



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
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Newsletter Key:

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

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When Apollo spacecraft passed to the far side of the moon there were some tense moments in mission control. During this part of the orbit radio communication with the earth was impossible. There was no way to know if everything was alright until the spacecraft reappeared.

Imagine yourself sitting in mission control without being able to see or speak to the astronauts and not knowing if they were in trouble. It must have been a completely helpless feeling.

Imagine being one of those astronauts; no one in human history has been that far away, that isolated.

If you are the parent of a boy, or work with boys it is very possible that you will know how the folks in mission control must have felt. Parents experience something very much like the folks at NASA; our children suit up, get in the capsule and are launched into space. We maintain some control, we can send messages back and forth, we can help them steer a course.

When the spacecraft goes behind the Moon we can't communicate with that astronaut child of ours. Whether you expect this to happen or are taken by surprise it's confusing and dismaying and it hurts, it hurts to the core. Some parents get angry and some just about lose their minds. No parent I have known was prepared to go through this experience (at least not the first time) and it can be terribly unsettling.

But the mission goes on and soon the ship has traveled around the moon, the avenues of communication open. We're happy to hear things are going well, that everyone has survived the trip.

Just like the folks at mission control we have to listen quietly when the mission is on the dark side of the Moon. We can't just keep transmitting messages – we have to listen for the answers as well.

District News

District Website: www.GooseCreekDistrict.org

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 a new location – **Meadowkirk in Middleburg VA**. 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-o-ree is open to all those that will be fourth and fifth grade 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 per person 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 **does not include a patch**. 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. Additional questions should be sent to GCCubEvent@verizon.net

150th Anniversary Civil War Reenactment at Balls Bluff



There will be a reenactment sponsored by Morven Park and the NVRPA that will take place at Balls Bluff on Saturday, October 22nd and Sunday the 23rd with sutlers, vendors and soldiers arriving on Friday the 21st. 3,000 tickets are being sold for this event plus there will be 1,000 re-enactors (500 on each side). The encampment is at Morven Park and the battle at Balls Bluff.

For more information and tickets: www.150thBallsBluff.com

Join Scouting Night – September 20th



Prepare for Your Fall JSN

The Goose Creek District and the Loudoun County Public School JSN date is:

Tuesday, September 20th, 7-8pm

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

Heads Up! 20 days and counting...

Training has concluded and we had about 60 people attend the four sessions put on throughout the county. We hope you liked the presentations and certainly the line of questions that people asked were very good. JSN Newsletter III just went out and there will be 2 more coming, one around the 10th and the last one around the 18th. We are locking down the turn-in locations which will be announced in the 4th newsletter.

I sincerely hope that you are preparing your personalized JSN presentation. I have great faith that everyone will do a wonderful job but as we all knows, it's all about the preparation. Leave nothing to chance

Contact Sue, Michael or myself at any time with questions you might have.

Thanks,
Chris Goda
JSN Chairperson, Goose Creek

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.

Rechartering



This Fall Goose Creek will be going through our annual rechartering process with a goal of having it all done by Dec 1, 2011. BSA requires each Scouting unit - whether Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, Ship, or Post - to renew its Charter annually. This assures that the Chartered Organization still is using Scouting's programs to serve youth and assures that the unit roster is up to date at least once a year. In addition to renewing the unit charter, recharter time is when all youth and adult members (leaders) renew their membership in BSA.

With rechartering just three months away there are several things that you should start working on now in order to make the process survivable:

1. Have someone scheduled to attend a Recharter Workshop. Goose Creek has scheduled workshops at the Leesburg United Methodist Church, Asbury Hall) to discuss the recharter and to go over the Internet Recharter process (which opens up on Nov 1).
 - 5 Oct 2011, 7:30-9:00pm
 - 19 Oct 2011, 7:30-9:00pm
2. Know who your Unit Commissioner is. Your unit commissioner will be your main source of answers on rechartering.
3. Make sure that your Cubmaster/Scoutmaster is TRAINED! BSA requires that the people in these positions must be fully trained.
4. Start cleaning up your unit roster. Find out which Scouts have not been attending meetings and whether they plan to stay involved with the unit. For packs, get the applications you received from Join Scouting Night turned in promptly so that the new Scouts will appear in the rechartering unit roster. Keep copies of all applications turned in prior to rechartering in case they don't show up on the rechartering unit roster.
5. Find out who has to sign the recharter paperwork. The rechartering paperwork has to be signed by the chartering organization's Institutional Head (president, chairman, executive officer, ...) and not the Chartering Organization Representative (COR), the person that has been signing the adult applications. Find out who this person is, whether someone else might be taking over the position by December, and what their vacation plans are. Getting this signature is one of the biggest problems most units face.
6. Buy aspirin, lots.

