



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
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## Newsletter Key:

-  Cub Scout Interest
-  Boy Scout / Venturing Interest
-  For Everyone



One of the major milestones in Scouting is the transition of a boy from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. Below are some points for Webelos den leaders (current Bear den leaders) to keep in mind to ensure a successful transition of their Scouts into a Boy Scout troop. The preparation begins before the Webelos program starts, but no matter where in the program you currently are, you can make changes to improve now.

- Talk to the current Webelos leaders for ideas and suggestions.
- Start your program in June for fourth grade Webelos to get all of them to Arrow Of Light and have opportunities to try every activity badge.
- **Plan ahead** - make a schedule for the next 20 months. Remember the 5th grade program ends in February/March when they transition to Boy Scouts.
- **Share the load** - have a sign-up sheet so every parent can lead one or two activity badges.
- Have a **Parent Meeting at the start of the program** to explain differences between Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Boy Scouts and what you expect of them.
- From the very start of the program, expect the boys to become Boy Scouts. **Never say 'if', always say 'when'** and keep them looking forward to being in a troop.
- Plan outdoor badges like Naturalist and Outdoorsman to fall in prime outside seasons. Artist, Family Member, ... can be done more easily indoors.
- Keep the program going during the summer between 4th and 5th grade.
- Encourage Scouts to attend **Webelos Camp**.
- Start presenting the requirements for 'joining Boy Scouts' early in the program and continually until they finish.
- Using a trained **Den Chief** from a local troop gives the scouts great exposure to what a Boy Scout is - get one!
- Attend the Roundtable meetings to pick up information and ideas from others.
- **Meet the Scoutmasters of local troops now!** Arrange some visits for your Scouts to see the Boy Scouts in action.
- Start thinking of Scouts as a Patrol rather than a Den once everyone earns their Webelos badge. This is a good time to transfer to tan uniforms.
- Encourage inactive parents to participate. A successful Scout needs the support of his parents.
- Buy a Boy Scout Handbook for your reference, and to make your Webelos drool.
- Ask a Boy Scout troop representative (Scout and adult) to come to your den and tell you all about Boy Scouts.

## District News

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

### Program Launch



What's a "Program Launch"? Are we sending Scouts into orbit?

Not quite sending them into orbit, but ideally the program launch will give Scouters a bunch of great information to help them begin planning for the upcoming year. With schools letting out, summer camp's gearing up, and bags being packed for summer vacation now is the time to plan.

Make sure you get a copy of the upcoming Council Planning Calendar and lots of great handouts and flyers to make the '11-'12 year an awesome one. You'll also get a chance to talk to all of those 'mysterious' district committee representatives you keep getting emails from and find out what they have planned for the district next year.

**Program Launch will be held in place of the usual May Roundtable**, same place, same time.

### Nominate Your Unit's Adult Volunteer of the Year



How do you give recognition to someone in your unit who has done outstanding work for you this past year? You nominate them as your unit's Adult Volunteer of the Year of course. They have worked hard to support your program and now you can give them special recognition for their hard work.

Every unit can submit the names of one or two people who have given exemplary service, they don't even have to be registered leaders. All nominations submitted will receive the award and Goose Creek will recognize these adults at the Annual District Dinner and Awards Banquet.

To submit your nominations use the form located on our District website. Your unit may also want to pay for their nominee's dinner to make sure that they attend and get their recognition in front of all of the other units.

**For further information or questions:** please contact Tonia Chagnon, [tchagnon@jpevents.biz](mailto:tchagnon@jpevents.biz), or Tom Hayes, [thayes20141@comcast.net](mailto:thayes20141@comcast.net)



If one careless match can burn down a whole forest why does it take a whole box of matches to start a campfire?

## Friends of Scouting



Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the annual campaign where the National Area Capital Council asks Scouting families, businesses and civic-minded citizens to support our mission of providing the Scouting program to tens of thousands of young people. This is the only money that families and volunteers give that goes to Council. Most families don't understand why after they pay their annual registration fee and unit fees they are then asked to give to FOS. The reason is that the annual registration fee goes directly to the National BSA office in Texas and the rest stays within the unit. FOS contributions help to provide:

- Money needed to operate the Council's Scouting camps, programs and facilities for a calendar year. These camping and training facilities are the "outdoor classrooms" in which Scouts have fun, learn leadership skills and develop into better young men and women.
- The \$185 for council to support each registered youth and \$100 to process each Eagle Scout Award.
- Campership. Every Campership is funded through Friends of Scouting!
- Resources to improve Program – Snyder, Goshen and Day Camp.
- Supplies for Recruitment – Fliers, signs, posters, free giveaways, applications recruitment videos.
- Knots and other awards that youth and volunteers earn.
- Training – POW WOW, University of Scouting, Commissioners College, etc.
- Publications – Scouter's Digest, Fliers, Council website, etc.

