop 163 of Purcellville is pleased to follow a tradition begun by Troop 961 and will host a Mafeking adventure at Camp Highroad in Middleburg, VA. The event will begin on Saturday November 23rd and end on Sunday November 24th, 2019. Attending patrols will be challenged to overcome obstacles and solve problems in the spirit of Lord Baden-Powell and his successful defense of the village of Mafeking.

Troop 163 will accept the first 10 patrols (6 to 10 scouts per patrol), so sign up quickly. Interested Troops should email [scouterchalis@gmail.com](mailto:scouterchalis@gmail.com) with questions and confirm your attendance.

## Webelos-o-ree 2019



The Goose Creek's annual Webelos-o-ree is set for October 12-13, 2019 at Camp Snyder.

This camping event is designed to show Webelos and their parents what a Scouts BSA troop is all about. The activities will be run by our own troops and can include such things as: Fire building, cooking, monkey bridge, BB shooting and/or archery, first aid, and knife safety. We provide dinner and, in the evening, there is a campfire run by the Order of the Arrow.

For those who don't want to camp over, there are also registration options for staying just for the activity periods and for joining us for dinner and the campfire before going home.

The full information packet for this event can be found at [www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/webelos-o-ree/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/webelos-o-ree/)

Registration is open on at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-29309>.

For questions (and maybe answers) please contact [Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org)



## Scouting for Food - We CAN Do More



Scouting for Food (SFF) this year will be held on Nov 2 & Nov 9; the first two Saturdays in November. Many units in the district have contributed their time and energy (and sometime food) to this annual nation-wide Scouting event ... and we thank you! Some units simply help out at the food pantries, sorting and storing the TONS of food brought in. Some units distribute bags on the first Saturday, and then collect the food the following Sat, and deliver it to one of the pantries. And some units do what we call the "Trifecta"; distributing notices, collecting food, and then after arriving at a pantry to drop off their food, they hang around longer and help sort/store the food at the pantry. And some units - usually the smaller/younger ones - will team up with another unit to share the joy of knowing that they're directly contributing to those families that need a little more help to make ends meet - for whatever reason. Any and ALL help is so very much appreciated.

As a reminder about why BSA does Scouting for Food, consider the following from our district's Chaplain.

Within our community, there are people who have no food, or not enough food. Our youth need to understand that these hungry people are in our schools – that they are all around us. In our schools, the hungry people will not say that they don't have enough to eat, because that is not cool. They may not have enough to eat because they want their younger brothers and sisters to have more of whatever food is available.

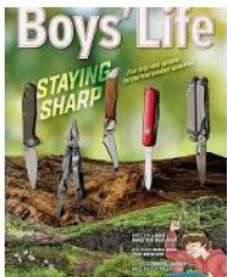
The Scouting for Food activity collects food for community organizations which provide food for the hungry. Most religious groups have teachings regarding the feeding of the hungry. I believe the best way to engage our youth on this religious issue is to ask a simple question ... *"In your religious faith, what are the teachings about feeding the hungry? If you do not know, please discuss this with your parents or your religious leader."*

Unfortunately, due to units that have folded, or had to cease supporting our SFF efforts, there are literally hundreds - if not thousands - of homes in Loudoun County that have had bags dropped off for many years, and donated food accordingly ... but no one picked up the food last year. Those regions were never claimed by other units. So, please, if you're a new unit, or one wishing to return to supporting SFF, or perhaps one that has never been involved with SFF but can see the need and wishes to help, please reach out to Forrest Bradley and let him know, by sending an email to

[SFFGooseCreekDistrict@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:SFFGooseCreekDistrict@GooseCreekDistrict.org).



## Loudoun Troop in Boy's Life



Have you checked out the September issue of *Boy's Life*? Troop 1430 is highlighted on page 33 on their trip to Ireland! The Scouts spent a week earning their Horsemanship and Exploration merit badges. They also took boat rides, visited castles, hiked the coast, and took photos of where Luke Skywalker 'lived' in the *Last Jedi*.





## Attention All Girls in Arrow of Light Cub Scout Dens



Scouts BSA Girl Troop 998 was founded in February, 2019, and meets on Monday nights at Leesburg United Methodist Church. We've already done a bunch of fun stuff since February, including camp outs, summer camp in Pennsylvania, the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia and a visit to the Civil War battlefield at Antietam. In the coming months, our plans include a canoe trip, a bike trip and winter cabin camping. And that's just THIS year.

We're planning on setting up camp at the Goose Creek Webelos-O-Ree, October 11-13 at Camp Snyder, and invite you all to stop by for a visit.

We'll help you learn the important knots you need to earn two of your four Core Adventures: Outdoor Adventurer and Scouting Adventure (they're also needed for Scouts BSA rank advancement). As well, we'll show you what a Scouts BSA campsite looks like, and what sort of fun activities we're doing. We hope to see you there.

