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From Scoutmaster Clarke Green, April 10, 2014, <http://scoutmastercg.com/simple-versus-complicated-scouting/>

Simple Versus Complicated Scouting



Scouting is Simple*

**If you keep it that way.*

The steps in training have become so absorbing and important that in many cases the aim has come to be lost sight of. -B.P

Take a moment and step back from all of your roles and responsibilities and observe how simple Scouting is.

The aim is simple: Providing opportunities for the development of character, fitness, and citizenship.

The method is simple: We share ideals, express our unity by wearing uniforms, organize using the patrol method based on youth leadership in the outdoors, and recognize the resulting personal growth using an advancement system. All of this happens as our Scouts form useful associations with caring adults.

The organization is simple: Individual Scouts form dens, patrols and crews, and these form packs troops and Venture crews.

I think Scouts innately embrace the simple excitement and challenges of Scouting, but we adults often stand in their way by complicating things.

How do we adults complicate Scouting?

We clothe Scouting in far too many layers of bureaucratic administration.

We seek recognition, fulfillment, or aggrandizement for ourselves rather than focusing on our Scouts.

We build structures where Scouts become decorations rather than vital participants.

We demand or coerce things from Scouts that they would do freely for themselves given opportunity and encouragement.

Rather than cooperating with sometimes mysterious, chaotic processes of development; we grow impatient and rush to institute artificial results.

Scouting works as intended when we honor its simplicity.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

Webelos-o-ree 2019



The date for the Goose Creek's annual Webelos-o-ree is set for October 12-13, 2019 at Camp Snyder. This event is open to all Webelos so mark the date down on your calendar now. Note: Those that are currently Bears will be Webelos this fall and are eligible to attend.

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 the adults we'll provide plenty of Scout leaders to answer questions about camping, joining a troop, and camping equipment. We will also hold a Webelos to Scout orientation for Arrow of Light Scouts.

The Webelos-o-ree starts off with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and wraps up Sunday with a continental breakfast. 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/

Registration is open on at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-29309>. Early bird registration ends Sept 30.

For questions (and maybe answers) please contact Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org



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.

Goose Creek District is proud to serve our youth in partnership with the Loudoun County Fairgrounds.



Fall Cub Scout Recruitment



As you know, it is recruiting season for us in Cub Scouts! It is our mission to deliver the opportunity of Scouting to all youth in Loudoun County and the best way to achieve that is to get the youth to sign-up in your excellent packs this fall.

We had amazing attendance at our Join Scouting Night Training at last week's Cub Scout Roundtable. Thank you to those packs who had representatives in attendance.

In order to request flyers for PeachJar (the Loudoun County School online notification system), please send Todd Bolick (our District Director, Todd.Bolick@Scouting.org) a completed flyer and let him know when you would like him to post it and which school(s) you'd like him to post it to. For hard-copy flyers (great to have for Back to School nights, backpack stuffing, posting in various communities, etc.), please complete the template and send it to him with: how many copies you would like and when you need them. Please try to give at least one week lead time for PeachJar flyers and 2 weeks lead time for hard-copy flyers. Todd can also provide you with a PowerPoint presentation and fillable, bilingual, templates.

If you need any other help or resources for your fall membership campaign, don't hesitate to contact your Unit Commissioner, District Vice Chair of Membership Stacey Noll (stacey.noll@goosecreekdistrict.org), and/or Todd.



Honoring the Highest Scouting Awards



If you have recently earned the highest rank in Boy Scouts and you live in Loudoun County, VA -- Sumser Photography would consider it an honor and privilege to symbolize your achievement with a free portrait in uniform.

The portrait session is 100% free of charge and includes a coupon that the scout's family can use to order an 8x10 print from their own online gallery. While they can order additional prints if they desire, they are under no obligation to do so.

