



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
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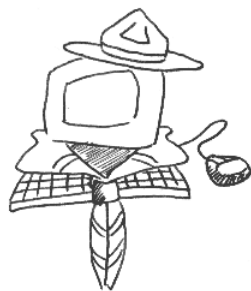
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As we go through the snowy season of the year we would like to advise all of our Scouts to help keep their neighborhood safe by doing the following:

- Make sure the hydrant in your neighborhood is visible. Adopt your fire hydrant. It needs to be uncovered from snow and there needs to be a clear path for access. In the instance of a fire, firefighters need to be able to quickly locate the fire hydrant, or lives and property could be lost.
- Make sure your address is visible. Fire and Rescue responders use maps to get them to the area, but they need to be able to see house numbers to ensure they are at the correct location.
- Make sure you have at least two clear exits out of your house. Keep an eye on snow build up. When the snow melts and refreezes, it could prevent you from being able to open the door and exit from your house.
- Check on your elderly neighbors. Do a good turn and make them a path through the snow to the street and to their mailbox.

District Email Outage



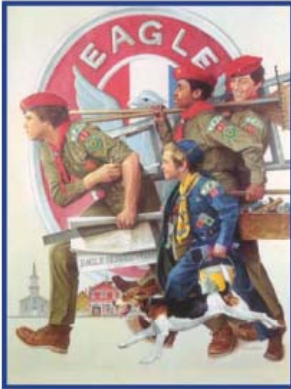
This past month we've lost the use of our email server lists and are still having difficulty in getting them back on line. Until this issue gets resolved we will be sending out the newsletter through some of the lists that members of the district committee maintain on their own. As a result, many who would normally receive the newsletter will not be getting it. If you are one of the people who still get the newsletter in an email please help us by forwarding it on to other members of your unit. We will also continue to post the newsletter on the district web site.

Meanwhile the communications committee is trying to get this issue resolved and to come up with a more viable option for the future.

District News

District Website: www.GooseCreekDistrict.org

“Celebrating the Eagle Class of 2011” Leadership Symposium



Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men. Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages.

This event (dinner, fellowship, and a panel discussion on Leadership) is being held in honor of the Eagle Class of 2011. However, all Eagle Scouts, young and old, are invited to attend and be recognized for earning this prestigious rank. Cost is \$30 for Eagles under the age of 21 and \$60 for Eagles over 21. Sponsorships are also available.

The event will be held at the Belmont Country Club in Ashburn, 7–10 PM, on December 15th.

For additional information and to register go to the district webpage.

Goose Creek Venturing Forum



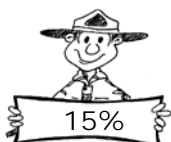
What is a Venturing Forum? A Venturing Forum is to help gain insight through the sharing of best practices, training, information, guidance and motivation to crew adults and youth. The participants will be armed with information to enhance their crew activities for success.

Each month a different exciting high adventure topic will be discussed. This month's theme will be scuba. Come learn what scuba is about and then have the opportunity to sign up for the Venturing Scuba Over-Nighter (weekend of January 7th, 2011) for a more hands on experience. In addition, members of the Mason-Dixon VOA (venturing officers association) have offered to come to the meeting to meet interested youth.

When and Where: December 8th, 2011, 6pm. At Claude Moore Park (21544 Old Vestal's Gap Rd, Sterling, VA 20164)

For more information Contact: Ande Davis at MooseLover1212@yahoo.com or Sue Hogan at Susan.Hogan@scouting.org

Join Scouting Discount at EMS



Bring a signed Scout application to Eastern Mountain Sports in Ashburn on December 19th, 7-9 pm, and get a 15% discount on all purchases you make in the store.

For more information Contact: Sue Hogan at Susan.Hogan@scouting.org

OA Troop Elections



For more than 90 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

Once each year a Troop may hold a unit election to elect members of their troop to become members of the OA. New members aren't elected only by the OA members in your troop; everyone in the troop votes (thereby insuring that Scouts are elected mostly by people who are not OA members). An OA unit election team, trained in the latest OA election policies, will visit a regular troop meeting at your invitation to conduct the election for you.