We also encourage all girl Webelos to come visit our Troop meetings, either individually or as a full Den – please contact Scoutmaster Breen at 703-297-0085 or [suebreen@verizon.net](mailto:suebreen@verizon.net) to discuss best times to come.



## Goose Creek District Committee Help



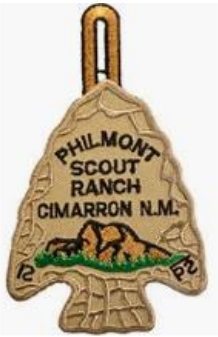
Goose Creek District Committee, meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm at the Leesburg United Methodist Church (where Roundtable is held). It takes a robust committee to deliver an outstanding program to the scouts of Goose Creek, and the committee is always looking for a few good scouters. Opportunities are available in Finance, Membership, Communications and Programming. Without proper resources, the District would not have activities such as Advancement, Training, Camp-O-Rees, Webelo-O-Rees, Join Scouting Nights, etc. Please consider supporting the Goose Creek District by getting involved on the committee.

Unit Leaders: Please take inventory of your adult leadership and consider asking someone to become your unit's representative on the District Committee.

Any questions, contact District Committee Chair Jim Bonfils at [JimBonfils@icloud.com](mailto:JimBonfils@icloud.com) or District Director Todd Bolick at [Todd.Bolick@Scouting.org](mailto:Todd.Bolick@Scouting.org)



## Philmont with Crew 711



Philmont Scout Ranch is the premier National High Adventure Base in New Mexico. 12-day Treks involve 11 days of backpacking in beautiful Sangre de Cristo mountains (southern Rockies), with national level program opportunities in the backcountry. Venture Crew 711 in Purcellville has a great date for Philmont 2020, and we have just 5 slots available. We are down to 7, so we need to add at least one participant under 21 to meet the new minimum crew size of 8 by the end of September.

To be a participant, you should be at least 14 by June 26, 2020, and not yet 21 on July 8, 2020. One of the 5 slots can optionally be an adult over 21, but we need the participant first. All participants need to be registered with the Boy Scouts of America, but you would be welcome to join our crew even if you don't live near Purcellville.

Crew 711's distinctive characteristics is that we are a Protestant Christian high adventure crew. That means we appreciate making Christian fellowship, worship, songs, and prayer an integral part of our outdoor experience. We do not require that you be a Christian, but you shouldn't be bothered that the rest of the Crew will be praying Christian prayers, singing Christian songs, and making time for Christian messages during the trip.

This is a Co-Ed trip. We would especially love to have more female Venturers. We currently have just one female participant. For advisors we have 2 males and 1 female over 21.

Ours is an experienced crew that wants to do a "Strenuous" or "Rugged" North Ranch trip that includes Baldy Mountain. We will probably veto "Super Strenuous treks". Our crew includes 3 participants who have section hiked the entire Appalachian Trail, including our youngest member who finished the AT back when he was just 10 years old. The Crew Advisor has done 4 Philmont treks, and the Crew president has done one Philmont trek. (For serious backpackers, the mileage is not extreme. Perhaps 80 miles over 11 days, with elevation gains of no more than 2000 feet most days. The elevation will range from 6,500 to 12,441 feet, so we will be feeling the elevation. This reasonable mileage makes time for programs like Cowboy Action Shooting, Blackpowder Rifles, Riding a hand-pumped rail cart, Burro Packing, Archeology tours, Burro Packing, Rock Climbing, etc.)

We will be travelling from approximately June 21 through July 9, 2020. This includes a long self-guided tour of the Colorado Springs / Pike's Peak area. This will allow us to spend several days at 8000+ feet and helps take the edge off of the elevation effects before we start the main part of the trek.

Total cost is estimated at \$2600, which will cover the Philmont Fee, 4 day pre-trek tour of Colorado Springs and Pike's Peak, airfare, tour bus, rental vehicles, and custom shirts.

To hold your spot, we need a first payment of \$600. We need to make a payment to Philmont by the end of September, so time is of the essence. This is an amazing trip with a great group of Scouts and Scouters. Please prayerfully consider coming with us. If you cannot come, please pray that God would send us the right additional member(s) of our crew for this trip.

For more details, please contact Mr. Walker at [scott.walker@troop711.net](mailto:scott.walker@troop711.net).



### Arrow of Light Scouting Adventure



Troops 998B (boys) and 998G (girls) will be conducting a joint activity on Saturday, December 14 at the Lions Club campground in Boyce, Virginia to assist Arrow of Light dens to complete their Scouting Adventure requirements. The Arrow of Light scouts will participate in patrols as they rotate through the various stations and each patrol will earn points as they complete those requirements.