Chas Sumser writes: "As an Eagle Scout myself, I know what it takes to reach this goal. Typically, not only are you working on the scouting requirements, but you're also juggling the demands of high school academics, sports, family, church, and other extra-curricular activities. The commitment you have made to yourself, to your life, and to your community is more than worthy of special recognition."

Sumser holds "Eagle Portrait Days" three times per year, and has another one planned for Saturday, September 21. The portraits are done in his home studio in Ashburn. Scouts can get more information and sign up for a slot at www.signupgenius.com/go/409094aa4ae2ba1fa7-eagle2

Program Launch



After reviewing the calendar and finding out that the proposed date for the October Program Launch was Yom Kippur, the District Committee has reset the event back to its original May timeframe.

Troop Participation in the Webelos-o-ree



At the Webelos-o-ree each troop selects an activity/skill that their Scouts teach the Webelos and their parents during a morning and afternoon session. And the cost? Nothing! There is no registration fee for Boy Scouts, even if they camp. The only thing required is a service project to help keep the event running (starting cooking fires, cleanup, food prep, etc.).

If your troop is interested in participating in this year's Webelos-o-ree, even if you were at last year's, please contact Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org by Sept 15th, so we can coordinate the activities to be run. We have space for seven troops to camp over and, as always, there is no fee for troops to attend. They just have to supply their own food.

For the past few years we have tried to keep certain activities reserved for the troops that have done them in the past, this has often had us scrambling to fill them in when we finally heard that a troop doing one could not come that year. **This year all activity slots are open and will be given to the first troop that requests them.**

Possible Activities	Availability
Dutch Oven Cooking	Troop 1941
Campfire/Stove Cooking	Troop 997
Fire Building	Troop 1550
First Aid	Troop 998B
Knots	Troop 998G
Monkey Bridge	Troop 761
Knife Safety/Ax Yard	Troop 58
Scout Games (no gaga pit this year)	Open
Survival	Troop 1666
Team Building	Open
Range Support (dependent on availability of range supervisors)	Open

We are also looking for some qualified range supervisors and 4-5 Scouts, age 13 and older, and some additional adults who would like to be part of the Webelos-o-ree staff. The service would include helping with the flag ceremonies, running the Webelos challenge event, working the food line for supper, assistance with the campfire, and general "go to" jobs during the day. Meals and work all provided free.



Sherlock Holmes was, apparently, never a Scoutmaster. I know this because Sherlock occasionally had a clue.



Webelos Invite to a Troop Meeting



Troop 982 of Leesburg, VA invites all Webelos to join us for a Troop Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September, 2019

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: 39510 Mount Gilead Road, Leesburg, VA 20175

What: Join Troop 982 during a regular troop meeting as we practice and teach various scout skills – cooking, bear bags, fire starting, and totem chip

Dessert to be prepared and enjoyed

RSVP: Gary Scoffield, scoffieldg@gmail.com, 210-332-7166

What to Bring: Just dress for an outdoor meeting

Rain Location: Leesburg Community Church, 835 Lee Avenue SW, Leesburg, VA

If you can't make this event, please join us at any troop meeting on Tuesday nights 7:00-8:30pm at Leesburg Community Church.

Commissioners Needed in Goose Creek District



Is your scout aging out of the Scout BSA program? If so, and if you're interested in staying in the Scouting program and willing to help other adults keep their units thriving, then we have a position for you!

The Goose Creek District currently has a shortage of Unit Commissioners to effectively provide quality commissioning service to our units. Our ratio of Units to UCs is too high at this time and we need to get it closer to the ideal ratio of 3:1. Now that BSA is adding young ladies to the program, we need both men and women to help our units through the transition.

So, what is a Unit Commissioner?

A Unit Commissioner (UC) is a volunteer position that serves as a friend to their unit(s), and as a link between the unit and district to ensure Scouts are receiving a quality experience. A UC helps by ...

- Supporting unit growth and retention through the Journey to Excellence program
- Contacting units and capturing their strengths and needs in an on-line tool, and helping their unit develop a Unit Service Plan that enables continuous improvement.
- Linking unit needs to District Operating Committees and other resources
- Supporting timely unit, district and council charter renewals.
- Attending meetings and activities they'd like

For more information, please visit <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/> For more details on how to become a Unit Commissioner, contact John Witek @ john.witek@goosecreekdistrict.org or call: 571.354.9904.



Eagle Scout Habitat Restoration Project



Jason Smith's (Troop 1430, in South Riding) Eagle Scout project made a difference for lake fish, birds, and other wildlife and the community at The Fairfax at Belvoir Woods an Army Retirement Residence Foundation Potomac and recognized by the National Audubon Society Chapter of Northern Virginia Audubon Society, Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, Virginia Native Plant Society, and the Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners that comprise the local Sanctuary.

The project was comprised of a three-part habitat restoration of the nine-acre lake. The first part included leading a fishing derby to fish out as many over populated predatory fish in the lake including Large Mouth Bass and Channel Catfish. Many overpopulated adult prey fish were also removed which included Bluegill. The second part was to build and place three new submerged juvenile fish habitats in three areas of the lake. The third part included the addition of juvenile fish to restore a balance to the lake and provide a healthy aquatic habitat to support the local Bird and Wildlife Sanctuary.



2019 High Adventure Treks



Troop 1158 (Ashburn) enjoying their Philmont experience in July. Seabase is scheduled for next year where they have 15 Scouts signed up.



16 members (12 scouts and 4 adults) of Troop 58 went to Sea Base and participated in the Out Island Adventure at the end of July.

"Other than the sargassum and the no-seeums, everything was great! It was a trip of extremes—extreme fun, but also extremely challenging living conditions, which made the positive experiences that more rewarding. It truly gave us an appreciation for things like running water, air conditioning, and other comforts of modern/first-world life. Overall, it was a great learning experience, especially learning leadership through the Kodiak Challenge program we conducted during the Adventure, and also learning to appreciate things more."





Troop 1159 Raises Funds, Supports Community

As a Scout, we pledge to help other people at all times. This summer, Scouts of Leesburg Troop 1159 presented a donation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Loudoun County Post #1177 as part of their efforts to support the community's local heroes. Funds supporting the donation were raised based on a local car wash conducted by the Troop.



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, or Todd Bolick, 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 SM Karen Rollason, Karen.rollason@gmail.com.
- Leesburg Troop 998G Contact CC Jen Swain, swainjen@gmail.com.
- South Riding Troop 1148G Contact SM Stacey Capell, 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.
- 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.

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Benjamin Atkins – Troop 1666

Ryan Chapleski – Troop 1666

Constantinos Dimitriou – Troop 2970

Caleb Esatto – Troop 39

Reagan Hall – Troop 711

Riley Hoybach – Troop 966

Sujay Kandwal – Troop 1158

Jacob Kearse – Troop 1666

Andrew Kuo – Troop 2970

Alexander Moorehead – Troop 997

Matthew Nulf – Troop 1666

Alexander Ricci – Troop 39

Amani Talbert – Troop 1158

Daniel Thomas – Troop 962

Spencer Wright – Troop 1106

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: rjfm1f99@hotmail.com



Scoutbook Should be Your Go-to App for Your Next Den Meeting



If you're a den leader, you're going to love the latest update to Scoutbook! The Boy Scouts of America's online tool for tracking Scouting advancement just rolled out a new update that's going to make it easier than ever for den leaders to prepare for and lead meetings, track advancement and attendance, and more.

"We want to help all den leaders — both new and experienced — feel equipped to run awesome den meetings that the kids enjoy and that parents consider to be a valuable use of their family's time," says Ryan Hill, the BSA's national director of DigitalStrategy.

Rather than having to juggle leader books and other resources, den leaders will be able to do everything they need from within the app — from organizing meetings for the year to preparing for their next meeting to tracking attendance and advancement. They will even be able to communicate with parents of absent Scouts about what their kids need to do at home to get caught up.

Also new in Scoutbook for den leaders, now the Cub Scout required adventures for each rank have been thoughtfully organized into roughly 12 meetings, making planning out meetings for the year simpler than ever.

"If you attend these required meetings, and your den leader simply keeps attendance in the app, then you have earned your advancement and you've also received the full value that we've always designed for you to get out of Scouting," Hill says.

These changes are designed to help streamline and simplify work for leaders, so they can be more prepared for their Scouting adventures. It's the same great program, just made easier.

"We know how busy families today can be, and that your time is valuable," Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh says. "You want more time for you and your Scouts to explore, have fun and create positive life-changing memories in the Scouting program. The Scoutbook app helps accomplish that."

These exciting new improvements to Scoutbook are specific to the Cub Scout den leader experience at this time, but it's only a matter of time before leaders of other Scouting programs will see upgrades to their Scoutbook experience too.

NCAC Canoe Clinic - Canoeing Class



What: This class includes material from both the Canoeing merit badge and the ACA Level 1: Introduction to Canoeing course, and successful completion earns the Scout the Canoeing merit badge. It is intended to teach effective and efficient paddling skills, for future use in canoe touring or canoe tripping. It is the prerequisite to the canoe-tripping class.

Where/When:

- September 13-15, 2019, Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: Sept 1.

Class Hours: Friday 7pm-10pm, Saturday 8am-5pm, and Sunday 8am-5pm.

Cost: \$35, which includes the Canoeing merit badge pamphlet.

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-27548>

Completing Partial Merit Badges



Partials refer to merit badges that for whatever reason are not completed during the summer camp session. The Scout has done some of the requirements towards being awarded the merit badge but for one reason or another, has not been able to cover all of them. Partials may also occur when a Scout starts the badge with a counselor who has since moved away or retired from Scouting while the Scout is still working on the requirements, or most likely, taking a break from working on the requirements.

To finish the merit badge it is up to the Scout to make an appointment with another merit badge counselor to complete the missing requirements. There is no requirement that the original counselor be the one to whom they go or that they have to wait till the next summer camp to complete it. If troop level or district level merit badge counselors exist for the subject badge, the wise Scoutmaster would make certain that the list of those counselors is readily available to the Scout so he knows where to begin the trail to completion.

Important Facts:

- The only expiration date on a partial is the Scout turning 18. Even if a Scout got the partial when they were 11 they can still complete it when they are 17 years and 11 months old.
- The only requirements the Scout needs to do are the ones not signed on the Blue Card. The new merit badge counselor cannot make a Scout redo a signed requirement as a test or not accept it because they suspect the 'quality' of the work done. If it's been signed then it's done, period. Conversely, if all the Scout has is a worksheet from camp of what was done and it wasn't also signed on the Blue Card then it officially wasn't done and it is up to the counselor on whether to accept it or not.
- Changes in the merit badge requirements that have occurred since the partial was done are not to be considered. The Scout must complete only the requirements in place when the badge was started. This means that any new requirements do not have to be done, on the other hand, any requirements that were dropped but were not completed do have to be done.



When Can a Scout Start His Eagle Project



Dear Andy,

Can a Life Scout start his Eagle project before he has the other requirements (including merit badges) completed?

Great question—thanks for asking! A Life Scout can begin earnest work toward his project the very morning after his Life board of review! (There's a general misconception "out there" that all merit badges, etc., have to be completed first, and that's just what it is: a misconception!) Further, while as a Star or even First Class Scout he can certainly start thinking about what he might want to do, including having conversations with potential beneficiaries and reading the project workbook and instructions...but actual "roll up your sleeves" or "sharpen your pencil" (or polish your PC keyboard) doesn't begin till he's Life.

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Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



How to Join the 2019 Delegation for Scouting's Annual Report to the Nation



Planning is underway for the 2019 delegation of Scouts who will travel to Washington, D.C. to deliver Scouting's annual Report to the Nation.

We invite you to nominate one, or more, extraordinary youth members from your council to represent the Boy Scouts of America as part of the 2019 Report to the Nation delegation. This group will travel to our nation's capital February 29-March 5, 2020 to deliver the report to our nation's leaders.

The Report to the Nation delegation is a diverse group of youth representing Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, STEM Scouts, Sea Scouts and Explorers. The nominees must be registered as a youth and not exceed the age for their respective program before March 5, 2020.

The delegation is small but impressive. Typically, only 10 delegates are selected to represent our 2.2 million BSA youth members. Each delegate has a unique and compelling story, creating a diverse group that can portray the best of Scouting, Exploring and Venturing to our nation's leaders. Past delegates have included Lifesaving Award recipients, innovators, community leaders, and National youth officers.

The youth who are selected will have a once-in-a-lifetime journey, joining other BSA leaders and me for a week of events in Washington, D.C. The National Council covers all costs for selected youth delegates. In past years, the delegation's agenda has featured meetings with the President, heads of state, leaders at the Pentagon, House of Representatives, Senate, Cabinet officers, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

All entries must be submitted by midnight on Monday, September 30, 2019. Those interested show reply to Aaron Chusid at NCAC (notifications@3.basecamp.com).

Thank you for your time and for helping tell the BSA's story.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We are requesting nominations for consideration by the delegate selection committee. If your nominee is selected, you will receive further instructions on how to notify them. Please do not contact the nominee in advance of the selection process to avoid any disappointment in the event they are not selected, or circumstances prevent them from joining the delegation.



Emails That Make Scouting More Fun: Introducing BL BAM!



You've never seen an email newsletter like BL BAM!

It's the first and only newsletter for Scouts.

No sales pitch. No lengthy reads. Just family-friendly jokes and electrifying how-tos brought to you by Boys' Life. Read on to learn more, or jump ahead and sign up for BL BAM.

If your Scouts have email addresses, you can feel safe knowing this newsletter is hitting their inboxes. Here's why:

1. BL BAM is packed with kid-safe, curated content from the team who knows what kids love. Boys' Life has been on the ground with Scouts for more than a century. And, like always, we're committed to meeting kids on their terms (whether that's in print, on their social media feeds or in their inboxes).
2. You heard us mention jokes at the top of this post. But it stands to be repeated just how many jokes we've got queued up to make your Scouts laugh. Honestly, we've got more jokes than your dad. Plus, each joke of the day is submitted by a Boys' Life reader.
3. Know how to make a mason-jar bird feeder? Or fold an origami X-wing Starfighter? Or tie a friendship knot? We do. And if your Scouts subscribe to BL BAM, they'll learn, too, with help from step-by-step instructions tailored to all kinds of learning styles. Scouts even have chances to submit their finished creations to be featured on boyslife.org.
4. BL BAM aims to inspire creativity in every Scout! Getting your kids' minds working is what we do. Your Scout may be inspired to write and submit a joke, have a better and brighter day, or complete a how-to project that builds major confidence.
5. Newsletters are easy to share! With a few taps or clicks, your Scouts can share family-friendly jokes, games and mind-blowing articles with their friends.

Subscribe to the only newsletter for Scouts

Are you and your Scouts ready to sign up for a fun and safe newsletter for kids? It's easy. Just subscribe here: <https://boyslife.org/blbam/>



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>

★ Scout Shop Launches First-of-its-kind Sale on Uniform Shirts for all BSA Programs



The Scout Shop is now offering a not-to-be-missed sale on uniforms. You'll get 25% off any uniform top (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and leaders) when you buy a uniform bottom from the same program. It is the first time ever the Scout Shop has held a sale for uniform shirts from all BSA programs.

That makes this sale a big deal for ...