Elections normally take about 20 minutes to complete. In order for an election to be held, at least 50% of your youth members must be present (based on your current chartered troop membership) – if less than 50% are present, the election must be rescheduled. Only elections conducted by an official OA election team will be considered valid. Members of your own troop cannot conduct the election.

To schedule your troop's election please contact OA Vice Chief Matt Thiede at Matt.Thiede@yahoo.com with your first and second choice of dates. The OA will be scheduling elections on a first come/first served basis so please get your requests in as quickly as possible. If you don't need or want an election, please let Matt know that as well so that he can report your status correctly to the Lodge.

The requirements for election for youth:

- Must be under 21 years old at the time of election.
- Hold at least the First Class Scout rank (this includes Assistant Scoutmasters over the age of 18 but under the age of 21)
- In the past two years, have completed fifteen (15) days and nights of camping under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America. The fifteen days and nights of camping must include one long-term camp of six days and five nights, and the balance of the camping must be short-term (1, 2, or 3 night) camps.
- Have these requirements certified by the Scoutmaster, and be given a general endorsement of the candidate's Scout Spirit by the Scoutmaster, BEFORE the election is conducted.
- To be elected a youth candidate must receive half or more votes of the number of ballots turned in to the election team.
- Elected candidates must complete the Ordeal within 12 months of being elected.

As long as the unit successfully elects one youth member to the Order, the troop then may also nominate (not elect) an adult for membership. Large troops may nominate one adult for every fifty youth members registered in the unit. Where youth membership is given by his peers as recognition for service, adults are nominated and accepted if their membership will enrich the Order of the Arrow experience for the youth, or provide some service to the Lodge, the Camp, or the Council. Adult membership should not be given solely as a recognition or honor.

Friends of Scouting Unit Representative Orientation



The District will be holding a short orientation on Dec 14th, 6:30 pm, at the Leesburg United Methodist Church (same place and date as the Dec Roundtable) about the Friends of Scouting (FOS) program and how to coordinate a presentation for your unit. This year all units that have FOS presentation will be eligible to have their Scouts receive a hand-powered flashlight for participating. Each unit is requested to send one representative to this meeting.

For more information Contact: Sue Hogan at Susan.Hogan@scouting.org

Arrow of Light Recognition Ceremony



The 10th Annual Arrow of Light Recognition Ceremony will be conducted by the Order of the Arrow on Thursday March 8, 2012 at 7:00, location TBD. This very impressive Ceremony is presented by the Goose Creek OA ceremony team, wearing handcrafted native Powhatan Indian regalia.

This event does NOT replace your own pack Arrow of Light ceremony, nor will the Webelos receive their actual Arrow of Light patch at the ceremony. The Ceremony honors their achievement in a unique way by the older Scouts who are waiting to welcome them into their troops and all of the fun and adventure they will have along the Trail to Eagle Scout! The Webelos will receive a special OA-Arrow of Light Ceremony badge, designed by the OA chapter for this event, as well as a custom certificate of recognition of the highest rank in Cub Scouting.

Registration will be required to attend this event though there will be no registration fee. Information on how to register will be available in February.

Scouting for Food Results



This year we had 73 units out collecting and brought in 106,818 lbs. of food to five local food banks.

	2011	2010	2009
LINK	34,814	38,734	34,152
Loudoun Interfaith	42,997	38,040	52,913
Messiah's Market	9,917	15,761	14,957
Seven Loaves	7,276	4,901	1,300
Tree of Life	11,814	11,043	
Holiday Coalition			10,503
Total	106,818	108,480	113,825

Freeze-o-ree Date Change



The date for the Freeze-o-ree has been changed to Jan 27-29, 2012. The OA is planning to hold it at the Claude Moore Training Area in Ashburn again.