The top three patrols will be recognized at the evening program.

The patrols will focus on Scouting Adventure requirements 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6, but will also participate in additional scouting activities.

Lunch and dinner will be provided by troops 998B and 998G.

When: December 14, 2019, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Where: Northern Virginia Lions Club Campground, Boyce, VA

Troop 998B Contact: Bill Matlack, ASM, [irbill@hotmail.com](mailto:irbill@hotmail.com), 571-420-5675 (c)

Troop 998G Contact: SM Sue Breen, [suebreen@verizon.net](mailto:suebreen@verizon.net)



### Scouts Take Part in History with illumination of War Monuments



On September 6, 2019, Scouts of Troop 1159 took part in history as they participated in the dedication of new lighting for Loudoun's war monuments on the courthouse grounds in historic Leesburg. The monuments honor both world wars and now are illuminated at night for the first time. Troop 1159 contributed to the ceremony by leading the pledge of allegiance.



There's three ways for a Scoutmaster to get something done; he can ask the Troop committee to do it (and then do it himself), or he can just do it himself, or he can absolutely forbid his Scouts from doing it.



## From the District Chairman



I want to thank Zach Mitchell of Troop 1106 for including me in the invitation to take part in his Eagle Scout project to support an urgent need by The American Red Cross for blood donors.

The drive was a success! The goal for the drive was to have 28 successful donations and he went well over that with 33 successful donations! What is more remarkable many of the donors were either first time donors or ones who have not donated in a long time. This means that there is potential for nearly 100 lives to be saved and likely more, as this effort helps people get back into the habit of donating blood.

Zack, congratulations on the success of your project.

Jim Bonfils



## Scouts BSA Female Troops



If you are interested in connecting with a Female Troop or looking to organize one, please contact Goose Creek Family Scouting Champion, Dave Weitzel, [david@weitzel.com](mailto:david@weitzel.com), or Todd Bolick, [Todd.Bolick@scouting.org](mailto:Todd.Bolick@scouting.org) for more information, resources, and recruiting materials. Information on our new Scouts BSA Female units include the following:

- Ashburn Troop 2970G contact Scoutmaster Karen Rollason, [Karen.rollason@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.rollason@gmail.com).
- Leesburg Troop 998G Contact Scoutmaster Sue Breen, [SueBreen@verizon.net](mailto:SueBreen@verizon.net).
- South Riding Troop 1148G Contact SM Stacey Capell, [scoutsbsagirls@gmail.com](mailto:scoutsbsagirls@gmail.com).
- Sterling Troop 955 is holding organizing meetings at Galilee United Methodist in Sterling on Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm. The Scoutmaster is Suzi Bryant. The organizers are Ann & Tim Kuo. Contact email is [info.troop955@alpost150.org](mailto:info.troop955@alpost150.org).
- Troop 1158 in Ashburn is a linked Troop with Troop 1158B. It meets at Ashburn Presbyterian on Tuesday nights at 7:30 pm. The Scoutmaster is Lynda Clarkson. Contact email is [scoutsbsafemale@gmail.com](mailto:scoutsbsafemale@gmail.com).





## “Cheerful Service Chatter”

Chapter News for our Arrowmen  
Lodge Website: [www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA](http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA)



### NOAC 2020



OA National Chairman Mike Hoffman has announced that the 2020 National OA Conference will be held at Michigan State University on August 3-8, 2020. Michigan State was the host for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary NOAC in 2015 and has the largest number of available dorm beds of any school where a NOAC has been held. For that reason, there will be NO quotas for lodges and they can plan to send as many members as want to attend.



### Order of the Arrow - Unit Elections



The annual OA Unit Election season runs from November 1, 2019 through May 31, 2020. Troops and Teams may hold only one election per season and it is recommended that the election be held prior to April 1, 2020. This will allow all elected candidates to be able attend the Spring Goose Creek Chapter Ordeal. If you wish to have Arrowmen visit your Troop prior to your election, to discuss the OA with your Scouts, please contact the Goose Creek Chapter Chief ([ChapterChief@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:ChapterChief@goosecreekdistrict.org)).

If you would like to schedule an OA Election, Scoutmasters should send an email to the Vice-Chief for OA Elections ([gc\\_oa\\_election\\_request@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:gc_oa_election_request@goosecreekdistrict.org)) and provide the following information:

- Scoutmaster Name; email address; phone number
- Troop OA Representative Name
- Troop Number
- Troop Meeting Location & Time
- Requested Election Date
- Alternate Election Date (In case of inclement weather)

The Vice-Chief for OA Elections will confirm the receipt of your request and confirm your election date within one month after receiving your request.

