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The way to the brain, goes through the hand

(from www.ScoutmasterCG.com, March 2011)

This post on Doug Stowe's *The Wisdom of the Hands* blog (http://wisdomofhands.blogspot.com/2011/02/way-to-brain.html) discusses a saying I find particularly compelling:

"The way to the brain, goes through the hand"

This isn't a new thought, but it is particularly relevant to Scouting. (If you take the time to look at Doug's writings you'll soon discover that this isn't just a saying; it has a scientific basis.)

Are we at our best when we are telling, showing or doing? To my mind it's the doing, the 'hands on' part of our work that is the most valuable.

Something primal in boys responds intuitively; they have to get their hands on things. A big part of the process of leaving childhood is, sadly, learning to stand and listen politely.

Standing and listening politely is just not natural. Many concepts only become real by trying things out, getting hold of them, rather than quietly observing.

Scouting is a verb. It is active, engaged and always moving. It's not something to watch, it is something to do. Scouting goes through the hands into the mind and into the heart as well.

New District Executive



Please give a welcome to our new District Executive, Mike Perry, who will be serving as Sean Tucker's replacement in the Goose Creek District. Mike is no stranger among our council as he is from Chantilly, VA and was active within the Sully District. He is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor Member of the OA and most notably he has received the Founder's Award for the OA. Recently Mike graduated from Roanoke College with a B.A. in Political Science. For the last six years Mike has been on staff at Goshen Scout Reservation and most notably for Lenhok'sin High Adventure Camp.

Michael can be reached at 703-434-1300 or *michael.perry@scouting.org*

District News

District Website: www.GooseCreekDistrict.org

Prepare for Your Fall Join Scouting Night (JSN)



The Boy Scouts and the Loudoun County Public School system JSN date is:

Tuesday, September 20th, 7-8pm

The school buildings will be available from 6:30 to 8:30pm for set up and take down.

Training Sessions for Fall JSN

It is important that someone from your Unit attend a JSN Training session, to not only get training but to also pick up the materials that you will need for your Join Scouting Night. Here is the session info:

- Wednesday, August 17 7pm (Purcellville Train Station) Confirmed
- Cedar Lane Elementary in Ashburn Pending
- Guilford Elementary in Sterling Pending
- Liberty or Little River Elementary in South Riding Pending

You will receive packets with the following JSN information at the training:

- 1) Registration Form B to be used for all registration transactions
- 2) NCAC BSA roster sheets for attendance taking
- 3) BSA Adult and Youth applications
- 4) Outdoor Signage
- 5) All other collateral will be posted to DROPBOX for download and use

JSN Night Application Drop Off Locations

Locations similar to the training locations are being reserved as drop-off locations for JSN applications and will be included in the September Newsletter.

Robin Hayes Goshen Scout Reservation Campership Fund



On June 28, 2011, we lost an outstanding Scouter, Robin Hayes of Round Hill, who was an inspiration to all of us, the wife of our past District Chairman Tom Hayes, and the mother of Scouts John and Matt Hayes. It is both fitting and appropriate that we honor her life by establishing the "Robin Hayes Goshen Scout Reservation Campership Fund" that will help more of our Scouts be enriched by the personal growth, conservation awareness, and leadership attributes or our nationally-renown NCAC camp.

To further these goals, Randy Minchew, another past District Chairman, will match dollar-for-dollar every contribution made to this fund.

Contributions may be made online on the Goose Creek district website (click on the In Memoriam graphic in the upper left corner) or via mail (Goshen Scholarship Fund/Campership Fund in memory of Robin Hayes c/o NCAC BSA, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814).