News from Our Units



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle Scouts:

Austin Barrus – T1106
 Noah Carney – T1430
 Cody Dennis – T961
 Ryan Ferguson – T966
 Matthew Hill – T961
 Nicholas Lutkins – T2970

Christian Sambria – T572
 Weston Sauer – T1158
 Cole Scoggin – T1430
 Jacob Sweeney – T956
 Benjamin Yehle – T1154

Council / National News

Council Website: www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org

The New Internet Scout Patch Program



The U.S. Scouting Service Project is pleased to announce Version 2 of its Internet Scout Patch Program. With the explosive growth of the Internet and the rise of Social Media, it was necessary to re-engineer the program to assure it remained relevant and useful. The new program focuses on fostering a dialog between parent/mentor and Scout that will help prepare Scouts to be aware and alert when using the Internet.

This is a difficult and challenging program. It will require both the mentor and the participants to work hard. But, it will be worth it! As we continue to become more dependent on the Internet in our daily lives, it is critically important that we develop an understanding of its dangers and how to be prepared, aware, and alert to avoid trouble.

Though it should go without saying, the patch is NOT an official award or emblem of the BSA. The patch may be worn by Scouts and Scouters as a temporary emblem to signify their education about the role of the Internet and the World Wide Web in particular as it relates to Scouting. It may also be worn on patch vests or jackets at the personal option of the Scout or Scouter.

The Internet Scout Patch Program Guide includes the patch requirements and may be downloaded by clicking this link:

<http://usscouts.org/USSSPInternetScoutPatchV2.00.pdf>



Of all the Scouts in the average troop, 5% will occupy 95% of the Scoutmaster's time.

2013 Jamboree Staffers: Register Now!



Wanna get your hands dirty at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree? Pitch in and serve on staff.

There are plenty of cool jobs available to help pull off what's sure to be a memorable jamboree experience at the new Summit Bechtel Family Scout Reserve in West Virginia.

Want to work at a high-adventure area, behind the scenes at an arena show, or even as a media correspondent for one of the many jamboree news outlets? Go to bsajamboree.org and peruse the open staff positions. Then, make your selection of the top three jobs that suit your interests and skills. Most volunteers are typically placed with one of their selections.

Staff volunteers age 16 to 25 (through July 14, 2013) will pay \$425 to register. For volunteers older than age 25, registration is \$850. Staffers also have the option of working half of the jamboree for \$425 no matter the age of the volunteer.

For more information or to apply online, visit www.bsajamboree.org or send your questions to 2013jamboree@scouting.org

New Online: Theme-Based Pack Meeting Plans



Download Monthly Pack Meeting Plans
September - Cooperation 
October - Responsibility 
October supplemental pack meeting plan theme: Jungle of Fun 
November - Citizenship 
November supplemental meeting plan theme: Fifty Great States 

To help Cubmasters and roundtable commissioners develop rewarding, theme-based Cub Scout pack meetings each month, the National Council has created a series of meeting plans centered around the program's 12 core values that use various themes to enhance the meeting environment.

The plans—which contain several pages of program suggestions, stories, puzzles, and more, compiled into a downloadable PDF file—are being rolled out between now and next May. The first three, centered around the values of cooperation, responsibility, and citizenship, are already online:

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/CubScouts/Leaders/DenLeaderResources/DenandPackMeetingResourceGuide/PackMeetingPlans.aspx.

When all the meeting plans are developed, there will be a total of 48 theme-related resources—four for each core value. The Cubmaster can simply go online and choose which theme he/she would like to use for the pack meeting that focuses on that core value. Cub Scout roundtable commissioners also will be able to select a theme to present each month to help prepare Cubmasters.

Please send all questions or comments regarding Cub Scout resources or program delivery to program.content@scouting.org.