## “Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

**Daniel Farmer** – Troop 572

**Jett Glackin** – Troop 961

**Daniel McCurdy** – Troop 39

**Robert Voorheis** – Troop 998



## Are Blood Drives and Other Drives Acceptable Eagle Projects?



When tragedies strike — be it a major accident, natural disaster, or act of violence — Scouts quickly answer the call to respond. It's in our DNA.

That often manifests itself in drives for clothing, blood, and/or supplies. Nobody questions the value of these drives, but Scouters often wonder whether they're acceptable as Eagle Scout service projects.

So here's Advancement Team Leader Christopher Hunt for the official response. Chris says:

**The Guide to Advancement** directly addresses this in topic 9.0.2.3 beginning on page 64. The following is at the top of page 65:

*It is important not to categorically reject projects that, on the surface, may not seem to require enough planning and development. Consider, for example, a blood drive. Often rejected out of hand, this project, if done properly, could be acceptable. Few would question the beneficiary. Blood banks save lives—thousands of them: maybe yours, maybe that of a loved one. If the candidate proposes to use a set of “canned” instructions from the bank, implemented with no further planning, the planning effort would not meet the test. On the other hand, there are councils in which Scouts and advancement committees have met with blood bank officials and worked out approaches that can comply.*

*Typically these involve developing marketing plans and considering logistics. People successful in business know how important these skills are. Some blood banks will also set a minimum for blood collected as a measure of a successful plan. To provide another valuable lesson, they may require the candidate to keep at it until he's met this goal.*

*A good test of any project is to evaluate its complexity. In the case of a blood drive, for example, elements of challenge and complexity can be added so there is a clear demonstration of planning, development, and leadership.*

So the by-the-book, official answer is that no council should reject all drives sight unseen. The goal, as with any Eagle project, is for a Scout to use skills in planning, leadership, and execution to make a difference in his community.



## Night at the Firehouse



Come spend an evening, October 25, with the Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) of the Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department (AVFRD).

Join fellow Boy Scouts in learning emergency preparedness in a new and exciting way. These professionals (many of whom are Eagle Scouts themselves) will walk you through stations including home safety, public safety, vehicle safety, prevention and assistance.

The event includes a pizza dinner, teamwork and the opportunity to earn the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge (required for Eagle Scout).

Check in is 5 PM; Activities from 6:00 – 11:00 PM

Open to Scouts BSA of Eastern Loudoun. Participants must have completed First Aid Merit Badge. Registration is limited to 80 scouts.

Registration fee is \$40: <https://ashburnfirerescue.org/event/night-at-the-firehouse-october-2019/>

## Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Recognition



The Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution serving Northwestern Virginia invites you to recognize your Eagle Scout with a letter and certificate of recognition for their Court of Honor. Application is easy but can take 4-6 weeks for delivery due to the approval process.

Please provide the following information when ordering a letter and certificate:

1. Scout's Full Name:
2. Scout's Troop Number:
3. Date for Court of Honor (if known):
4. Name/position of person requesting letter and certificate (for accounting purposes):
5. Address for mailing letter and certificate:

You may address all requests and inquiries to:

Robert Fagan  
Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman, SAR Scouting Activities  
Email: [rjfmf99@hotmail.com](mailto:rjfmf99@hotmail.com)



## Replace a Lost or Missing Eagle Medal



The Eagle Scout medal symbolizes a difficult, rewarding journey that, for some young people, spans more than a decade. While it's impossible to replace the actual medal pinned on a proud Eagle Scout at a court of honor, the BSA does have a process for obtaining a replacement.

The same steps apply regardless of how the medal was lost – natural disaster, family move or any other reason. Here's how to replace a lost or missing Eagle Scout medal, certificate, congratulatory letter or pocket card

### Step 1: Purchase a replacement card and/or certificate

To get a replacement Eagle Scout medal, you'll first need an official Eagle Scout card or certificate.

To order these, go to [NESA.org](http://NESA.org) and click on "For Eagle Scouts" and then "Replacement Credentials." When ordering, you'll need the following information:

- Name of Eagle Scout
- Eagle Scout's birth date
- Month and year the Eagle Scout Award was earned
- City and state where the Eagle Scout Award was earned.

The BSA, at its National Service Center in Texas, will verify the person's Eagle Scout status. Once verified, the Eagle Scout card, congratulatory letter and/or certificate are shipped to the address provided.

### Step 2: Purchase a new Eagle Scout medal and/or badge

Once the credentials (card or certificate) are in hand, the Eagle Scout can go to a local Scout shop or council office to purchase a new medal and badge.

The Eagle Scout Award Kit, which includes the medal, pin and badge, is a "restricted item." This means it's available only in a local council trading post or Scout shop with required paperwork.



## Life-to-Eagle Seminar



Keep your eyes open for an announcement of our next 2019 offering of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek.