Wondering where and when to pick up Family Friends of Scouting Recognition Items? Then come to May's Program Launch! Unit Leaders can pick up items there at the Fundraising Table. Please note that Ribbons will be handed out at the June Round Table.

Are you wondering whether your unit has 100% participation or not? Email [susan.hogan@scouting.org](mailto:susan.hogan@scouting.org) to find out.

## District Dinner and Award Banquet



Please mark your calendars for our annual District Dinner and Awards Banquet on Friday May 13th, 2011 at the ADAMS Center (46903 Sugarland Road Sterling, VA 20164-8520) from 6:00-8:30pm.

During the dinner, we will recognize those Scouters that are selected by their unit as a Volunteer of the Year. Along with these outstanding Scouters, we will recognize the Eagle Scouts of the past year, the 2010-2011 District Award of Merit recipients, and the Key Three awardees.

This is a great opportunity for each unit to send their selected volunteer of the year to be individually recognized.

The dinner will be great fellowship and celebrate a great year in scouting within Loudoun County. The cost of the dinner is \$25 and you may get more information and register on-line at:

[www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=916401](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=916401)

### 2011 Soda Bottle Rocket Derby



**When:** Saturday, June 4. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Each pack will select their own 2-hour assembly/launch window for the day.

**Where:** Ashburn Community Church (19790 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147).

**Who can Attend:** This event is open to all Cub Scouts, including new Tigers (Kindergarten aged Scouts who just registered and will be Tigers the next year) and siblings/friends

**Cost:** \$8 per person, to be paid at the event. This covers the cost for all of the materials (except the soda bottle) needed to build the rockets.

**For more information:** Send an email to [GCCubEvent@verizon.net](mailto:GCCubEvent@verizon.net) and look for the information/registration packet that will soon be on the district website.

### Cub Scout Uniform Closet



Pack 71 is stepping up to coordinate a District-level Cub Scout Uniform Closet. We're building a supply of Scout uniforms and accessories to be able to help boys throughout the District who want to be part of the wonderful experience of Scouting, but just can't quite afford the uniform.

- Uniform shirts (long or short sleeve)
- Pants, Neckerchiefs, Slides, Hats, Belts
- Anything "uniform" a Cub Scout or Pack could need
- ALL SIZES... but please, gently USED or NEW

**For more information:** Contact Brian Kale at [bkale@ekale.com](mailto:bkale@ekale.com) or 703-443-9648

### Spring/Summer Join Scouting Night



Thinking of holding a Spring/Summer JSN?

This is not mandatory for you to do, however it could be very helpful in catching some of the boys before they get committed to other activities in the fall.

A few Units have decided to hold a spring JSN and if you would like to communicate with one of those Units regarding how it went, lessons learned, etc. just let the District's JSN committee know.

If you are planning to hold such a spring / summer event then you may want to assess what you need. We have packets of documentation for you that will be provided at training, but you may need them sooner for a spring event.

Keep in mind that all on-school campus events need to be approved by the school Principal and that while there is a BSA District arranged date with the schools for the fall, you still need to touch base with the Principal.

For more information or to request flyers or "pack invitation cards": Contact Chris Goda at [chris.goda@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.goda@yahoo.com)

## Goose Creek Day Camp 2011



Join us this summer, July 11-15, at Goose Creek's Day Camp (Morven Park, 41793 Tutt Lane, Leesburg 20176) as we explore the excitement, thrills, and history of medieval times! Activities will range from traditional Scouting games and achievement opportunities to archery and BB instruction, crafts, nature study, handicrafts, leatherwork, and camp skills.

Can't get leaders to commit for an entire day? Goose Creek is also running a Twilight Camp, same dates, that will run from 6:30 PM (6:00 PM check-in) until 8:45 PM and will include many of the activities done during the day.

Boys will receive a camp T-shirt, water bottle, craft supplies, and all the goodies needed for a week of fun. One adult is needed for every five boys to escort the adventurers through camp. Tiger Cub adult partners are expected to attend camp with their son.