For Aged-Out Scouts, A New Option



Posted on Bobwhite Blather, Nov 14, 2011 www.fmaynard.com/scouting/archives/958)

If your troop is like mine, you probably have had a few Scouts age out of youth membership and head off to college or military service. Most likely Life or Eagle Scouts, these young men still enjoy being active in the OA (where they are still youth members until they turn 21), and taking part in troop campouts, hikes, high adventure or other Scouting endeavors, but can no longer be a Scout in the Boy Scout program. Unless you had a Venturing crew closely associated with your troop, your only option to keep them active in your unit was for them to register as an assistant Scoutmaster. (They can't register as a committee member until they turn 21.)

The problem with this approach is that since they are away at college, they aren't usually in a position to serve in the role of assistant Scoutmaster – helping to train the youth leadership, working with patrols, or conducting Scoutmaster conferences. Nor do they readily agree (or even fit into their schedules) to attend the training necessary to be in good standing, including Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster position-specific training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. With the new Journey to Excellence metrics, this can skew your training qualifications and hurt your compliance through no fault of your own other than wanting to keep these former youth active in the program.

The BSA has recognized this Hobson's choice, and has come up with a solution called the Unit College Scouter Reserve. Extending the reach of the rarely used council-level College Reserve, the new position allows young men to remain registered with their units and take part in the OA or unit activities without the responsibility of being an assistant Scoutmaster – or the training requirements. The only training needed is that for all Scouters: Youth Protection Training.

Your council's registrar should have all the details on position code 92U, the Unit College Scouter Reserve, and you should be able to simply convert existing college-age members from SA to 92U at recharter time without having them complete a new adult application. Newly aged-out Scouts should still submit an adult application when they turn 18, listing position code 92U. (Be sure to use the very latest adult application form, which you can obtain from your commissioner or district executive, or at your council service center or scout shop. As of this writing, it's the one with the perforations on the left, not at the top. You should recycle any other versions of the adult form.)

Using the new position will help keep your Scout veterans in the fold and keep them involved as their level of activity permits.

Archery Merit Badge Completion Day



Still have some requirements to do to finish off the Archery merit badge that was started at summer camp? Council has set up an Archery Merit Badge Completion Day for March 24, 2012, 9 am – 4 pm, at Camp Snyder. Cost is \$10.

Registration is currently open for this event can be found on the Council web site under the Council Events menu item.

BSA Reaches Out With New Alumni Association



The BSA has launched the Scouting Alumni Association, giving former Scouts an opportunity to reconnect with the organization that has helped shape the lives of America's youth. For more than 100 years, nearly 200 million men and women have been positively influenced by their experiences with the BSA.

In addition to being open to former and current Scouts, the association is open to anyone who has been positively and personally affected by the BSA, including former and current volunteers and their family members.

The first 100 charter members from each council to sign up for the Scouting Alumni Association will receive an embroidered certificate. Banners for your website, newsletters, and more are available from the Office of Alumni Relations by sending an email to Bill.Steele@Scouting.org.

To learn more about the application process and the benefits of joining, visit www.scouting.org/Alumni/Association.aspx

2012 Adams Eagle Scout Project Award Applications Now Available

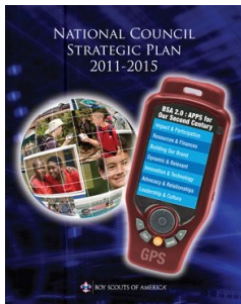


The application for the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award is now available at: www.nesa.org/adams_award.html.

This year marks the third year of the award. In 2010, Eagle Scouts from 35 councils participated. The national winner that first year was from the Baltimore Area Council. In 2011, 88 councils participated, and the national winner was chosen from the Central Florida Council.

After all entries are received, the council-level NESA committee selects their winner. From these, regional committees select their winners and, from those four, the national winner is picked. The nomination procedures, deadlines, and award recognition items are listed on the back side of the application.