These training conferences are primarily targeted for the Life-to-Eagle Advisers & Coordinators at the unit level – but are by no means limited to same. Life Scouts and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend as well. The key goal is to get each of the unit Eagle Advisers up to speed on changes to the process, and some of the district-level mechanics of same. That way, they can help share the message to the Life Scouts in their units on a more frequent basis.

**Date:** Nov 23, 2019

**Time:** 10:30-2:30

**Place:** Loudoun County's Rust Library in Leesburg (pending confirmation)

Then, you can expect another 3-4 L2E offerings next year, typically mid-month in January, April, August and November.

Also, if you ARE a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit, and have not attended one of these in Goose Creek within the last 2 years, you really should make an attempt to do so. Lots of things have changed over the years, and even the long-standing and experienced L2E Advisers will learn something new.

## Council / National News

Council Website: [www.NCACBSA.org](http://www.NCACBSA.org)



## Maryland Orienteering Day



The 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Day is on Saturday, Nov 2, 2019. Virginia troops (and Venturing Crews) are also eligible, and a large number always attend and do well. Self-guided instruction and courses are designed for beginners to this forest navigation map sport, plus intermediate and advanced levels, all on clear, professional color orienteering maps (two per Scout.) Last year a new morning instructional activity was a big hit.

Cost is \$4.00 per participant, plus, if camping, an extra \$2 per person per night. Over 100 awards (unique patches) will be presented.

Some of the tougher orienteering merit badge requirements can be met; this event does not focus on GPS or on the Geocaching or Search & Rescue merit badges.

On-line or surface mail registration, Oct. 28 deadline:

[www.broadcreekbsa.org/event/2019-orienteering-day/2510967](http://www.broadcreekbsa.org/event/2019-orienteering-day/2510967), or the contact event chair [DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net](mailto:DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net).

Small troops can combine with other small troops to be eligible for the "premier" troop category (10+ youth.) Venture units, Girl Scouts (age 10.5 or above) also welcome; no Cubs, no Webelos. A minimum of two Scouts from every unit is required.





## Webelos and Scout EXPO 2019



Activities include Air Gun Shooting ranges, Archery, Tomahawk throwing, rock wall climbing, low COPE and more.

We plan to have vendors from the council committees and more showcasing recreational activities of all kinds.

If your unit would like to add a night or two of camping Friday and Saturday night please contact the Camp Office to make a reservation 571 248 4904.

Cost is \$15 per Webelos/Scout, \$5 per adult

For more information and to register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-23911-57762>

## 30th Annual V3 Hike-o-ree



The V3 Hike-o-ree is NCAC's premier weekend backpacking extravaganza. Units form crews of up to 12 hikers (2 adults req'd) and choose one of fifteen possible 10-mile hikes to complete on Saturday. There are rallies on Friday and Saturday nights and a service project on Sunday morning. See the link below for all the details!

Dates: October 25-27, 2019

Location: Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA

Cost: \$23 per participant

Registration: FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED and Unit hikes must be chosen by October 4th!

Go here for details and to register online: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-30082>



## Questions from a New Den Leader



If your Cub Scout pack is typical, you'll not only be recruiting Scouts this fall – you'll also be recruiting adult leaders. Den Leaders are the ones that packs usually need the most, and they're the most important because they deliver the program.

Your prospective den leaders will undoubtedly be full of questions, since many will come to you with either no Scouting background or perhaps have experienced Scouting as a youth member many years ago. If so, direct them to these Bobwhite Blather articles:

- <https://bobwhiteblather.com/questions-from-a-new-den-leader/>
- <https://bobwhiteblather.com/more-ideas-for-den-meeting-planning/>



## Can Scouts go on a Hayride or Ride on a Trailer in a Parades



Yes. Scouts can participate in hayrides or parades but with certain provisions. Scouts cannot be transported to or from the event in the trailer or the truck. Learn more in Section 8 of the Guide to Safe Scouting ([www.go.ScoutingMagazine.org/gss](http://www.go.ScoutingMagazine.org/gss)).



## 2019 Jamboree-on-the-Air, Jamboree-on-the-Internet



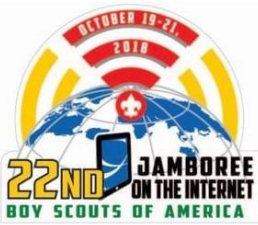
This Oct. 18 to 20, Scouts from down the street, across the country and around the world will gather for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet.

The two events, held concurrently the third full weekend of October, use amateur radio and Internet-connected devices to unite Scouts from all over the Earth.

And I do mean all over the Earth. The 2017 Jamboree-on-the-Air had nearly 1.5 million Scout participants and reached 160 countries.