New Chess Merit Badge



The countdown has begun for the launch of BSA's newest merit badge, Chess. While the kickoff event will take place at the grand opening of the new Chess Hall of Fame in September, other key milestones for new badge include:

- Chess merit badge requirements will be posted on www.Scouting.org on Sept 7.
- A press release announcing the new merit badge will also be distributed on Sept 7.
- Chess merit badge pamphlets and patches will be in Scout shops and online by Sept 10

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 of our nationally-renowned 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 Memorium* 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).

Goose Creek Email Distribution Lists



Goose Creek District maintains a number of email distribution lists that we use to provide for quick dissemination of information to our Scouts, Scouters, and families. This includes notices of upcoming events and important district news such as rechartering, JSN, camporees, this newsletter, etc. Here are some of the mailing lists currently available:

- PACKS** – Cub Scout Packs
- LDSPACKS** – LDS Cub Scout Packs
- TROOPS** – Boy Scout Troops
- LDSTROOPS** – LDS Boy Scout Troops
- CREWS** – Venture Crews
- TEAMS** – Varsity Teams

There's no limit to the number of people from a unit that may subscribe to the lists, so multiple leaders from each unit should subscribe.

To be subscribed to one or more mailing lists, send an email to our Communications Committee at either Webmaster@GooseCreekDistrict.org or Communications@GooseCreekDistrict.org. In your message, please include your name, unit affiliation(s), and the list(s) you wish to subscribe to. You can unsubscribe to a list by sending an email to the same addresses.

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

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:

Alexander Bullock – Troop 997
W. Henry Hall – Troop 961

Jonathan Henderson – Troop 2970
Matthew Schafer – Crew 1106



If your Scout son wants to start a bug collection, give him some paint and ask him to paint the patio furniture.

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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.

Simple Tools Help New Cub Scouts, Parents



Because keeping up the excitement of new Cub Scouts and their parents between sign-up night and their first pack meeting is so important to a pack's success, the BSA has developed some new, easy-to-access resources to help maintain those peak interest levels.

Targeting new Cub Scout parents and newly recruited den leaders, these resources include a page on the BeAScout.org website

(<https://BeAScout.scouting.org/welcome.aspx>, or the Spanish version, <https://BeAScout.scouting.org/bienvenidos.aspx>) that features a fun video highlighting Scouting in action and two simple information tab choices: "I am a new Cub Scout parent" and "I volunteered to be a new Cub Scout den leader."

Parents can choose to investigate one or both tabs, where they will find basic information and answers to their most common questions. If they want still more information, they will be invited to explore Scouting.org.

A bilingual (English and Spanish) postcard is available to help guide parents to this wealth of online information. Each local council office has received a supply. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Ron Timmons at Ronald.Timmons@Scouting.org or 972-580-2459.

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.

BSA Launches SCOUTStrong Fitness Program for Youth



"To keep myself physically strong" has been part of the oath that Boy Scouts have followed for more than 100 years. Even with fitness and wellness already one of its aims, the Boy Scouts of America is making a formal commitment to do even more to address the major health concerns facing today's youth. At its Top Hands Conference of Scouting professionals, the organization launched a new healthy-living initiative called SCOUTStrong.

SCOUTStrong was kicked off by announcing a collaboration with the President's Challenge, the premier program of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition (PCFSN), resulting in a Scout-specific Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA) challenge. The organization hopes more than 500,000 youth will achieve the SCOUTStrong PALA by 2013, the year of the BSA's next national Scout jamboree.

To earn the SCOUTStrong PALA, children need to be active 60 minutes a day, five days a week for six weeks; adults need 30 minutes a day.

National Park Service Programs for Boy Scouts



Headed to a National Park? Check out these National Park Service Programs for Boy Scouts:

Scout Ranger Program

Scouts who complete 10 hours of educational programs and/or service work at a National Park qualify for a Scout Ranger patch. Scouts who complete 5 hours of educational programs and/or service work at a National Park qualify for a certificate.

Hours can be completed at one or several parks over any amount of time. This sounds like a great addition to a family vacation or unit visits to a National Park. Awards are received on the honor system when a Scout reports their hours to any NPS ranger. For details about the program go to

www.nps.gov/GettingInvolved/YouthPrograms/how-to-earn-a-scout-ranger-certificate-or-patch.htm

Eagle Certificate

Boy Scouts who have completed their requirements for an Eagle Scout award are eligible to receive a certificate of recognition from the National Park Service. Scout leaders and/or parents must send a e-mail or letter to the Youth Programs office requesting recognition of the young person's Eagle Scout achievements.

Send requests to:

Valerie_Brown@nps.gov

or

NPS Youth Programs
1201 Eye Street NW 11th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005

Due to the popularity of this program among the thousands of young people receiving Eagle Scout awards each year, persons requesting NPS recognition should be sure to submit their requests at least one month in advance of the date when the certificate is needed. In addition, scout leaders who have multiple scouts for whom NPS recognition is requested are encouraged to include all of the names within one single email. Separate emails are not necessary.

International Talk Like a Pirate Day



International Talk Like a Pirate Day is a parodic holiday created in 1995 by John Baur (Ol' Chumbucket) and Mark Summers (Cap'n Slappy), of Albany, Oregon, who proclaimed September 19th each year as the day when everyone in the world should talk like a pirate. For example, an observer of this holiday would greet friends not with "Hello," but with "Ahoy, matey!"

The holiday, and its observance, springs from a romanticized view of the Golden Age of Piracy. At first an inside joke between two friends, the holiday gained exposure when John Baur and Mark Summers sent a letter about their invented holiday to the American syndicated humor columnist Dave Barry in 2002. Barry liked the idea and promoted the day. Growing media coverage of the holiday after Barry's column has ensured that this event is now celebrated internationally.

For more information: www.TalkLikeaPirate.com/PirateHome.html

Help for Boy Scout Early Rank Requirements



Boy Scouts working on their Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks might want to check out the early rank requirements videos from the BSA. These videos give step by step instructions for all of the requirements for these three ranks.

These videos should not serve as a replacement for instruction within the troop, but they will help a Scout prepare ahead of time or give additional help if he is having difficulty learning a skill. Troop Instructors might also find these videos helpful when preparing to teach younger scouts a skill.

Note: You may have trouble viewing these online videos with the Internet Explorer browser. No problems with Google Chrome though. So if you have trouble, try viewing them with a different browser.

To view the videos:

1. Go to the Early Rank Requirement Videos page
www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/Applications/RankVideo.aspx
2. Click on the badge for the rank you are working on
3. A list of requirements for the rank will appear below the badges
4. Select the specific requirement you are working on from the list
5. The video should begin playing on the right. If it does not, make sure your browser is not waiting for permission to run the video.

Summer Camp Staff – 2012 Camping Season



We will hire over 250 young people to work with our youth in camps at Goshen Scout Reservation in Goshen, Virginia and Camp William B. Snyder in Haymarket, Virginia. Successful applicants will enjoy a weekly salary, room and board, training, and a great outdoor experience with youth. The minimum age to work at day camp is 14, resident camp 15.

Goshen - Contact Michael Donaghue at Michael.Donaghue@scouting.org.

Camp William B. Snyder - Contact Dan Ross at Dan.Ross@scouting.org

Deer Tick Prevention



Since deer populations have been exploding in many parts of the country, we have seen a corresponding explosion in the tick population. Permethrin seems to be the best alternative for dealing with these pests and is a vastly superior alternative to DEET. Permethrin may be applied to clothing or you can purchase pre-treated clothing that is purported to remain effective for fifty or more washes.

Permethrin is a man-made version of an insect repellent found in chrysanthemum plants. The molecule repels a variety of biting insects including flies, ants, chiggers, mosquitoes, ticks, etc.

Excerpts From Ask Andy (July 28, 2011)



Hi Andy,

Our Scouts just returned from camp and some of them came home with merit badge “partials.” Before they left camp, they were told that they need to complete the requirements within one year of camp in order to earn the merit badge, or they start over. I can’t find anything about this “rule” in any BSA book or pamphlet except that merit badge and rank requirements can be worked on until a Scout’s 18th birthday. What’s your opinion on this?

My “opinion” is that somebody at camp’s dishing out horsepucky. What you’ve found is exactly right: The cut-off is the Scout’s 18th birthday—and that part isn’t my opinion; that’s straight out of BSA policies and procedures. (Which means *you* don’t have to waste time listening to other “opinions” on this—It’s a done deal, and that’s by the BSA.) Thanks a bunch for asking. We can’t stress this one often enough!

Hi Andy,

Our troop committee, although aware of the BSA definition of “active,” stipulates that a Scout must attend 50% of meetings *and* 50% of all other troop activities, for a 90-day period, to be considered active (for the purposes of advancement). This has proven a problem for Scouts who are in sports, extracurricular activities, have jobs, have family problems, are in an orchestra or marching band, and the list goes on. We have Scouts who want to be as active as they’re able, but because of this stipulation they’re put on the troop’s “inactive” list. We’re generally considered a good troop, and an active one, but this problem continues to bother at least me. Do you have any ideas on how to deal with this?

So let me see if I have this right... The troop committee has arbitrarily established a renegade policy designed to penalize the young men in the troop who have the greatest number of all-around interests...

Go invest in the *2011 Boy Scout Requirements* book and read it. You’ll discover that the BSA is absolutely steadfast on the point that troops don’t set “metrics” like number or percent of meetings and/or outdoor activities. “Active” means “do your best.” This is what permits Scouting to coexist with band camps, sports seasons, choral and other musical groups, CCD and confirmation classes, Bar Mitzvah preparations and Hebrew school, Chinese school, and so on. Apply more rigidity and the big loser is Scouting (just in case your troop committee hasn’t figured that out yet). Scouting is intended to be the most flexible of youth programs, and these people have found a way to repudiate this at one of the most fundamental levels.

Same with that oh-so-clever “90 days before the conference and board of review” baloney. Toss it. So long as a Scout has been active (per the BSA’s definition; not your troop’s) for the period stated in the requirement — whether consecutive or not — it’s a slam-dunk.

Is Dutch Oven Cooking Worth the Trouble?



Dutch oven cooking is worth the trouble. Truth be told it's not actually all that much trouble either! Here's a great introduction to Dutch oven cooking in three parts. It is as easy as it looks; use simple recipes, don't get too overwrought and you'll have some great eating.

www.ScoutmasterCG.com/2011/07/is-dutch-oven-cooking-worth-the-trouble/

On-Line Resource of the Month

HALFEAGLE

www.HalfEagle.com brings together the historians of today's Scouting movement. It has over 7,100 entries from volunteer's blogs and scouting related photo groups updated every hour.

This site is a service project of Gregg Hilferding, an Eagle Scout, U.S. Army veteran, and Appalachian Trail thru-hiker. Greg is currently serving as the Scoutmaster for Troop 72 in Zephyrhills, Florida. This website is independently operated and is not sponsored by, endorsed by, or affiliated with BSA



Training Opportunities

Boy Scout Leader Specific Training (BSLST)



BSLST is an indoor session that usually takes about 9 hours and is one of the two courses Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters must take in order to be fully trained. The second course is Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) which is the outdoor training. This course is designed to bring the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster up to speed quickly with their new leadership position by introducing them to important concepts such as the role of the Scoutmaster in a boy-led Troop, the Outdoor Program, the Advancement Program, Program Planning and Troop Administration, as well as safety guidelines.

Dates: October 1, 2011

Location: TBD

Cost: \$5

Look for more information to appear on the district website soon.

Boy Scout Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters and does involve an overnight. 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: October 15-16, 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.

Look for more information to appear on the district website soon.

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:

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

Class Size is Limited and Advanced Registration required by 9/3/11. No Walk-Ons.

When: 9/10/2011 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA

Cost: \$15.00 per participant (includes handouts, Cub Scout breakfast, and Foil-Meal Lunch). Bring pen and notepad along with a camp/folding chair.

For information contact: Mike Reep at JMRscout@hotmail.com or (h) 703-503-9044. This is a Virginia Central/West Area training event.

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

Adult CPR & AED



When: Sept 23 or Nov 18, 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM, Camp Snyder

This hands-on adult CPR skills training course could help you save the life of a family member, a friend, or a stranger by preparing you to correctly and confidently respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults. Training on how to properly use an AED is also included in this course.

You will learn to:

- Protect yourself against disease transmission by taking precautions when giving care.
- Follow the emergency action steps: Check-Call-Care.
- Call for and work with EMS.
- Care for conscious and unconscious choking victims.
- Perform CPR and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in adults ages 12 and up.
- Use an automated external defibrillator (AED) on a victim of sudden cardiac arrest.
- Gain the confidence you need to act quickly and effectively in the face of an emergency.

Certification: This American Red Cross certification is valid for 2 years from the date of the course.

For more information: www.Wildsafe.org or call Toll Free (888) 945-3402

To register: Cost \$70, Council website – click on Council Events

Wilderness & Remote First Aid



When (two separate classes):

- Sept 24-25, Camp Snyder
- Nov 19-20, Camp Snyder

Now required by the Boy Scouts of America for its high-adventure bases Philmont and Northern Tier, this 16 hour intensive course teaches students how to properly assess, treat, and manage common illnesses and injuries in a remote environment where definitive care of a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available. In this class, course participants will learn how to assess, treat, and prevent medical and traumatic emergencies within the scope of their training.

Time is the essential element distinguishing wilderness first aid from standard first aid. When calling 9-1-1 is not an immediate option, or when help could be an hour or even days away, the task of managing the injured and the ill will challenge you beyond basic first-aid knowledge, and require the skills you will learn in this course.

Long hikes, extended lengths of rivers, large expanses of ocean, and miles of asphalt may separate the patient from a medical facility. You may have to endure heat or cold, rain, wind, or darkness. The equipment needed for treatment and evacuation may have to be improvised from what is available, and communication with the "outside world" may be limited or nonexistent. Remote locations and harsh environments may require creative treatments. All these things may be a part of the world of WFA.

PREREQUISITES:

- Participants must be at least 14 years of age.
- Participants must hold current certification in Adult CPR/AED

An American Red Cross Adult CPR/AED is being offered on the Friday evening prior to the course.

For more information: www.Wildsafe.org or call Toll Free (888) 945-3402

To register: Cost \$165, Council website – click on Council Events

Catholic Religious Emblems Counselor Training



When: October 8, 2011 - 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

Philmont Training Center 2012 Conference Schedule



Thinking about next summer already? You're not alone. With summer camp behind you and the school year about to start, it's natural for Scouters like you to start dreaming up their next big adventure. That makes it the perfect time to check out Philmont's recently released 2012 training center schedule.

As you've surely heard, a week at the Philmont Training Center (or PTC) makes for a great vacation. And it's not just for Scouters. Bring your spouse and your kids — they'll thank you profusely on the drive home.

Your first step is finding a training center course that suits you. Courses last a week and run from June 10 to Aug. 18. There's also a special Fall Week in mid-September. At PTC, you're sure to find several appealing courses. Perhaps you'll choose a timeless Scouting topic presented in a fresh way, such as "Putting More Outing in Scouting," "Retaining Youth in Scouting," or "Orienteering and Scouting." Or maybe you'll pick a course subject that didn't exist 10 years ago, like "Social Media and Scouting."

Scouters who register before Jan. 1, 2012, receive a \$25 discount on their conference fees.

For more information:

<http://PhilmontScoutRanch.org/PTC/conferences2012.aspx>

The Buckets



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)

Spring 2012 Wood Badge:

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

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

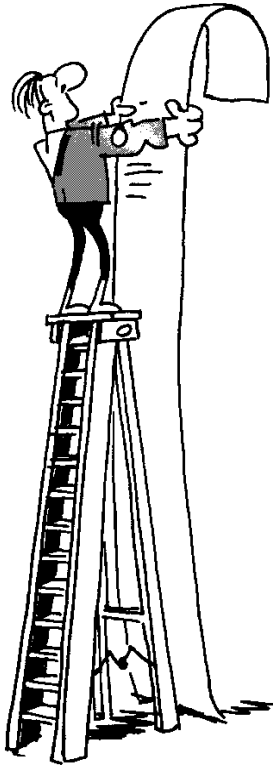
Location: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

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).

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

District Calendar



September 2011

- 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**
- 5 **Recharter Training**
- 7 Popcorn orders #2 due
- 10 Columbus Day
- 12 Roundtable
- 13 Commissioner Roundtable
- 15-16 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
- 16-17 JOTA/JOTI
- 19 **Recharter Training**
- 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
- 9 **Recharter Turn-In**
- 10 Commissioner Roundtable
- 12 **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**
- 16 District Committee
- 16 Popcorn orders #3 due
- 16 **Recharter Turn-In**
- 19 **PowWow**
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Break
- 30 **Recharter Turn-In**

December

- 1 **Recharter Turn-In**
- 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 Day
- 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

August

- 8 Roundtable
- 9 Commissioner Roundtable
- 22 District Committee