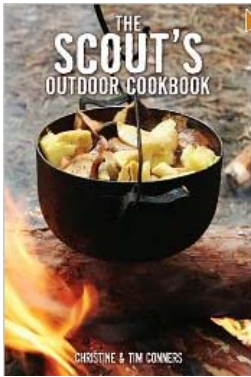
National Council Releases Strategic Plan Progress Report



The National Council has set up a special section on their website to review progress of the 2011-2015 National Council Strategic Plan. If you never checked out the National Strategic Plan, you can check it out as a flipbook or a pdf download (pdf) (www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/strategicplan.aspx)

The latest update is called: "Strategic Plan Progress Report: Holiday Season 2011". You can view two videos, the first is the Top Hands presentation on the Strategic Plan, Journey to Excellence, and the Main Thing; the second is a compilation of news broadcasts about The Summit. Also available is information about the pilot Scouting Ambassadors program that helps to welcome new BSA employees into the Scouting family.

The Scout's Outdoor Cookbook



In this book of delicious outdoor cooking classics, authors Tim and Christine Connors bring together over three hundred of the favorite recipes of leaders from the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA. Sometimes wacky, always practical, this book will help the new camp cook to develop a thorough foundation of basic skills, while providing the experienced chef with plenty of new recipes and techniques to add additional dimension and enjoyment to their outdoor cooking.

"The Scout's Outdoor Cookbook" emphasizes the best food preparation and techniques currently used in scouting. Thoroughly covered are recipes employing time-tested cooking methods using Dutch ovens, pots and pans, grills, and open fire. Many outstanding no-cook dishes are also provided.

Every recipe was thoroughly tested by the authors, and each is presented using clear and reliable instructions that eliminate guesswork and variability. Preparation steps are sequentially numbered for smooth workflow and for objectively delegating tasks. Equipment lists are provided to ensure that the cook isn't caught short in the field. The use of challenge levels and icons allow the reader to quickly identify recipes ideal to their unique situation.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are all thoroughly covered. And what would scouting be without snacks and desserts? Our large collection will keep your group's sweet tooth satisfied for years! A wide assortment of bread and drink recipes round out the list. Award winners, historical favorites, and many surprises are sure to please you and your scouts.

Swiss Army Knife Deal on Amazon.com



Amazon currently has a pretty sweet deal on Victorinox Swiss Army knives with 50% or more off the regular price. In addition if you buy \$50.00 worth of Swiss army knives you'll get an additional \$10.00 off (applied when you check out). With free shipping for purchases over \$25.00 it's an unbeatable deal.

On-Line Resource of the Month



www.Hikelight.com is has a wealth of advice for trimming down your backpack weight with over 80 videos that help explain ultralight backpacking.

The website is home to the **Only The Lightest Camping Equipment** mail order store. Ultralight is not ultra cheap; you won't find any \$20.00 sleeping bags. You will find some of the best gear options available and a careful explanation of why it's the best available.



Training Opportunities

The knots, they are a-changin'



The national training team has received requests and suggestions for simplifying the large number of personal achievement, recognition, training and service awards, commonly called “square knots,” that are available for leaders to earn. Among the changes coming are a consolidation of the Cub Scout Leader training award knots.

To cut down on the sometimes confusing number of different knots available, the Tiger Cub Leader, Den Leader and Webelos Leader knots are being consolidated into a single knot, the Den Leader knot. A device, or pin, is worn on the knot to indicate how it was earned. A leader will still be able to earn the awards at each level as before, except that instead of a different knot to sew on, he or she will receive the Den Leader square knot (a yellow knot on a blue background) initially, along with a device.

Here’s an example: Joe Scouter earns the Tiger Cub Den Leader award. Instead of the yellow, orange and black knot, he’ll get the yellow and blue knot and, presumably, a tiny Tiger Cub device to pin through the knot. Next year, when he earns the Den Leader award, he’ll receive a Cub Scout pin, and finally, upon earning the Webelos Leader award, he’ll get the Webelos pin to wear on the knot.