In addition to being incredibly fun, JOTA and JOTI count toward Scouting requirements:

- For Tigers, this meets requirements for the elective adventure Family Stories.
- For Webelos, it counts toward the Arrow of Light adventure Building a Better World.
- Boy Scouts can check off a requirement for the Citizenship in the World merit badge and the International Spirit Award. JOTA participants earn credit for the Radio Merit badge and JOTI participants earn credit for Digital Technology Merit badge..
- All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers and adult leaders can count the event toward the requirements for the International Spirit Award.



### Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)

**How:** Once at the ham radio station, the communication typically requires speaking into a microphone and listening on the station speakers. However, many forms of specialized communication can also take place, such as video communication, digital communication using typed words on the computer screen transmitted by radio, communication through a satellite relay or an earth-based relay (called a repeater), and many others.

There is a JOTA shortwave station available at Camp Snyder on October 21st from 10AM-2PM.

**Learn more:** Get resources, quick-start guides, patch order forms and lots more at the JOTA website: <http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx>

### Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI)

**How:** Scouts can participate at home with the help of an adult (remember two-deep leadership!), or they can participate in a Scout group at a councilwide event. JOTI is an economical way of communicating with people from other corners of the globe. The event allows Scouts to “meet” other Scouts from around the world through the Internet and share more information than just “hi.”

Learn more: Get resources, quick-start guides, patch order forms and lots more at the JOTI website: <http://www.scouting.org/joti.aspx>



## Three New Resources for Cub Scout Leaders



An awesome array of new resources for Cub Scout leaders is designed to help you welcome new families to your pack, learn more about the Cub Scout program and recruit new leaders.

### 1. New welcome tools for families

In their excitement about joining your pack, new Scouting families often have lots of questions. As a Cub Scout leader, how you answer those questions matters.

You could overload them with information, plunking a packet in front of them and saying, “just read this.” Or you could try one of these new brochures, created by the BSA. The brochures cover the basics of the program and can be used at sign-up events or when a new family joins your pack.

- The eight-page [Welcome New Cub Scout Family](#) brochure covers the basics of Cub Scouting, including pack structure, advancement, and the vital role of a parent or guardian in the den and pack.
- Den leader guides, each four pages long, provide step-by-step instructions on what someone does when they agree to serve in one of these roles.
  - [Welcome New Lion / Tiger Den Leader](#)
  - [Welcome New Wolf / Bear Den Leader](#)
  - [Welcome New Webelos Den Leader](#)
- Position-specific guides for committee members and Cubmasters/assistant Cubmasters, each four pages long, offer advice on how to get started in these critical positions.
  - [Welcome New Committee Member](#)
  - [Welcome New Cubmaster](#)

### 2. New online resources for families researching Cub Scouting

When prospective Cub Scouting families are ready to take a deeper dive into this transformative program, send them to [www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/](http://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/).

There, in plain language, families can explore how the program works and why it works that way.

### 3. New resources for recruiting Cub Scout leaders

Don't try to tackle everything yourself. By recruiting more adults to serve as leaders in your pack or den, you'll ease the burden on yourself while also broadening the experience for your Cub Scouts.

At this site of resources, [www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/pack-committee-resources/](http://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/pack-committee-resources/), look for the PDF titled “Selecting Cub Scout Leadership.” Inside this free document, you'll find a step-by-step guide to finding the best person for each position in your pack.

The process focuses on matching the skills of adults in your pack with the skills needed for each vacant position. Before you know it, your pack will have all the help it needs to continue delivering an exceptional program.



## VFW: Scholarships for Scout-aged Youth



In achieving the mission and vision of the VFW, the VFW is the Chartering Organization to more than 1,000 Packs, Troops and Crews nationwide. They have several, annual scholarship awards that recognize outstanding youth and adults.

The following youth opportunities must be submitted through a local VFW Post: (Use the links to get full details about, obtain an application, and in some cases review previous winning entries.)

### Voice of Democracy [www.vfw.org/VOD/](http://www.vfw.org/VOD/)

Eligibility: Any grade 9-12 student

Description: The premier youth scholarship program of the VFW. It gives students a chance to extol the virtues of democracy and experiment with the technologies of radio broadcasting. The first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship.

Due Date: Oct 31

### Patriot's Pen [www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/](http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/)

Eligibility: Any grade 6-8 student

Description: Challenges entrants to reflect on American history and their own experiences based on a patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives \$5,000.

Due Date: Oct 31

### VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program

[www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/VFWWoodBadgeScholarship.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/VFWWoodBadgeScholarship.aspx)

Eligibility: VFW adults attending Wood Badge

Description: Through a cooperative effort with the Boy Scouts of America, the VFW national headquarters offers Wood Badge scholarships to assist selected chapter members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities.

Except for the Wood Badge adult scholarship, VFW membership by a parent is NOT required for youth application to a scholarship program.