- New Scouting families as they prepare for the excitement of fall.
- Current Scouting families looking to refresh their uniform collection.
- Parents with a son or daughter joining a pack or troop for the first time or crossing from Cub Scouts into Scouts BSA.
- Moms and dads looking to replace the uniform that no longer fits their fast-growing Scout. ("I swear those weren't capri pants last year!")
- Leaders ready to replace their own uniform.
- Scouters who, in the spirit of kindness, this sale is an excuse to get a completely new uniform and donate the old one to a Scout in need.

What's the fine print?

There really isn't any. Here's what you do:

1. Head to the Scout Shop's online store (www.scoutshop.org/uniforms-and-apparel) or your local Scout Shop. (The sale terms and prices are the same in-store and online.)
2. Select any uniform bottom. Choose from pants, shorts, roll-up pants or skorts.
3. Select any uniform top from the same BSA program. It can be long-sleeve or short-sleeve — as long as it's from the same program as the item you selected in step 2.
4. Enjoy 25% off the uniform top. Boom. Embrace the savings.
5. Show up to your next meeting in style.

One other thing to note: The sale runs until Oct. 13, 2019.

Which uniform does my Scout need?

The Scout Shop has you covered there. Its handy Uniform Builder tool (www.scoutshop.org/uniform_builder) takes all the guesswork out of shopping for a uniform.

Just fire up the Uniform Builder, answer a few simple questions and you'll have all the components you need faster than you can recite the Scout Law.

How to Join the BSA Contingent at Scouting Events in Brazil or Poland in 2020



The signature event of international Scouting is the World Scout Jamboree, held every four years. This summer's World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve was the first on U.S. soil since 1967.

But the excitement, camaraderie and unity of world Scouting didn't end when the tents came down in West Virginia. In 2020, the BSA will send a contingent of Scouts and adult leaders to international Scouting events in Brazil and Poland. Registered BSA members who meet the age requirements are invited to attend as participants or unit leaders. They also may apply to serve on staff, known in world Scouting parlance as the International Service Team.

For each event, the cost for youth and adult participants includes event registration, round-trip travel, custom contingent swag and event-specific insurance.

JamCam 2020

- What: The Interamerican Region JamCam, bringing together Scouts and leaders from all over North America, Central America, South America and the Caribbean. It's a weeklong jamboree/camporee (hence the name JamCam) that aims to strengthen the bonds of Scout values.
- When: Jan. 4 to 10, 2020
- Where: Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, the main base for visiting the famous Iguaçu Waterfalls
- Age requirements (youth): Boys or girls must be age 15 to 17 (with birthdays between Jan. 11, 2002, and Jan. 3, 2005)
- Age requirements (adults): Unit Leaders must be age 21 or older (birthday before Jan. 4, 1999); members of the International Service must be 18 or older (birthday before Jan. 4, 2002)
- Cost: \$4,400 for youth participants or adult until leaders, \$780 for members of the International Service Team (IST fee does not include travel)
- Learn more at www.scouting.org/international/events/jamcam-2020/

European Jamboree 2020

- What: The European Jamboree, the first such event since 2005. Participants will use their Scouting skills to make new friends and learn how to make a difference in the world.
- When: July 27 to Aug. 6, 2020
- Where: Gdańsk, Poland
- Age requirements (youth): Boys or girls must be age 14 to 17 (with birthdays between Aug. 6, 2002, and July 26, 2006)
- Age requirements (adults): Unit Leaders must be age 21 or older (birthday before July 27, 1999); members of the International Service must be 18 or older (birthday before July 27, 2002)
- Cost: \$3,300 for youth participants or adult until leaders, \$650 for members of the International Service Team (IST fee does not include travel)
- Learn more at www.scouting.org/international/events/european-jamboree-2020/



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.

Michael's Woodshop



Michael's Woodshop is one of the newest additions to the facilities at Camp William B. Snyder. It is a well outfitted shop with tools and work space to complete almost any wood working project. For a more detailed view of the tools and workspace, please view the photo gallery on the camp website.