Webelos-o-ree 2011



This fall (Sept 24-25) our District is will be holding our 7th annual Webelos-o-ree, an overnight camping event, at Camp Snyder. This camping event is designed to introduce Webelos and their parents to the fun Scouting adventures ahead and to help make the transition into Boy Scouts exciting. Participation in the Webelos-oree is open to all those that will be fourth and fifth grade Webelos in September (i.e., current Bears and 1st Yr. Webelos). The Webelos-o-ree is a *Rain or Shine* event. No siblings or friends will be allowed at the Webelos-o-ree

The Webelos-o-ree starts off with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and wraps up Sunday after chapel services. Activities will be run by our own Boy Scout troops and can include such things as: Fire building, rocketry, cooking, monkey bridge, BB shooting and/or archery, a campfire run by the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow, flashlight tag, and much more. For the adults we'll provide plenty of Scout leaders to answer questions about camping, joining Boy Scouts, and camping equipment. We will also hold a Webelos to Scout orientation for 2nd year Webelos and an Introduction to Webelos meeting for 1st year Webelos and their parents.

Rate A – Camping overnight. The cost is \$20 per person and includes the patch, dinner Saturday evening, and breakfast Sunday. Requires one adult (21 or older) for each Webelos camping (i.e., \$40 per couple).

Rate B – Staying through campfire. The cost is \$16 <u>per person</u> and includes the patch and dinner Saturday evening. At least one adult must attend for every five Webelos in a den.

Rate C – Visiting for the day. The cost is \$8 per Webelos to cover the event fee and <u>does not include a patch</u>. One adult is required to attend for every five Webelos, the adults do not need to pay a registration fee, however.

To register for additional information: A full information/registration packet is available on the district website (check the calendar for Sept 25). Additional questions should be sent to **GCCubEvent@verizon.net**

Troop Participation in the Webelos-o-ree



If your troop is interested in participating in this year's Webelos-o-ree, even if you were at last year's, and have not already contacted us please send an email to *GCProgram@verizon.net* so that we can coordinate the activities to be run and see what space is available for camping.

Each troop selects a different activity/skill that their Scouts teach the Webelos and their parents during a morning and afternoon session. Troops may elect to either camp at the event (there is space for 7-8 troops to stay over) or to just come in for the day to run their activity. There is no registration fee for Boy Scouts, even if they camp. The only thing required is a service project, coordinated before the campout, to help keep the event running (ex., peeling onions).

Pope Pius XII Religious Award



The purpose of the Pope Pius XII program is to challenge the candidate to evaluate his or her own personal talents and abilities in light of the possible choices available to him or her in selecting a career, a lifestyle and a ministry and how these areas are interrelated. The program seeks to help a Scout answer the question of what it is God is calling him or her to do with their life. The program explores life states in the secular community (married vs. single) and in the religious community as well as possible career choices in both the secular and the religious communities. This program is mainly discussion-based and designed for small groups. During the program the participants will interview persons in various lifestyles and careers, conduct research on a topic and attend a retreat. The program contains approximately twelve sessions that will take about 6 months to complete.

A Scout must be registered in either the Boy Scout or Venturing Programs. This means that girls registered in the Venturing are eligible to receive the Pope Pius XII Award. All Scouts must have completed the ninth grade, be of the Catholic faith, attend Mass regularly and must have received some form of formal Catholic religious education. Receiving the Ad Altare Dei Award is not a requirement for the Pope Pius XII. The applicant, their parents or guardian, their Scoutmaster or other troop adult leader, their pastor and their Pope Pius XII Counselor must sign the application found in the Pope Pius XII workbook indicating the Scout meets these requirements before any work on the Award begins.

We will be starting a Pope Pius seminar this fall for Scouts and Venturers ages 15 to 17. Seminar size will be limited to 10 participants. Cost is \$10 for workbook and medal. There will be a one-day retreat opportunity on September 10 and an overnight retreat in Spring 2012.

For more information contact: George Birsic at goosecreek.ccosc[AT]gmail.com (replace [AT] with @ sign). Please respond by 5 September.

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 or 703-443-9648



Whoever said "Where there's smoke there's fire" was, in all likelihood, never a Scout trying to build a camp fire.

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 15th & 16th marks the 54th anniversary of the "Jamboree on the Air" (JOTA) and the 15th anniversary of the "Jamboree on the Internet" (JOTI) and the Boy Scouts of America will be well represented.

While anyone (Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venture Scout) is welcome to participate, not everyone has a broadband connection to the Internet or a shortwave radio that they can take advantage of. With that in mind the Goose Creek District of the National Capital Area Council will host any and all Scouts and Scouters who wish to reach out across the world for this once a year event. Join us Saturday, October 15th in Ashburn, Virginia from 10AM to 2PM and talk to your fellow Scouts from around the globe. There is no associated cost and a fun time should be had by all. Depending on participation levels we hope to be part of the World Scout Challenge, an event sponsored by the Headquarters of the World Scout Organization Movement in Geneva, Switzerland.

For more information contact: mike.sierra@goosecreekdistrict.org.

Spring Camporee 2012



Yes that's right, we're talking about a 2012 event that's still a year away. Why, because we want people to get it on their calendar now and to help us start planning it so that it will be a GREAT camporee!

The theme for next year's District Camporee (April 20-22, 2012) will be 'Scout Olympics' with patrols and individual Scouts competing for the Gold, Silver, or Bronze prizes in various competitions. Some of the competitions will be based on testing for basic Scout skills such as fire building, knot tying, and first aid while others will test more advanced skills such as ax throwing, orienteering, wood splitting and who knows what! We may even have some events for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters.

And who will be determining what competitions we have? YOU WILL! We are asking each troop to submit to the camporee committee a competitive event(s) that they would like to see at the Olympics.

At the camporee the morning and early afternoon time slots will be set aside as the 'Qualifying Period' where patrols and individuals can select the events they want to compete in and see if they are good enough to qualify. The late afternoon time slot will be the Finals where the top qualifiers in each event will compete for the prize.

We asking each unit to assign a contact person (adult Scouter) to work with the camporee committee on designing/selecting the events and to serve as a conduit for further information.

For additional information or to send in the name of the unit's contact person please use **GCCamporee@verizon.net**.

News From Our Units



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle Scouts:

Matthew Bowen – 2970 Benjamin Ryan – 0711 Patrick Eckenfels – 962 Jacob Holtom – 1106 Jameson Horn – 163 Andrew Manuel - 997 Andrew Metz - 962 Patrick Ryan - 572 Bradley Stalcup - 1154 Nathanael Thomasson - 711

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Council Website: www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org

2011 Popcorn Sales Campaign



Could your unit use some extra cash?

Popcorn enables your unit to do the things you want without having to do lots of fund raisers. The idea is to have this one fund-raiser in the fall support the entire year of Scouting. This is an officially approved council unit money-earning project that many packs and troops participate in each year. Do your sale in the fall and reap the benefits for the rest of the year.

There are exciting prizes for all the Scouts who sell popcorn! Additional special prizes for Scouts in the National Capital Area Council include either a free week at Goshen Scout Reservation, a free week at an NCAC day camp, or a free session at Cub World, Camp William B. Snyder, extra gift cards, scholarship funds and for Scouts who sell more than \$1,000 in popcorn- an exclusive Top Seller's Day!

Order \$10,000 dollars or more for your unit and we will ship it to whatever location you would like. A call will be made to the contact person to setup delivery from Moyer & Sons. No need to attend a popcorn pick-up site - the fresh popcorn comes right to you!

Key Dates:

September 9 – First orders due from units.

September 24 – First order pickup.

Oct 7 – Mid-sale orders due from units.

Oct 22 – Mid sale pick-up.

November 16 – Final orders due from units.

December 3 – Final order pickup.

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
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.

Council's Centennial Celebration Day



Have you heard? National Capital Area Council is officially 100 years old! Let's celebrate! On Saturday, October 22nd at Camp William B. Snyder, NCAC will host its one and only official Centennial Celebration, including the World's Longest Pinewood Derby Track, historical Scouting demonstrations/displays, special gatherings for Scouting alumni, main stage events, food, fun, games and activities for Scouts of all ages! Open to the entire Scouting family and the community, this celebration will showcase the Scouts of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

There are four ways to join in the fun!

- Display Your Unit's Special Skills by Applying to be a "NCAC100 Participating Unit". Activity booths/areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis
- Guests This celebration is open to Scouts of all ages, parents, leaders, siblings, and members of the community. Registrations can be done by one person for one person, or by one person for an entire unit. You are also able to return back to your registration to add additional people.
 Register as a guest (non-NCAC or NCAC members). Everyone is \$8 (\$5 early bird discount fee; \$10 at the door) except children 3 years old and younger they are FREE.
- NCAC100 Sponsorships Want to share your product or message with thousands of people? Levels of sponsorships for this event include promotions on our NCAC website, *The Scouter Digest* (our printed publication circulated to 22,000 homes 3x/year), NCAC100's main stage and event materials.
- Volunteers If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents to make this centennial bash a smash, sign up to be on a committee!

For more information click on the Centennial link on the Council web site.

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 (Note: ScubaJam is not an

NCAC sponsored event)

INDYCAR Partners with Boy Scouts



INDYCAR has announced that the Boy Scouts of America is now an official sponsor of the IZOD IndyCar Series and Firestone Indy Lights. The BSA was introduced to motorsports in 2010 through an association with Dale Coyne Racing — an experience that convinced the 101-year-old organization that INDYCAR was an ideal partner with whom to align and to advance their youth leadership and education initiatives. The BSA expects to use the INDYCAR relationship to teach Scouts about the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) aspects of racing.

The BSA will continue to enjoy the opportunity to market its brand to INDYCAR's television audience and at its live races via the red, white, and blue Boy Scouts of America-branded No. 19 car of Dale Coyne Racing. Also, Scouts will be able to visit the Dale Coyne Racing paddock to talk to engineers and see the team at work firsthand. Discounted tickets will be available at numerous races across the country, and promotional elements such as Scout Alley will be activated to entertain the young men as they become fans of INDYCAR and exposed to behind-the-scenes aspects of the motorsports industry.

About INDYCAR

INDYCAR is the governing body of the IZOD IndyCar Series, the premier open-wheel racing series in the United States, and Firestone Indy Lights, which serves as an essential stepping stone for drivers and teams striving to reach the IZOD IndyCar Series and the Mazda Road to Indy, a development ladder system for career-minded drivers who wish to compete in the IZOD IndyCar Series. INDYCAR events are available to a worldwide audience through a variety of multimedia platforms, highlighted by long-term and broad-reaching partnerships with ABC and VERSUS. INDYCAR is continually at the forefront of motorsports innovation with drivers, teams, and tracks benefiting from major safety and technological improvements such as the SAFER Barrier, SWEMS wheel tethers, chassis enhancements, ethanol fuel, and the Holmatro Safety Team.

BSA offers NetSmartz program to keep kids safe online



Frustrated by the prospect of keeping today's always-connected kids safe from harm? Fear not; help is here.

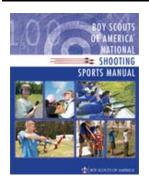
The Boy Scouts of America announced recently that it's partnering with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to offer the center's NetSmartz Internet safety program to Scouters (www.netsmartz.org/Parents).

The program "provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer on- and offline." It's also aligned perfectly with the BSA's own comprehensive Youth Protection strategies.

NetSmartz features resources for children ages 5 to 17 and their parents, guardians, or adult leaders. You'll find videos, games, activity cards, and some excellent quick-read tip sheets.

You'll need a free account to access most of the materials, but signing up takes seconds.

National Shooting Sports Manual



The National Shooting Sports Task Force has just completed the new Boy Scouts of America National Shooting Sports Manual for Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing. Reference material for all levels were put into this one Shooting Sports Manual.

This manual will be a great resource for Council Shooting Sports Committees, Camp Leadership, and Unit Leaders. The manual will help provide a safe environment for youth participating in shooting sports activities.

You can view the manual online in pdf format here: www.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/30931_WB.pdf

Ten Tips on Selecting and Buying Gear

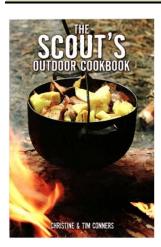


Waking up (or worse yet no being able to sleep) chilled to the bone in a cheap sleeping bag really drives home the importance of having adequate gear. If you and your Scouts aren't warm and dry or don't sleep comfortably you'll have miserable camping trips. Scoutmaster Clarke Green has put together some hints on what you need to look for and consider when buying camping gear.

The article can be found at:

www.scoutmastercg.com/2011/04/ten-hints-on-selecting-and-buying-gear/

Backpacking Recipes



You know your legendary backpacking recipe? The one the guys in your troop have been requesting on every trip for the past decade? It's about to become even more famous.

Tim and Christine Conners, authors of *The Scout's Outdoor Cookbook*, are asking Scouts and Scouters to submit backpacking recipes for a new set of cookbooks they're writing for the Boy Scouts of America and Falcon Publishing.

The authors are working on three new editions: Dutch Oven Cooking, Large Group Camping, and Backpacking. The collections of recipes come from Scouts and Scouters' submissions and from the Conners' own outdoor cooking expertise.

They're Scouters, too. Tim is an assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 340 in Georgia's Coastal Empire Council, and Christine serves as a merit badge counselor for the troop.

Submit your backpacking recipe by e-mail to outdoorcooking@mac.com

On-Line Resource of the Month



You'll find the *Ask Andy* column at *www.USSCOUTS.org*. Andy has been answering questions about Scouting for ten years on line and a lot more years prior to that. He patiently answers some of the same questions over and over again;" how many square knots can I sew on my shirt and in what order?" kind of questions. Andy is also direct and sometimes a little curmudgeonly and is not afraid to tell people how wrong they are (some of them are really very wrong indeed).

Andy is focused on the success of individual Scouts. He assiduously follows policy because the rules and regulations are also focused on the success of Scouts.



Training Opportunities

Boy Scout IOLS Training



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters and does involve an outnighter. 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: August 5-6, 2011

Location: Banshee Reeks Nature Reserve

Cost: \$30

- 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; this includes a tent, sleeping bag and personal equipment.
- Camping overnight is part of the course.
- Meals will be provided. Please provide any dietary restrictions...

For more information and to register: Check the main splash page of the district website.

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. 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: August 5-6, 2011

Location: Banshee Reeks Nature Reserve

Cost: \$30

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 main splash page of the district website.

Wilderness & Remote First Aid



When: August 27-28, 2011, Turkey Run Education Center, Prince William Forest Park, Manassas, VA

This 16 hour course teaches the assessment of and treatment given to an ill or injured person in a remote environment where definitive care of a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available. In this WFA class, course participants will learn how to assess, treat, and, when possible, prevent medical and traumatic emergencies within the scope of their training.

This course is sponsored by the Sierra Club's Potomac Region Outings. The course has been setup so that there will not be the option for overnight camping or on-site meal preparation. There are however, several nearby restaurants. Lodging and meals are the responsibility of the participant.

The course has been setup with an additional American Red Cross CPR/AED – Adult course which will be offered on Tuesday, August 23rd in Herndon, VA, prior to the weekend's Wilderness First Aid course. The course starts at 6pm and is expected to last 4.5 hours in length; and results in an American Red Cross certification (valid for 2 years).

The Wilderness First Aid course itself will start on Saturday morning at 8am and will go until 6pm, reconvening Sunday for the same time and duration. Lunch and coffee breaks are included.

For more information and to register: www.wildsafe.org/courses/wfa.htm

Leave No Trace Training



Are you your troop's Leave No Trace Trainer, but you're not certified yet because you haven't taken the LNT Trainer course? A certified LNT Master Educator has agreed to provide LNT Trainer training during a campout on the Appalachian Trail on 17-18 September.

Cost will be no more than \$40. Attendance is limited to ten individuals. Adult scout leaders may also participate, but preference will be given to scouts. There will be a one hour meeting the week prior to the campout to prep for the course

For more information please contact: George Birsic, *geoandal[at]yahoo.com* (replace '[at]' with @ sign for sending email). We need a final list of names by August 30.

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation "BALOO" is specifically designed for a Cub Scout leader who has minimal camping experience but wants to plan and carry out an entry-level outdoor experience for the pack. The goal of this pack outdoor experience is to provide a successful outing that is fun while being based on the principles of Cub Scouting. At BALOO you will learn about:

- The aims and purposes of the BSA progressive camping program
- How to plan a pack outdoor experience
- The Cub Scout Outdoor Essentials list of equipment
- Different kinds of sleeping bags
- The best types of tents for Cub Scout camping
- Planning successful and fun campfire programs
- Building safe campfires
- The CAMPING safety program
- Age appropriate worship services
- Cooking in the outdoors
- Stoves and Lanterns
- First aid
- Sanitation in camp
- Nature hikes
- Outdoor games

For information contact: reclaff@aol.com

Cub Leader Pow Wow



This Year's Cub Leader Pow Wow will be SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011

What is Cub Leader Pow Wow?

Cub Leader Pow Wow is a supplemental, action-packed all day training event for adult Cub Scout Leaders. You will spend the day learning new ideas and concepts with hands-on experiences that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scout boys.

Who should attend Cub Leader Pow Wow?

Everyone! All registered adult Cub Scout Leaders, potential leaders, and interested parents.

Training sessions offer relevant topics for every Cub Scout position to help you make your Cub Scout program more fun for the boys ... and you too!

What do I need to do to register online for Cub Leader Pow Wow?

Download and carefully review the course description and course schedule, then make your course selections. Begin electronic registration here. Have a major credit card handy when you register. All courses have limited enrollment and many fill quickly. Courses that reach maximum enrollment will not be available to select for registration. So... register when it becomes available.

For additional information: e-mail to Bill Mayo, at NCAC.PowWow@gmail.com

Catholic Religious Emblems Counselor Training



When: October 8, 2011

Where: St James School, Falls Church, VA

Courses offered:

- Cub 1 Cub Scout Pack Coordinator
- Boy 1 Boy Scout Counselor (Middle School grades)
- Boy 2 Boy Scout (High School grades) & Venturing

Cost: \$10.00 for workbook, coffee, juices, snacks (pay at training) (Middle and High School grades bring sack lunch)

Schedule:

8:30 - Mass (Church)

9:30 - Opening Session (all)

10:00 - 12:00 - Cub 1

10:00 - 3:00 - Boy 1 & 2

Registration at: www.arlingtondiocesescouting.org

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 two weekend, fun-filled practical training periods 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)

Fall Wood Badge:

Session 1: 9/9/2011 - 9/11/12011 Session 2: 10/14/2011 - 10/16/2011

Location: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Spring 2012 Wood Badge:

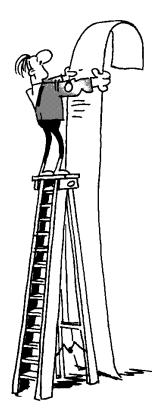
Session 1: 5/4/2012 - 5/6/2012 Session 2: 6/1/2012 - 6/3/2012

Location: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Cost: Total cost for the course 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



August 2011

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

September

- 5 Labor Day
- 9 Popcorn orders #1 due
- 14 Roundtable
- 15 Commissioner Roundtable
- 20 Join Scouting Night
- 24 Popcorn Pickup
- 24-25 Webelos-o-ree
 - 28 District Committee

October

- 1 Training Boy Scout Leader Specific
- 7 Popcorn orders #2 due
- 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)
 - 22 Popcorn Pickup
 - 22 Council Centennial Celebration
 - 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
- 16 Popcorn orders #3 due
- 19 PowWow
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

December

- 3 Popcorn Pickup
- 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

- 8 Commissioner Roundtable
- 14 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

May

- 4-6 OA Ordeal
 - 9 Program Launch
- 10 Commissioner Roundtable
- 13 Mother's Days
- 18 District Award Banquet
- 23 District Committee
- 28 Memorial Day

June

- 2 Soda Bottle Rocket Derby
- 8 Last Day of School
- 13 Roundtable
- 14 Commissioner Roundtable
- 27 District Committee

July

4 Independence Day