## Silver Beaver Nominations



This national award is the highest form of recognition that a local council can bestow on an adult volunteer. Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to people within a BSA local council. A recipient must be a registered adult volunteer member of the BSA and show significant service and leadership in three areas:

- Boy Scouts,
- Youth programs other than Boy Scouts, and
- The community.

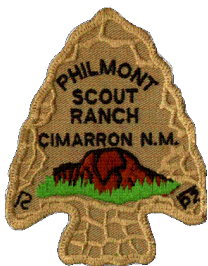
It is extremely important that the nomination form includes information about all three of the service and leadership areas. The Council review committee can base their decision only on the submitted documentation and missing or ambiguous information often means that a deserving person does not get the award.

The nomination form is available at: [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf).

The nomination form and supporting information packet for the Silver Beaver award should be placed in a sealed envelope with "Silver Beaver Nomination" on the outside and either delivered or mailed to the Marriott Scout Service Center ONLY. All nominations MUST be received at the MSSC no later than October 30 of this year. The person being nominated should not be told that a submission has been put in for them.

For more information and guidance in putting together the best possible application, contact the Silver Beaver Review Board at [silverbeaver@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:silverbeaver@goosecreekdistrict.org)

## 2020 NCAC High Adventure Expeditions



New troop looking for your first High Adventure? Been too long since your older Scouts had a worthy challenge? NCAC's High Adventure Committee has slots still available in 2020:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/outdoor-adventuring/high-adventure/>

Philmont: Arrive June 22, July 14 or July 20

Philmont Online Payment Portal: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-28283>

Sea Base: Arrive July 18

Sea Base Online Payment Portal: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-28292>

All logistics are handled by the High Adventure Committee. You just need to pack. And train, update your gear, train, plan your routes, train, and have the trip of a lifetime.



## Podcasts



### October 2019 – Den Organization



An organizing principle is a core assumption from which everything else around it can derive a classification or a value so this month we're going to figure out the structure of a den...you know – how to get it organized. Joining us for the discussion is Barb Perez, Development Director in the National Capital Area Council.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/cubcast/2019/october-2019-den-organization/>



### October 2019 – How to Have a Meaningful Court of Honor



OK, listeners, we've had discussions on recruiting youth and leaders, how to start a troop, training and advancement. And NOW is the time to start planning those courts of honor. Steve Bowen, who is a member of the Scouts BSA committee and other national committees, guides us through this month's episode as we figure out what we need to do to prepare for a meaningful court of honor.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/scoutcast/2019/october-2019-how-to-have-a-meaningful-court-of-honor/>

## Training Opportunities



### Pow Wow 2019



**What is Pow Wow?** Pow Wow is a supplemental, action-packed training event for adult Cub Scout Leaders, Pack Committee Members, Charter Organization Representatives, parents of Cub Scouts and Cub Scout-interested persons. You'll spend the day learning new ideas, concepts and having hands-on experiences that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scouts.

Training sessions are offered on relevant topics for every Cub Scout position and are designed to help you make your Cub Scout program more fun for the Scouts ... and for you too!!!

Pow Wow is an all-day adult training event and the course sessions are intended for adults only. All courses have limited enrollment and many fill very quickly. Courses that reach maximum enrollment will not be available when you electronically pre-registration or at walk-in registration.

**When is Pow Wow?** Pow Wow is Saturday, November 16, 2019. Doors open at 7:30 am with 8:00 am for walk-in registration. Opening ceremony begins at 8:25 am. The first training session starts at 9:00 am.

**Where is Pow Wow?** TBD.

**What's included for the registration fee?** The fee includes a day of training (as many as six courses, an event patch, lunch with beverage and a cookie), and as much scout fellowship, spirit, and networking you can take-in during the day!!

For more information about PowWow go to: [www.ncacbsa.org/training/pow-wow/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/pow-wow/)



## NCAC Camp's OPI: Wilderness First Aid



Presented by the NCAC Camps, the Outdoor Preparedness Initiative (OPI) offers Wilderness First Aid certification with CPR/AED. OPI aims to prepare Scouts, Scouters, and outdoor enthusiasts for high adventure activities and other outdoor adventures. Certification is provided through the American Red Cross.

Courses are offered at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-30602> to see and register for classes for Oct 2019 thru May 2020.



## University of Scouting 2020



**When:** February 29, 2020

**Where:** Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA

**Registration:** Opens early January 2020

University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouting, District Operations, and Council). Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cubbing, Scouting, and Adventure and leadership training for Venturing and Sea Scouting; Electives courses applicable across the Scouting programs, and District operations courses. For 2019 we will be offering over 150 classes in five colleges – truly something for everyone.