Michael's Woodshop is available for use by Scouts and Units in the National Capital Area Council. Since opening in November 2018 we have had a great deal of activity in the shop. We hosted a series of Pinewood Derby Day workshops (over 250 Cub Scouts attended), held a number of Woodworking Merit Badge sessions, supported two District events and supported many Volunteer Service Days at Camp Snyder. In addition, we hosted our first Eagle Scout Project in May! Shop activities and events are led by an experienced group of volunteer Shop Stewards. Training is available for leaders interested in using the shop or running their own unit events.

Michael's Woodshop may also be reserved for District Events, Unit Activities (all age groups), Eagle Scout Projects and other service projects and activities. Our volunteer Shop Stewards are available to provide assistance with event planning. To register for classes or for information about reserving Michael's Woodshop, please visit the Camp Snyder website at <https://www.gotosnyder.org/>

Michael's Woodshop was constructed and is operated entirely by volunteers. In addition, a majority of the tools and equipment were acquired through donations from the Scouting community. For more information about volunteering or if you would like to donate tools or equipment to the shop, please visit the Camp Snyder website or contact us at Camp.Snyder@Scouting.Org (please include "woodshop" in your email subject line)

Podcasts



September 2019 – New Preview Adventures Begin



You may remember a CubCast episode back in June about preview adventures. Well, those adventures are now up and running. Lisa Wylie, chair of the National Cub Scout Committee, returns to CubCast to tell us how it's going, where you can find these adventures, and how you can leave feedback as you engage in these adventures.!

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/cubcast/2019/september-2019-new-preview-adventures-begin/>



September 2019 – Parent Orientation



Hopefully your recruiting efforts are bringing lots of new members into your troops. But welcoming new members also means welcoming new parents, and you need to let those new to the program know what's expected of both the Scout and the parent. Ah, yes! Parent orientation. Let's find out what that entails with Julie Bucciarelli, the founding Scoutmaster for Troop 2119, an all-girl troop in Bartlett, Illinois.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/scoutcast/2019/september-2019-parent-orientation/>



Training Opportunities



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)



This is a notice to all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Venturing Advisors that need to complete training.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (S11) will be presented on Oct 5-6, 2019, at Pioneer #3 site at Camp Highroad, 21164 Steptoe Hill Road, Middleburg, VA.

The course will begin at 8:00am on Saturday morning and will complete at 1:00pm on Sunday.

Outdoor skills are critical to the success of any Scouting program. IOLS provides leaders with the basic outdoor skills needed to start a program right and keep it going.

IOLS is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on building confidence and competence in Leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

All Leaders should wear their Class A Scout Leader Uniform.

Please bring a chair and a water bottle for class sessions.

Also bring full camping gear for an overnight stay; camping overnight is part of the course.

Meals will be provided. Please provide any dietary restrictions.

There is a \$40 fee for this class.

Please Register online. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-30433>

For additional information contact Walt Johnson at Walt.Johnson@GooseCreekDistrict.org





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

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

Pow Wow 2019

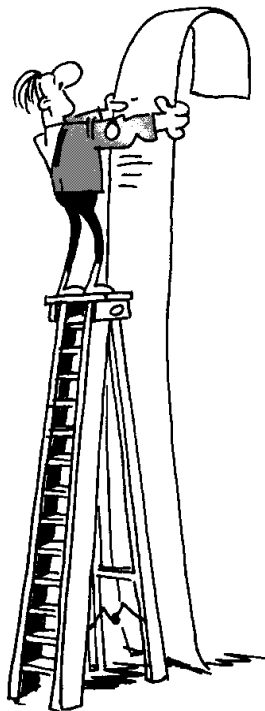


Cub Scout Leaders save the date, November 16, 2019, for National Capital Council's Cub Scout Leader's Pow Wow (the Super Bowl of Training for Cub Scout Leaders)

Location: TBD

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2019

District Calendar



September 2019

- 2 Labor Day
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 25 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

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 Post-it Note Distribution**
- 9 **SFF Food Pickup**
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 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 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 Duly

August 2020

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