Similar changes are coming for Cubmasters. Currently, the Cubmaster Award is a blue knot on a yellow background, but next year it will be replaced with the same knot as for the Scoutmaster’s Key – a green and white knot on a tan background, worn with a Cub Scout device pin. When the Cubmaster becomes a Scoutmaster and earns the Scoutmaster’s Key, he or she receives a Boy Scout device to add to the knot.

Pack committee chairs and committee members, and direct leaders with excess tenure beyond that required for their Den Leader or Cubmaster knots, can currently earn the Cub Scouter Award knot, a yellow and blue knot on a blue background. Pack Trainers have a knot to themselves – a yellow and blue striped knot on a yellow background. These insignia will be wrapped into the Scouter’s Training Award, a green knot on a tan background, again worn with the Cub Scout device pin.

Look for changes in the requirements as well, as these are being reviewed by the national training team. The new knots should be in use sometime in 2012, but Scouters who have already earned their separate knots for each rank can continue to wear them indefinitely, and leaders who receive the award can obtain the current knots as long as supplies are available.

Wilderness & Remote First Aid



Classes: 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.

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

Adult CPR & AED



Classes: Jan 27, 2012, 7 – 10 PM; Feb 10, 2012, 7 – 10 PM. All three classes will be held at 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 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
- 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.

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

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

Backcountry Outdoor Leader Skills



This course is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Venture Patrol, Varsity Scout, Venturing Crew, or Explorer Post). The target audience is leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedowns will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure.

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills is offered by the Council Training Committee as an optional follow-on to the basic course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

The course is in two parts: one 6-hour classroom session followed by a two-day weekend outdoor session.

Part 1 — Sat. 3/17/2012 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Aldersgate UMC, 1301 Collingwood Rd, Alexandria, VA) — Addresses ways to effectively work with older youth. Covers the detailed preparation and planning that must be done before you go out including risk management. Summarizes the personal and crew equipment used for lightweight camping. Plans the weekend overnight session.

Part 2 — Sat. 3/31/2012, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 4/1, 12:30 PM (Camp Highroads, Middleburg, VA) — Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, wilderness first aid issues, expedition health and hygiene, team building.

Scouters planning to accompany a crew to any of the BSA-sponsored High Adventure Camps should also attend the High Adventure Training provided by the Council's High Adventure Committee.

Cost: \$40, class size limited to 32.

To Register: Registration opens Jan 1, 2012, closes Mar 15. Registration can be done on the Council website, under the Council Events menu listing.

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:

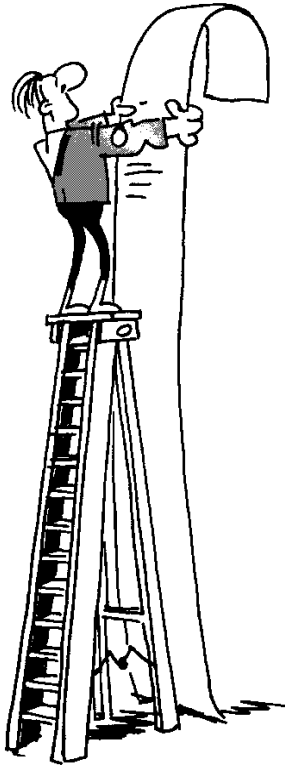
Session 1: 5/4/2012 - 5/6/2012

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).

District Calendar



December

- 1 **Recharter Turn-In**
- 3 Popcorn Pickup
- 8 Venturing Forum
- 8 Annual Business Meeting
- 8 Commissioner Roundtable
- 14 Roundtable
- 15 Eagle Scout Event
- 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
- 27-29 **Freeze-o-ree**

February

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

March

- 7 AOL Recognition Ceremony
- 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

October

- 8 Columbus Day
- 10 Roundtable
- 11 Commissioner Roundtable
- 24 District Committee

November

- 3 **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution**
- 8 Commissioner Roundtable
- 10 **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**
- 14 Roundtable
- 21 District Committee
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Break