- Cub Scout Day Camp requires registration as a pack.
- Regular Fee (Registrations made April 19 - May 13, 2011):  
\$180.00 for Day Camp and \$100 for Twilight Camp
- Late Fee (after May 13, 2011):  
\$200.00 for Day Camp and \$120 for Twilight Camp

In order to host over 200 campers, **we need LOTS of help!** We're looking for Staff and Junior Staff in shooting sports, crafts, science/nature, sports, games, tot lot, and special programs.

**INCENTIVES** – As a token of appreciation for all your hard work, a Staff member may bring along one Camper for free, compliments of Goose Creek District. You'll also receive a nifty Staff shirt, a thank-you gift, and the gratitude and admiration of every Scout and adult who benefits from your dedication!

**STAFF MEMBERS** – A staff member is a District-level Day Camp position. Staff members run (or help run) a program station at Day Camp, are required to have current Youth Protection Training (YPT), and must take GCD Day Camp training. They do not have to have a son attending Day Camp. We'll take Troop Leaders, too! If you know of someone who has the time and interest – and likes to work with kids – please send them our way! If you cannot work the full week of camp, but can staff a station for part of the week, please email us! We may be able to pair you with another adult to cover the difference.

**WALKING DEN LEADERS (WDLs)** – On the other hand, WDLs are recruited by your Pack to be the adults that take care of and guide your Campers through their daily program stations at Day Camp. WDLs attend Day Camp as a function of their own pack program, and do not receive a free registration.

**SIBLINGS** – Scouting-age brothers (and sisters!) of current registered Cub Scouts are welcomed to register for and attend Day Camp right alongside Scouts! Even incoming registered Tigers (first grade as of September 2011) may attend! Incoming Tigers must have one parent attend with them at all times.

**TOT LOT** – If you'd like to work as part of our Staff or are serving as a WDL, but have potty-trained preschoolers too young to attend Day Camp, consider placing them in our tot lot while you work!

**For additional information and to register online:** Go to the district website or contact [daycamp@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:daycamp@goosecreekdistrict.org)

## News From Our Units



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle Scouts:

Matthew Bayly – 997

Samuel Porter – 711

Matthew Farley – 711

Timothy Van Der Hoek – 711

Wayne Pampaloni – 711



Hosted by Sterling Pack 1576 from the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) and Pack 1818 of Congregation Olam Tikvah in Fairfax, NCAC held its first Interfaith Pinewood Derby - a precedent-setting event in the Washington area, bringing together Jewish and Muslim Cub Scouts to compete and build friendships in an updated version of this traditional scouting exercise. Olam Tikvah provided the space, refreshments and volunteers. ADAMS brought its 42-foot metal racing track and timing software as well as volunteers.

The imam from ADAMS, Mohamed Magid, and the rabbi from Olam Tikvah, David Kalender, are longtime friends who have promoted the interfaith derby as an opportunity for the boys "to get to know each other, race together and exhibit good sportsmanship," said Rizwan Jaka, the Cub/Boy Scout chair for ADAMS.

"I couldn't be more pleased," said Julian Tishkoff, chair of the Jewish Committee on Scouting for the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. "The goodwill was really outstanding. If this is a precedent for things to come, I have reason to be optimistic."

There have already been several successful interfaith scouting events for the older Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, said Jaka, and more activities for the younger Cub Scouts will be planned soon. "We were glad to have this opportunity," he said. "Interfaith work is so important. We must get to know each other."

## Council / National News

Council Website: [www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org](http://www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org)

### Pre-Camp Swim Classification Checks

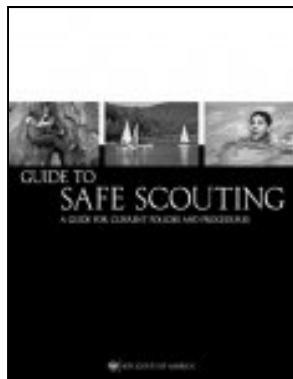


This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA swim classification check done under the supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel at the Camp William B. Snyder pool. A unit swim classification record will be issued by NCAC Aquatics personnel to each unit showing the swim classification (swimmer, beginner, non-swimmer) of each participant. This event is open to all NCAC units.

Units must register online at [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics) for a 30 minute block. Up to 20 tests can be administered during a block. The date is Saturday, June 11, and available times start at 1:00pm, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30pm. Cost is \$2 per participant. Registration deadline is June 4.

**For more information:** Contact Mike Meenehan (703) 400-2176  
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## New Version of Guide to Safe Scouting is now available



Can Scouts go skateboarding? What about wakeboarding? Are they allowed to fire a cannon? Throw a tomahawk? Explore an abandoned mine? Sell fireworks?

Yes, yes, no, yes, no, and no.

How did I know all that? Easy. I read the **Guide to Safe Scouting**. The comprehensive policies and procedures manual, available online, is a one-stop safety shop for packs, troops, teams, and crews. And it has recently undergone a complete revision for 2011.

The last full printing of the Guide to Safe Scouting came out in 2007, though small revisions have been made since then. The latest version took two years to complete and features numerous revisions, additions, and deletions.

Even if you're familiar with past versions of the Guide, BSA Health and Safety and Risk Management experts recommend re-reading it to make sure you're up to date on the latest policies.

If you're new to the Boy Scouts of America, now is the time to familiarize yourself with proper safety practices. Just about any safety-related question you have is answered.

### Online version:

[www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx)

## Robotics Merit Badge



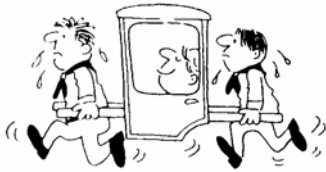
When people think of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), they envision activities like camping, knot-tying, and canoeing, but soon, they'll need to add robot-building to that list. Scouts in 2011, through the introduction of the Robotics merit badge, now have the opportunity to design, build, and demonstrate a robot of their own creation.

The Robotics merit badge is part of the BSA's new curriculum emphasis on STEM: science, technology, engineering, and math. The BSA focus on STEM takes a fun, adventurous approach to helping Scouts develop critical skills that are relevant and needed in today's competitive world. The new merit badge is one of 31 STEM-related merit badges that Scouts can earn.

This merit badge involved approximately 14 months of development and input from more than 150 youth members, leaders, and industry professionals from across the nation. Earning the Robotics merit badge requires a Scout to understand how robots move (actuators), how they sense the environment (sensors), and how they understand what to do (programming). Scouts will spend approximately 14 hours meeting the requirements of this merit badge, including that they design a robot and demonstrate how it works. The BSA anticipates more than 10,000 Robotics merit badges will be earned in its first year.

To see all the requirements: [www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Robotics](http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Robotics)

## New Email Address for Tour Plans



The new email address to submit your Tour Plans: [ncactourplan@scouting.org](mailto:ncactourplan@scouting.org).

The tour plan is a checklist for best practices to be prepared for safe and fun adventure. Completing the tour plan can help ensure that appropriate planning has been conducted, that qualified and trained leadership is in place, and that the right equipment is available for the adventure. In addition, the plan helps to organize safe and appropriate transportation to and from an event, and defines driver qualifications and minimum limits of insurance coverage for drivers and vehicles used to transport participants. The plan is available for you to see and begin training with at this link: [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-014\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-014_fillable.pdf)

**For more information:**

[www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/TourPlanFAQ.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/TourPlanFAQ.aspx)

## BSA's New North Star Award



The Silver Beaver Award has a new cousin. Last month, the BSA's National Court of Honor announced the addition of the North Star Award, an honor similar in prestige to the Silver Beaver Award. The main difference? It's only available to non-Scouters.

The North Star Award is a way for councils, areas, regions, and the national council to "recognize individuals for significant contributions." This could include, for example, someone who contributes land, a certified public accountant who has served the council for years, or someone honored in the Distinguished Citizen Awards program.

To recap, there are now four national-level awards of this type:

- Silver Beaver: Council-level distinguished service to youth
- Silver Antelope: Regional-level distinguished service to youth
- Silver Buffalo: National-level distinguished service to youth
- North Star Award: Distinguished service to youth by a non-Scouter

## High Adventure – Tinnerman Canoe Base



Located on the waters of the French River in Ontario, Canada, Scouts enjoy the high adventure by paddling more than fifty miles on the various channels of the river all in one week. A rewarding and challenging experience.

The Greater Cleveland Council of the Boy Scouts of America started operating Tinnerman as a canoe base in July of 1963. Scouts from all over the United States are water-taxed from Hartley Bay Marina to the camp and outfitted for a week of canoeing. The scouts canoe the French River area from Nipissing to Georgian Bay and the Killarney area. Over 21,000 scouts and leaders have enjoyed the "Land of the Joli Voyageur." Since each scout is required to do 10 hours of conservation and clean-up work, almost 200,000 hours of work over the past 48 years, have helped preserve the beauty of the French River.

**For more information:** [www.gccbsa.org/Pages/Tinnerman.html](http://www.gccbsa.org/Pages/Tinnerman.html)



## Scuba BSA



**What:** This is an introductory/try-it scuba experience that does not result in scuba certification. It covers the requirements of the Scuba BSA award.

**Who:** Any Boy Scout-aged youth or adult. Maximum 8 participants per session

**When:** June 19, Camp Snyder pool. 1.5 hour sessions at 1, 2:30, 4, 5:30pm

**Cost:** \$25 (includes all equipment)

**Registration deadline:** June 11

**To register or for more information:** [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics) or contact Mike Meenehan (703) 400-2176 [mmmeenehan@cox.net](mailto:mmmeenehan@cox.net).

## Scuba Certification and Scuba Diving Merit Badge



**What:** PADI open water scuba certification and the BSA Scuba Diving MB.

**Who:** For any scout-aged youth or adult leader.

**Where:**

- Camp Snyder (orientation, classroom, pool session)
- Marriott Scout Service Center, Bethesda MD (MB counseling session),
- local quarry (open water training dives)

**When:** Orientation – Aug 7 1-3pm; class/pool sessions – Aug 20&21 9am-5pm, open water training dives – Aug 27 & 28 10am-1pm; Scuba Diving merit badge counseling session - June 26, 7-9pm

**Cost:** Scuba certification class and merit badge session - \$430 (includes all equipment); Scuba diving merit badge session only - \$5

**Registration deadline:** July 30

**To register or for more information:** [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics) or contact Mike Meenehan (703) 400-2176 [mmmeenehan@cox.net](mailto:mmmeenehan@cox.net).

## ScubaJam Virginia 2011



**What:** ScubaJam Virginia program was created to provide a great SCUBA diving experience to BSA registered youths, boys and girls, ages 12-20. The event has been created by interested divers representing dive shops, scuba training operations, and various BSA Troops and various BSA Troops and Venturing Crews.

**Where:** Lake Rawlings, VA

**When:** Labor Day Weekend Sept 3-5 2011

**Cost and Registration:** [www.scubajam-va.org](http://www.scubajam-va.org) (Note: ScubaJam is not an NCAC sponsored event)

## Why does silver outrank gold in Scouting awards?



Ever since its debut in 1904, the Olympic gold medal has represented the pinnacle of athletic achievement. But if gold signifies the best in sports, why does the Boy Scouts of America use silver to represent its top awards? For example:

- The badge for the Senior Patrol Leader is silver, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader is gold.
- Eagle Palms. An Eagle Scout who earns five merit badges beyond the minimum amount will receive a Bronze Palm. He'll get a Gold Palm for 10 extra merit badges and a Silver Palm for 15.
- Eagle required merit badges have silver borders.
- And what does the BSA call its top national-level award for volunteers? It's the Silver Buffalo. There's no Gold Buffalo Award.

BSA recognition is based on the military model where silver is higher than gold. But why did the military choose this order to begin with?

An article from The Institute of Heraldry has the explanation. From the beginning, the Army used silver stars to indicate a general's grade. The generals wore these stars on gold epaulettes, so the stars were silver for maximum visibility. As the article explains, epaulettes and insignia evolved over the years, making design and color changes necessary to distinguish ranks. Since generals already had silver stars, silver was considered established for higher ranks, and gold was adopted for lower ranks.

The practice of using silver for officer ranks continued until shortly after the start of World War I, when a need arose for metal insignia to represent Second Lieutenants, who rank right below First Lieutenants. The problem was that the U.S. already used a single silver bar for First Lieutenants, and officials didn't want the hassle or expense of changing the policy for all officers. So rather than overhauling everything, they chose the single gold bar for Second Lieutenant. At that point, the practice of silver outranking gold was established once and for all.

## Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet



There are Scouting programs in over two hundred fifteen countries and not everyone can attend the World Jamboree so once a year Scouts and Scouters from around the globe come together by way of radio and computer. October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> marks the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Jamboree on the Air" (JOTA) and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Jamboree on the Internet" (JOTI) and the Boy Scouts of America will be well represented.

The wide geographic area of the NCAC makes having a single event for the entire council problematic so the International Committee is looking to units and districts to think about hosting their own event during this time frame. And of course everyone with access to the Internet may join the JOTI on the world wide web.

If you intend to host an event or want more information contact [mike.sierra@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:mike.sierra@goosecreekdistrict.org). Additional details, along with unit registration can be found at [www.JOTAJOTI.Org](http://www.JOTAJOTI.Org)

## Camp Snyder Summer Programs



Online registration for Camp Snyder's summer programs is now open on the Council website (Camps → Register for Camp Snyder Programs). Registration can either be done at the pack or individual level.

Pack Registration requires 8 or more Scouts, and the Pack will be able to register the two free "Adult Leaders." The extra adults, "Parents" on the registration page, will be registered at the appropriate cost levels. (With the exception of Adventure Days, where, like Day Camp, Den Walkers do not pay a fee)

Scouts who register as a family/individual will still be grouped together as a Pack in campsite, but they will not be eligible for the two free leader pricing, regardless of whether they bring eight or more Scouts.

### **Tiger Safari Day** – \$20/youth with Tiger Partner

New Tigers get to experience a day at camp with dinner and a closing campfire. Activities will include programs in The Fort, The Big Dig, The Ship, BBs, Archery, Nature and more. This is for all boys that in kindergarten in May of 2011 (boys currently in the Tiger program officially become Wolves on June 1).

- July 9, 1:00-8:30 p.m.

### **Adventure Days** – \$175/youth, \$0/adult (Den Walkers)

Ideal for the new Cub Scout! All sessions are four day long day camps based on the theme "Super Hero Scouts" and offer a large variety of programs at the various theme areas for Scouts to enjoy themselves. The program sessions will include projects, archery, nature, sports, BBs, and exploring the various theme areas such as The Ship, Big Dig, and the Fort. Lunch is included in the program. Cub-age sisters can attend at the same cost as boys and participate in the program.

- June 27-30
- July 11-14
- July 18-21

### **Cub Resident Camp** – \$160/youth, \$70/adult

This is an overnight camp that covers 3 days and 2 nights. Meals and tents (wall tents with cots on a platform) are part of the package. Cub-age sisters can attend at the same cost as boys and participate in the program. For every 8 or more boys that sign up 2 adults will be free (**if registered as a pack**).

#### Friday, Saturday & Sunday

- June 24-26
- July 15-17
- Aug 5-7
- Aug 12-14

#### Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

- Aug 1-3
- Aug 8-10

### **Webelos Advancement** – \$210/youth, \$85/adult

This is an overnight camp that covers 4 days and 3 nights and is open to all Scouts that are currently either a Webelos or a Bear (advance to Webelos on June 1). Meals and tents (wall tents with cots on a platform) are part of the package. For every 8 or more boys that sign up 2 adults will be free (**if registered as a pack**).

- July 5-8

## On-Line Resource of the Month



[www.InsaneScouter.org](http://www.InsaneScouter.org) is a website for Scouts and Guides from around the world. They provide a vast library of Scouting resources and services including: email newsletter, e-postcards, and virtual flat Stanley. Everything provided is to "help leaders one resource at a time" in putting on better programs for their Scouts..



## Training Opportunities

### Boy Scout IOLS Training



It is time for the Goose Creek District Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Training. IOLS is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters and does involve an overnighter. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in *The Boy Scout Handbook*. The course focuses on skills that build confidence and competence in leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

**Dates:** May 14-15, 2011 (8AM with camping overnight until 1PM the next day)  
**Location:** Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, in Leesburg, VA

The IOLS course curriculum has the topics.

- Skill 1: Campsite Selection
- Skill 2: Ropes: Knot Tying, Whipping, and Lashing
- Skill 3: Woods Tools - Knife, Camp Saw, Ax
- Skill 4: Fire Site Preparation and Building
- Skill 5: Cooking
- Skill 6: First Aid
- Skill 7: Plant Identification
- Skill 8: Animal Identification
- Skill 9: Packing and Hiking Techniques
- Skill 10: Find Your Way - Map and Compass Reading
- Skill 11: Leave No Trace Camping

and programs on Campfire and Interfaith Worship.

The National Required Training Pilot Project details December 31, 2011 the goal for getting all currently registered Top Unit Leaders trained up. IOLS is one of the most important courses in the regime and NCAC will offer this course SOMEWHERE in the DC Metro area at least once every month through the end of the year. You won't find a shorter commute than the course offered at Banshee Reeks.

**For more information and to register:** Check the Upcoming Events section on the district webpage (bottom of main display).