- The College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses from pack administration to planning for an outdoor program.
- The College of Boy Scouting provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The College of Adventure Scouting is an interesting combination of courses for those who wish to learn more about Scouting's "senior" level programs and the challenges of an active high adventure experience.
- The College of Elective Programs offers many "general studies courses" that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs.
- The College of District Operations provides training to district committee members and Scouters with an interest in district operations. While no degree is conferred, those who take the required three courses are awarded the District Scouter Training Certificate and "Trained" patch



## COPE Facilitator Training



Are members of your unit not attending to what's going on around them, buried in their smart phones, visiting with friends?

Would you like to learn games and activities that capture their attention, and uncover their strengths and weaknesses in a safe but challenging way?

You can become a facilitator of Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE). In a weekend, you can learn an experiential approach to developing life skills such as leadership, teamwork, trust, planning, problem solving, decision making, self-esteem, and communication. COPE uses activities and nontraditional, non-competitive games. You will learn basics of facilitating leadership development which can be tailored to your unit's needs and assets. There are no prerequisites.

The COPE facilitator training session will be held at Camp WB Snyder (6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket, VA). Training starts at 7:00 pm Friday, 25 Oct. Goes all day Saturday. Wraps up by 11:00 am, Sunday 27 Oct. Scouterhorn operations training will follow afterward. Food and lodging will be provided. Cost: \$50

Registration is at: [https://scoutingevent.com/082-COPE\\_and\\_Scouterhorn\\_Training\\_20181025](https://scoutingevent.com/082-COPE_and_Scouterhorn_Training_20181025)

Students should bring personal hygiene materials, sleeping materials (pillow, sleeping bag or blankets), parts A&B of your BSA medical form.

Please tell us about any personal dietary issues (such as food allergies, religious restrictions).

Registration is open to adults and youth who are registered with BSA. Age appropriate guidelines recommend youth be 14 years of age or older. NCAP standard SQ-409 allows youth who are 16 years of age (or Venturers, who may be 14) to perform as "COPE Instructors in Training", and 18 years of age to perform as COPE Instructors (count for staffing ratios).

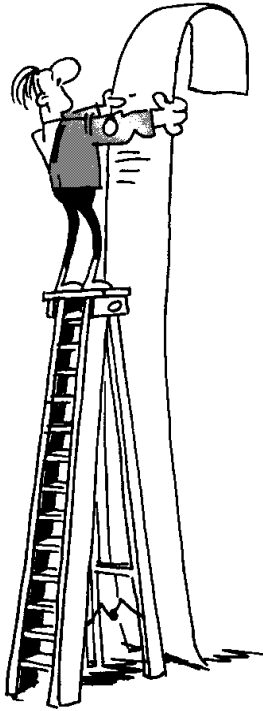
Anyone who is not registered with BSA but would like to attend are encouraged to join BSA. No prior training required.

Please address your questions or comments to Tony Waisanen, NCAC PM for Climbing, Rappelling, Bouldering and COPE, [NCAC.COPE@gmail.com](mailto:NCAC.COPE@gmail.com)





## District Calendar



### October 2019

9 Roundtable  
9 OA Chapter Meeting  
12-13 **Webelos-o-ree**  
14 Columbus Day  
23 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg  
28 Student Holiday

### November 2019

2 **SFF Distribution**  
9 **SFF Food Pickup**  
13 Roundtable  
13 OA Chapter Meeting  
23 **Life to Eagle**  
27 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg  
27-29 School Holiday  
30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

### December 2019

11 Roundtable  
11 OA Chapter Meeting  
18 **Annual District Business Meeting**  
23-31 Winter Break

### January 2020

1 Holiday  
8 Roundtable  
8 OA Chapter Meeting  
20 MLK Jr. Day  
21 Moveable School Holiday  
22 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

### February 2020

7 Scout Jumuah  
8-9 **Freeze-o-ree**  
8 Scout Sabbath  
9 Scout Sunday  
12 Roundtable  
12 OA Chapter Meeting  
17 President's Day  
26 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

### March 2020

2 School Holiday  
7 **District Pinewood Derby**  
11 Roundtable  
11 OA Chapter Meeting  
25 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg  
27 School Holiday  
27-29 **Spring Camporee**

### April 2020

6-10 School Holiday  
8 Roundtable  
8 OA Chapter Meeting  
22 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

### May 2020

13 **Program Launch**  
13 OA Chapter Meeting  
25 Memorial Day  
27 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

### June 2020

10 Roundtable  
10 OA Chapter Meeting  
15-19 **Day/Twilight Camp**  
24 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

### July 2020

4 Fourth of July  
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### August 2020

12 Roundtable  
12 OA Chapter Meeting  
20 First Day of School  
26 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

### September 2020

7 Labor Day  
9 Roundtable  
9 OA Chapter Meeting  
23 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg