



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
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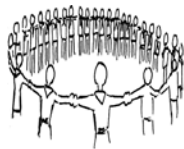
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## Quick Calendar:

- Oct 1 – Training – BSLST
- Oct 5 & 19 – Recharter Training
- Oct 12 – Roundtable
- Oct 15-16 – Training – IOLS
- Oct 16-17 – JOTA/JOTI
- Oct 29 – Den Chief Training
- Nov 5 & 12 – Scouting for Food
- Nov 9 – Roundtable
- Nov 9, 16, 30 – Recharter Turn-In
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- Dec 14 – Roundtable

## Newsletter Key:

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



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Scouting is not an organization.

Scouting is a movement.

Scouting is also a philosophy.

The philosophy drives the movement, the movement uses various organizations.

An organization possesses and uses structure, resources and power. Organizations hire workers, issue policies, buy and sell products, build buildings. The B.S.A., W.O.S.M., and G.S.A. are all organizations that serve Scouting, but they are not Scouting itself.

Movements have an emotional heart. A movement may use organizations but are not dependent on them. Movements require leaders with the power and energy of an idea or vision.

Movements are very hard to stop and are more likely to bring change to the world.

A philosophy can survive events that would kill a movement or organization. A philosophy can skip a generation or two. It is often interpreted, and is more likely to break into autonomous groups, to morph and split and then reunite.

We run into trouble when we place our loyalty in an organization rather than the philosophy that built it. Organizations are much more vulnerable to error, to weakness. Organizations have a life span; they are not eternal. Organizations need to be challenged, it's the only way they can remain faithful to their underlying philosophy.

During the occupation of Poland in WWII the Poles lost their Scouting Organization; it was co-opted by the Nazis. But the Poles did not lose the heart of their movement nor the philosophy behind it. They carried it into the ghettos, the concentration camps, and finally into the diaspora of Poles all over the world. Polish Scouting stayed alive as a philosophy, as a movement through six decades of Nazi and communist governments.

When Poland was freed from communism the scouting movement grew into several competing organizations all vying for official recognition but the movement and the philosophy had survived.

When we keep ourselves centered on the philosophy behind Scouting, when we remain faithful to the movement empowered by that philosophy the troubles and trials of the organization are put into perspective; they are less unsettling.

## District News

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

### Rechartering



BSA requires each Scouting unit - whether Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, Ship, or Post - to renew its Charter annually. This assures that the Chartered Organization is still 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.

Scheduled Recharter Training dates:

**5 Oct 2011**, 7:30-9:00pm at Asbury Hall, Leesburg United Methodist Church

**19 Oct 2011**, 7:30-9:00pm at Asbury Hall, Leesburg United Methodist Church

Charter turn-in dates:

**9th Nov 2011**, 6:15pm-7:15pm LUMC (before RT)

**16th Nov 2011**, 6:15pm-7:15pm LUMC (before District Com mtg)

**30th Nov 2011**, 6pm-9pm Leesburg Starbucks

**1st Dec 2011**, 6pm-9pm Countryside Starbucks

### District Honor Troop



This year the District Committee has decided that the annual 'Honor Troop' should be chosen by what a troop does throughout the year for camping, advancement, and community service instead of being the winner of a single event such as the spring camporee.

We are proud to announce that the 2011-2012 Honor Troop for Goose Creek District is Troop 1576, chartered by the ADAMS Center. As the District Honor Troop they will have possession of the District Troop totem for the year with the expectation that they will keep to the tradition of adding another piece to it.

Congratulations Troop 1576.

### District Award of Merit Nominations



The District Award of Merit is a Council award presented by the district in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by Councils. It is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. A nominee must be a registered adult volunteer member of the BSA.

**For nomination forms and submittal information:** On the District web page select [Resources and Help](#) from the menu and go to the listing for the 2011 District Award of Merit. Nominations are due in to the District by Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Silver Beaver Nominations



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

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

In order to ensure that all Goose Creek nominations have the best information before they are sent in to Council the District has set up a Goose Creek Silver Beaver Review committee. The purpose of this committee is not to decide which nominations to send in, but to review the nominations and to identify where additional information or clarification should be included. All members of the committee are Silver Beaver recipients including some who have served on the Council review committee.

**For nomination forms and submittal information:** On the District web page select Resources and Help from the menu and go to the listing for the 2011 Silver Beaver nominations. All nominations must be in to the committee by Nov 15.

## Loudoun Holiday Campaign - 2011



The weather is changing and the leaves are beginning to turn. Winter is around the corner and with it the festive holiday season. Consider taking time out of your day to think of those in service to our nation. Local non-profits within Loudoun County have teamed together to recognize those who stand in harm's way and those in need. How can you help?

- You can stop by 18 Royal St., SE, Leesburg, VA 20175 and sign a Christmas card for a hospitalized veteran (or drop off a box of holiday cards so that others may sign them).
- You can donate toys at that same location for the "Toys for Tots" program run by the US Marine Corps Reserve and bring joy to local children in need.
- Finally you may help fill a care package for our fighting men and women deployed overseas. Boxes are available for free at your local post office (or free online through USPS.Com). Ask for the "Priority Mail Large Flat Rate Box." They are 12" x 12" x 5 ½" and can be filled with a variety of things. Bring your care package to 18 Royal Street and you don't have to pay for postage.

For more information on this effort or what to put in your care package go to the Goose Creek web site at

[www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=100833](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=100833) or call 805-501-2041 and thank you for your support.

## Claude Moore Park Nature Programs



Claude Moore Park (21544 Old Vestal's Gap Rd. Sterling VA 20164,) is offering several Cub Scout badge programs that meet most of all badge requirements.

Bears Sharing World With Wildlife – Visit a nature center, learn about animal extinction, and what a naturalist does. Make a bird feeder.

**161225-01**      \$6      Saturday      11/5      12:30PM – 2:00PM

Cub Scout Fishing Belt Loop & Pin – Complete your fishing belt loop and parts of the fishing pin. Learn the fishing basics, make your own pole then try fishing in the park's pond.

**161215-01**      \$9      Sunday      10/23      1:00PM – 4:00PM

Webelos Naturalist Badge – Visit Frogshackle Nature Center and the park trails to explore animal food chains, bird flyways and more.

**161223-01**      \$6      Saturday      10/22      10:00AM – 11:30AM

**161223-02**      \$6      Saturday      11/5      2:30PM – 4:00PM

Webelos Geologist Badge – Rocks and minerals are in almost everything around – and in us! Explore their importance to us and to nature.

**161234-01**      \$6      Saturday      11/19      10:00AM – 11:30AM

**161234-02**      \$6      Saturday      11/19      1:00PM – 2:30PM

Parents must register their own scouts online at [www.loudoun.gov/webtrac](http://www.loudoun.gov/webtrac) or at any Loudoun Parks & Recreation site. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Save \$1 using on-line registration. One parent must accompany each individual scout (no siblings permitted).

**For information:** Call 571-258-3700, [www.loudoun.gov/claudemoorespark](http://www.loudoun.gov/claudemoorespark)

## Service Project Opportunity



We have received a request from Chris Brunton of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) asking about troops (or Scouts) who might be interested in service projects (or Eagle Scout Projects) on the Appalachian Trail (AT) and at the Blackburn Trail Center. Chris is a District Manager with PATC and he's responsible for the AT from Ashby Gap (Route 50) to Harpers Ferry.

Chris can be reached at: 703-967-2226 (Cell) or [TrailBossBTC@msn.com](mailto:TrailBossBTC@msn.com)

## Webelos-o-ree in Review



On Sept 24-25 we held our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Webelos-o-ree at Meadowkirk in Middleburg with 230 Webelos, 200 parents/leaders, and five Boy Scout troops attending. Though the weather looked extreme up through Friday it turned out to be a beautiful, rain free weekend and a great time was had by all. Special thanks go out to Rumsey Light and Dave Carty for setting up, running, and taking down the BB, archery, and slingshot ranges; to all the adults who stepped up to give the staff a hand when they needed it; and especially to the parents of Pack 1576 who voluntarily worked on the food line even though it placed them at the end of the line..



## OA Service Project



The Goose Creek Chapter of the Order of the Arrow will be having a clean-up of the W&OD trail on Sat., Oct. 8 starting at 11:00. We will be meeting in the parking lot at the end of Solitude Court off of Battlefield Parkway. There will be a fellowship immediately following the clean-up. Wear casual clothes and your sash and bring work gloves if you want - there will be none provided. Everyone is welcome.

## Why You Should Attend Roundtable



Roundtable is the best way to find out what's happening in the council and district, and is a great way to improve the program we provide to the youths in our units!

The objective of roundtables is to give leaders program ideas; information on policy, events, and training opportunities; and an opportunity to share experiences and enjoy fun and fellowship with other Scouting leaders. The roundtable commissioner and staff demonstrate elements of a model meeting that leaders may use as a pattern for their own unit meetings. As a result of the roundtable experience, unit leaders will be inspired, motivated, and able to provide a stronger program for their Scouts.'

Some of us have been leaders for what seems like years. And we think we know it all. But it is never too late to learn something new! Scouting advancement requirements, camping techniques, and leadership responsibilities are constantly changing and attending Roundtable is a great way to keep current.

Goose Creek's Roundtables (Cub Scout and Boy Scout) are held the second Wednesday of each month (except July), 7-9 PM, at the Leesburg United Methodist Church (107 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176).

## 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



First law of campout weather: If it's not a campout weekend, the weather will tend to be partly sunny; on a campout weekend it will tend to be partly cloudy...or worse.

## Spring Camporee 2012



A camporee takes a lot of planning time and requires troop involvement. At the moment we have had only one troop send in the name of a contact person for this event. We are 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.

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.

For additional information or to send in the name of the unit's contact person please use [GCCamporee@verizon.net](mailto:GCCamporee@verizon.net).

## 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](mailto:Webmaster@GooseCreekDistrict.org) or [Communications@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto: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.

## News from Our Units



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle Scouts:

Graham Albright – T711  
Gustavo Ardila – T956  
Sean Kelly – T2970

Zachary Solomon – T969  
Robert Wong – T2970

## Council / National News

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

### Council Hike-o-ree



The 22nd Annual V3 (Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held on, November 4-6, 2011, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration will be limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Scout units including Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Varsity Teams, and Troops. Units are encouraged to form trail crews, consisting of no more than twelve members, including at least two adults. Participation minimum age is 13 years old as of January 1, 2012. BSA units should file a tour plan.

Trail crews will be assigned a hike based on their preferences indicated on the registration form. All hikes are approximately ten miles in length and range in difficulty from moderate (1500 foot change in elevation) to super strenuous (2600 foot change in elevation). Other Hike-o-ree activities include a Friday night opening campfire, a high adventure rally on Saturday night, and a service project on Sunday morning. Camping Friday and Saturday night at the 4-H Center is to be backpacking style using ONLY backpacking equipment. Please do not bring chuck boxes, coolers, Dutch ovens, propane tanks, camp lanterns, and lawn chairs!!! Bring ONLY what you can carry in your backpack. Crews will receive their t-shirts at the completion of the Hike-o-ree. BSA Scouts and Scouters that hike must submit a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, parts A, B, and C and meet the weight limits on part B.

Registration will be made on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. An initial deposit of \$60.00 is due to reserve a particular hike and must be made not later than October 15, 2011. All registration will be done on the Council Web Site beginning September 1, 2011. After you sign up for a hike and pay your deposit you will be sent a confirmation email and the advisors package and detailed information about the hike you have selected. Because of the lead-time required to produce the t-shirts, the final date for call in of number and sizes (medium, large, extra large, extra extra large) of shirts to Bob Austin is October 20. NO ADDITIONAL ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE. The remaining balance, including fees for any no-shows, is due on Friday night, at the Hike-o-ree registration. Please make checks out to Boy Scouts of America. The cost of the Hike-o-ree is \$15.00 (\$17.00 for extra extra large shirts).

**For additional information contact:** Bob Austin, (703) 425-9675(H) or (703) 253-1917 (w), [Bob.Austin@verizon.net](mailto:Bob.Austin@verizon.net)

### Chess Merit Badge



The requirements for the new Chess merit badge are now available at [www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Chess](http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Chess)

The next merit badge to be introduced will be Welding.

## STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Initiative



The National Council BSA has chosen NCAC as a pilot council for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Initiative. The BSA STEM initiative is designed to bring a Scouting focus to skills that are relevant and needed in our competitive world and will provide opportunities for youth at all levels of Scouting to develop an enhanced interest in science, technology, engineering, and math while recognizing youth STEM achievement. This is an exciting program and provides great opportunities for Scouts to enhance their knowledge in these important areas, have fun doing it, and being recognized for their accomplishments.

For more information: [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/STEM\\_Overview.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/STEM_Overview.pdf) or email [NCACSTEM@scouting.org](mailto:NCACSTEM@scouting.org)

## Recruitment Cards Developed for Cub Scouts

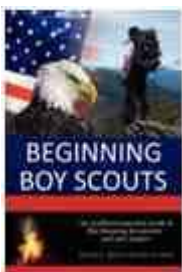


Peer-to-peer recruitment cards have been created to help Cub Scout families promote Scouting to their friends. These cards are based on the eye-catching resources created for the 2011 recruitment campaign showing our youth engaged in fun-filled activities. An easy-to-use business card template was created to help families promote Scouting. These cards will be a great tool to be used by local councils who are facing the challenges of limited school access.

The cards can be pre-printed with contact information on the back or left blank so Scouts and their families can write invitation information for prospective Scouts. To use this new tool:

- Go to [www.scouting.org/wordstoliveby](http://www.scouting.org/wordstoliveby)
- Click on the Cub Scout tab.
- Click on the 2011 tab.
- Select which image you want for the front.
- Download to your computer.
- Fill out the information on the back (page 2), if desired.
- Print and cut.

## New Scout Book



Jeremy C. Reed and Heather R. Reed have compiled real-world experience and first-hand knowledge of the Boy Scouts of America program in a new book designed as an essential guide for parents and new leaders. In "Beginning Boy Scouts" (ISBN 9781937516017), the Reeds provide instruction and advice to help both youth and adult participants understand scouting goals, terminology, requirements and more. This unofficial guide to the Boy Scouts of America program explains the youth leadership model and answers commonly asked questions on topics ranging from camping to uniforms.



## 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.

## Unit Flag Decorations



There are three flag decoration items that can be added to a flag, if desired. These items can be purchased from the BSA at [www.ScoutStuff.org](http://www.ScoutStuff.org) or your local scout shop.

**Flag fringes and tassels** - A gold cord and tassel can be tied to the flag pole for a distinctive touch. A gold fringe can be sewn around the flag border. Neither of these items have significant meaning and are meant to make the flag display a bit more pronounced.

**Veteran Unit emblem** - This emblem represents the number of years the unit has been in existence and is a completely optional decoration to add or leave off. The emblem comes as a square of cloth, but can be sewn as a round. Emblem is affixed to unit flag midway between the top and bottom of the flag and midway between the staff edge and center flag emblem.

**Gold Stars** - Gold stars may be affixed to the unit flag indicating past members of the unit who died in the service of their country. The stars should be placed along the staff edge of the flag, parallel to the staff, with the bottom star 6 inches from the staff edge and 6 inches from the bottom edge; subsequent stars to be placed proportionately on that line, up to the place assigned to the veteran insignia.

## BSA Insignia Guide



We often get questions about the various Scout uniforms. "Where do I put ....?" Fortunately, BSA provides an online insignia guide:

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

This online resource has all of the information parents and scouts need to figure out where all of the various emblems are worn. Here are some subsections of the guide which you might find particularly helpful:

**Cub Scout and Webelos Scout Insignia**  
**Cub Scout Academics and Sports**  
**Boy Scout Insignia**  
**Boy Scout Advancement**

There is a lot more information in the guide, so pass on this resource to the members of your unit.

## The EDGE Method



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The latest Boy Scout requirements for Tenderfoot and Life ranks require the Scout to use the EDGE method. This is a four step method for teaching a skill.

EDGE is very basic, but it really does work. It will help Cub Scouts learn and retain skills also. So it is not only for Boy Scouts and Venturers, but for den leaders also.

The EDGE method is a four step method for teaching a skill:

- Explain
- Demonstrate
- Guide
- Enable

### Explain

First explain what you will be doing. Tell them the steps involved. Visual aids might be helpful for this step. Use questions to gauge their understanding.

### Demonstrate

Show them how to do the skill. Demonstrate the steps using the actual materials. Describe what you are doing.

### Guide

Let them practice the skill. Guide and coach them as they try to do it themselves. This step will take the most time.

### Enable

Enable them by letting them do the skill themselves without any intervention.

## Gathering of Eagles Speaker Series



Eagle Scout Richard Whitmire will be the inaugural speaker for the Gathering of Eagles Speaker Series hosted at the renowned Cosmos Club. Come hear Whitmire speak about a subject that touches all Eagle Scouts: why boys are challenged by today's education system and how we can provide experiences for boys to help them thrive in both school and life. "The rate at which boys are falling behind in school is alarming," writes Whitmore. "At a time when college serves as the new high school (some kind of post-secondary study is needed even for many blue collar jobs) males make up only 38 percent of the recipients of two-year degrees and 43 percent of those receiving four-year degrees. This is not the fault of our colleges and universities. Nor can you blame the usual suspects: video games and rap music. The problem lies in how our K-12 schools fail to engage our sons. As a result, too many boys arrive in 12th grade unprepared and unmotivated for post-secondary study."

Cost to register is \$50 and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Registration is open now. Make sure to reserve your space early because seating is limited.

**NOTE: Dress code calls for coat and tie.**

**When:** 10/13/2011, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

**For additional information:** Council website, under Council Events

## On-Line Resource of the Month



If you know of someone who is ready to become an Eagle Scout, or is already an Eagle Scout, then the site [www.MsSticks.com](http://www.MsSticks.com) has the perfect gift for you. Licensed by the BSA they can create Eagle Sticks which will display each and every merit badge the Scout has earned, along with other personal information, such as name, troop number, council, and date. For that retiring Scoutmaster they can create a Life History stick customized to their height and displaying the important things that have happened to them in their lives. They can even place a small compass on the top of the stick.



## Training Opportunities

### BSA Training Codes



#### Do you know your C33 from your S11?

If you have ever looked at your Adult Leader training record or a unit training report and tried to make sense of the letter-number code designations you know how confusing that list of codes can be. To help make sense of it all we've posted the list of Official BSA Training Codes on the Goose Creek website so that All Will Be Revealed for you! Go here for the list:

[www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=100080](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=100080)

## 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.

**To register:** Use the calendar on the district web site and go to Oct 15.

## 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. 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](mailto:NCAC.PowWow@gmail.com)

## Adult CPR & AED



### Classes:

- Nov 18, 7:00 – 10:30 PM, Camp Snyder
- Jan 27, 2012, 7 – 10 PM, Camp Snyder
- Feb 10, 2012, 7 – 10 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 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](http://www.Wildsafe.org) or call Toll Free (888) 945-3402

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

## 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."

Register before Jan. 1, 2012 to receive a \$25 discount.

### For more information:

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



## Wilderness & Remote First Aid



**Classes:** Nov 19, Jan 28, or Feb 11. 8am – 6pm, 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](http://www.Wildsafe.org) or call Toll Free (888) 945-3402

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

### 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 at Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA:**

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

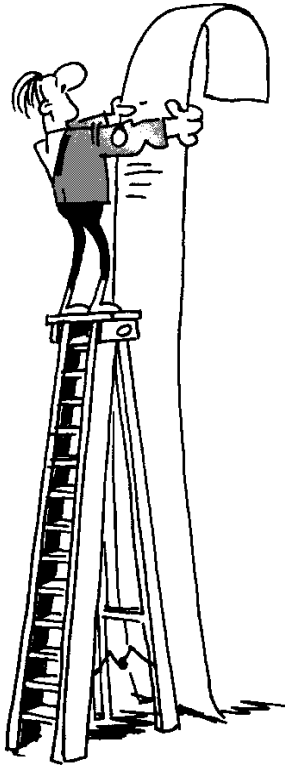
Session 2: 6/1/2012 - 6/3/2012

**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](mailto:Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org) and we'll see about posting it in the next district newsletter

# District Calendar



## October 2011

- 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**
- 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
- 21 **Merit Badge College**
- 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
- 17 **Pinewood Derby**
- 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**
- 5 **Cubmobile Derby**
- 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

## September

- 3 Labor Day
- 12 Roundtable
- 13 Commissioner Roundtable
- 22-23 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 26 District Committee