This session will be held at the same place and time as the Outdoor Leader Skills for WEBELOS Leaders (OLSWL).

## Webelos Leaders OLSWL Training



Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OLSWL) presents the 'how to' in planning and conducting successful Webelos Den overnight campouts and other Webelos outdoor activities. It reinforces - but does not duplicate - what you learned in This is Scouting, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training (Webelos Leader breakout session) and BALOO. The course provides a "hands-on" learning experience in camping and outdoor skills as done by Webelos Dens. This training provides ideas on how to present the outdoor related Webelos Activity Badges, including Outdoorsman, Geologist, Forester, Naturalist, and Readyman. Participants are provided with training and guided practice sessions topics such as camping gear selection, campsite selection, den cooking and sanitation, woods tools, fire building and safety.

Please note that this training is encouraged but not required to take Webelos camping. The course is one of the requirements for the Webelos leadership training knot.

**Dates:** May 14-15, 2011 (8AM with camping overnight until 1PM the next day)

**Location:** Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, in Leesburg, VA

This session will be held at the same place and time as the Boy Scout Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Training.

**For more information and to register:** Check the Upcoming Events section on the district webpage (bottom of main display).

Do you have an interesting Scout article to share with the district, a notice about an upcoming event, or just want to tell others about an activity your unit has done or plan to do? If so then submit your information to [Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org) and we'll see about posting it in the next district newsletter. We take most file formats and even pictures.

Notice: Submissions must be received at least five days prior to the end of the month and may be edited to fit our newsletter format and available space.

## NCAC Powderhorn 2011



Scouting leaders want to provide challenging and fun outdoor programs to meet the needs of their older youth members, but may lack the knowledge and/or resources to do so. Powder Horn responds to this problem with an exciting training opportunity that exposes Venturing, Boy Scout, and Varsity adult leaders to a wide range of outdoor, high-adventure activities. Powder Horn provides its participants with valuable resources and contacts to assist leaders in delivering the promise of Scouting's high-adventure experiences to our youth.

Powder Horn is based on the requirements for the prestigious Venturing Ranger Award. This award requires demonstrated proficiency in a challenging set of core and elective topics. During the course, presentations on Ranger topics are made by knowledgeable consultants with demonstrated skills and certifications, as appropriate. They demonstrate the skills required and explain where resources, such as equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications which can be obtained locally. Most of the presentations involve actual hands-on experience by the participants, including, shooting (pistol, rifle, shotgun), archery, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, fly fishing, mountain biking, SCUBA, land navigation, Leave No Trace, Project COPE, and much, much more.

Many participants report that they picked up a new hobby as a result of a Powder Horn class.

The course is 6-days long over 2 weekends. You must attend both parts to complete the course:

**Part 1:** August 26 – 28, 2011, at Camp St. Charles; 15375 Stella Maris Drive; Newburg, MD

**Part 2:** September 16 - 18, 2011 at Camp Snyder, 6100 Antioch Rd., Haymarket, VA.

The fee is \$275 (includes course materials, instruction, meals, recognition items). A \$75 deposit, along with the completed application will reserve your place for the course. The deposit is due by June 1, 2011 with full payment by July 15, 2011.

**For more information:** On the council website (Training) or contact [NCACPowderhorn2011@gmail.com](mailto:NCACPowderhorn2011@gmail.com)

## Wood Badge



Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, in all leadership positions for the BSA. The Wood Badge course incorporates the traditions of over 80 years of Wood Badge, while adding the management and leadership training necessary to become a successful leader in the 21st Century. Wood Badge is more than a classroom; it's entertaining, fun games, hands-on projects, team building, and inspirational events. You will come away with an appreciation of Scouting's heritage, as well as a vision of the role you will play in its future, and the impact you will make on the youth in your own unit, the district and our council. Participation in this course will provide skills to help you achieve success in other aspects of your life or in your career! The course starts with a 2-weekend, fun-filled practical training period where the Scouter lives as a member of a team progressing through Scouting, and learning the skills of leadership. The outdoor experience is followed by a period of up to eighteen months during which the Scouter applies the skills learned during the practical experience in his or her Scouting position – at the unit, district, or council level. Through this period, each Scouter is assigned a counselor who acts as a resource, evaluator, and Scouting mentor to assist the participant in putting into action those points discussed during the course. This is demonstrated by the process known as working your ticket.

### **Prerequisite Training for Wood Badge:**

Complete the basic training courses for your primary Scouting position. Cub Leaders must have completed New Leader Essentials and the position specific training for their position. Boy Scout and Varsity leaders must have completed New Leader Essentials, their position specific training as well as Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Venture advisors must complete New Leader Essentials, their position specific training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Other unit, district, and council leaders must complete New Leader Essentials, plus their position specific training (e.g. Committee, Commissioners, District Chairs, or Council Chairs, ?)

### **Spring Wood Badge (100<sup>th</sup> NCAC Wood Badge Course!):**

Session 1: 5/6/2011 - 5/8/2011

Session 2: 6/10/2011 - 6/12/2011

### **Fall Wood Badge:**

Session 1: 9/9/2011 - 9/11/2011

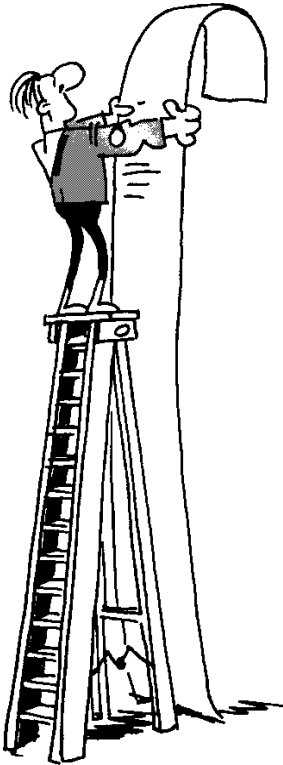
Session 2: 10/14/2011 - 10/16/2011

Location: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

**Cost:** Total cost for Spring & Fall courses is \$250.00 (participants sleep in tents). All registration fees are due at NCAC 45 days prior to the start of each course.

**For more Information:** On the Council website (Training → Wood Badge).

# District Calendar



## May

- 7 **Cubmobile Derby**
- 8 Mother's Days
- 11 **Program Launch**
- 12 Commissioner Roundtable
- 13 **District Award Banquet**
- 14-15 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
- 20-22 **OA Ordeal**
- 25 District Committee
- 30 Memorial Day

## June

- 3 Goshen Camp Fee Deadline
- 3-5 OA Conclave
- 4 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
- 8 Roundtable
- 9 Commissioner Roundtable
- 15 District Committee
- 16 Last Day of School
- 19 Father's Day
- 24 Cub World Summer Program begins
- 25 Goshen Week #1

## July

- 2 Goshen Week #2
- 4 Independence Day
- 9 Goshen Week #3
- 11-15 **District Day Camp**
- 11-15 **District Twilight Camp**
- 16 Goshen Week #4
- 23 Goshen Week #5
- 30 Goshen Week #6

## August

- 5-6 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
- 10 Roundtable
- 11 Commissioner Roundtable
- 24 District Committee
- 29 School Starts

## September

- 5 Labor Day
- 14 Roundtable
- 15 Commissioner Roundtable
- 24-25 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 28 District Committee

## October

- 1 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 10 Columbus Day
- 12 Roundtable
- 13 Commissioner Roundtable
- 14 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 15-16 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
- 16-17 JOTA/JOTI
- 21-23 **Hike-o-ree (tentative)**
- 26 District Committee
- 29 **Training – Den Chief**

## November

- 4-6 NCAC Venturing Hike-o-ree
- 5 **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution**
- 7-8 Student Holiday
- 9 Roundtable
- 10 Commissioner Roundtable
- 12 **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**
- 16 District Committee
- 19 **PowWow**
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

## December

- 14 Roundtable
- 15 Commissioner Roundtable
- 21 District Committee
- 22 Winter Break Starts

## January 2012

- 11 Roundtable
- 12 Commissioner Roundtable
- 16 MLK Jr. Day
- 23 Moveable School Holiday
- 25 District Committee

## February

- 3-5 **Freeze-o-ree**
- 5 Scout Sunday
- 8 Roundtable
- 9 Commissioner Roundtable
- 11 Scout Sabbath
- 20 President's Day
- 22 District Committee
- 25 **University of Scouting**

## March

- 9 Roundtable
- 14 Commissioner Roundtable
- 28 District Committee

## April

- 2-6 Spring Break
- 5 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 9 Moveable School Holiday
- 11 Roundtable
- 12-13 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
- 15 **Training – Den Chief**
- 20-22 **Spring Camporee**
- 25 Annual Business Meeting