



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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



The Boy Scouts of America celebrate in February the Anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout program by Lord Baden Powell in England. Scout Sunday was added to the scout celebration around the middle 1940s.

An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. The Presbyterian Church and United Methodist Church celebrate Scout Sunday on the second Sunday of February so as to not conflict with Communion Sunday. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in church aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out parts of what is pledged each week.

The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

Some ideas for your unit/Scouts:

- Come to service in your Scout Uniform.
- Have a display in the hallway about Scouting.
- Have members of the congregation who were in Scouting or are Eagle Scouts Stand Up. You may also want to ask Girl Scout members or those who have earned the Gold Award to also stand.
- If chartered by your church consider having the Charter formerly presented at the service.
- Conduct a Work Day after the service.
- If appropriate, have one of your Scouts or Chaplain Aide deliver a message, sermon, or prayer during the service.

District News

District Website: www.GooseCreekDistrict.org

Freeze-o-ree



Goose Creek's premier outdoor winter event – the annual Freeze-o-ree - will be held January 27-29 at the Claude Moore Outdoor Training Center located immediately off the Greenway in Ashburn. In addition to the traditional patrol Scoutcraft competitions in fire building, first aid skills, ax throwing, flag football, soccer, speed knot tying, tug of war, chili cookoff, dessert bakeoff, we will again have slingshot paint ball target shooting!! This event is run by the youth members of the Order of the Arrow Goose Creek and we need many OA youth volunteers from all Troops to help run the events.

For registration, fees, and required equipment to bring to the event, please contact OA Chapter Advisor Mrs. Bobbie Scales (ScalesBobbie@yahoo.com).

Spring Camporee



The Spring Camporee will take place but we have changed the date for it to April 13-15 in order to keep the two week separation between it and the OA Ordeal which had to be rescheduled to April 27-29.

The theme for the Camporee 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.

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.

Each troop participating in the Camporee will be tasked to run one of the competitions. This includes planning the event, purchasing the material (with reimbursement), and running it during one of the time slots. Very small troops (8 Scouts or less) will not be required to run a competition event but will be asked to support the Camporee through some other chore. If your unit is planning on attending please send an email now to GCCamporee@verizon.net to select an event and to give yourself enough time to get it planned. We do have a list of events we would like to see but will work with units to develop their own.

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.

Robin Hayes Goshen Scout Reservation Campership Fund



Earlier this year the Goose Creek District lost a great Scouter. Robin Hayes was a superb volunteer at the unit, district and council level as well as wife to former District Chairman Tom Hayes and mother to Boy Scouts Matt and John. In memory of her contribution to the program her friends established a memorial scholarship fund at Goshen Scout Reservation. The intent of this fund is to help Scouts attend camp that would normally not be able to due to financial hardship.

As the fund was established former District Chairman Randy Minchew made a pledge to match each donation dollar for dollar and Randy made good on that pledge at the Goose Creek District Annual Business Meeting held on December 8th. Randy took the floor and made some lovely comments in memory of Robin and the contributions she made and then handed his personal check for \$2,635 to District Chairman Ernie Smith.

To date the fund now has \$5,270 and additional donations are certainly welcome. For additional information click www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/vieworgpagelink.asp?orgkey=496&linkkey=42446

2nd Annual NCAC Interfaith Pinewood Derby



The NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting and the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) Scouting program are pleased to announce that the 2nd annual NCAC Interfaith Pinewood Derby will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2012, at the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy, 13300 Arctic Avenue, Rockville, MD. Registration begins at 2:30pm. Racing begins at 3:00pm. Registration cost is \$5.00 per entrant. Please refrain from bringing any outside food or drink.

Pinewood Derby pins and certificates will be awarded to all entrants. Trophies will be awarded to the top four finishers.

This Pinewood Derby is open to all interested Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure that all entrants will receive pins and certificates at the Pinewood Derby. Pre-registration may be done individually or by Pack. Pre-registration deadline is March 16.

Scouts must build, decorate, and race their own Pinewood Derby cars. Standard limits for size and weight apply.

For further information: please call Julian Tishkoff at 301-424-8469 (evenings). See you then!



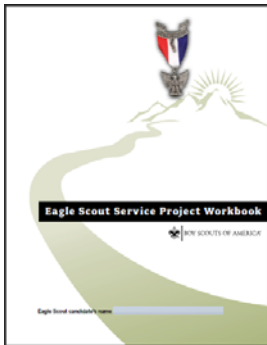
Cleanliness is next to godliness except at Scout camp, where it is next to impossible.

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail

With the start of the new year we are introducing a new section to the District Newsletter, "Onward and Upward." This section will focus on Scout advancements, opportunities related to advancement, advancement ceremonies, and useful hints for helping Scouts with advancements.

New Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook



Reminder. The November issue of the Goose Creek Newsletter (page 5) introduced everyone to the new 2011 Guide to Advancement (GTA), issued by BSA National. It is the **official** source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. A PDF version of that document can be found here ... <http://boyscouttrail.com/docs/guidetoadvancement-33088.pdf>

Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook: Along with the new GTA, BSA National also issued an update to the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook. This new workbook goes into effect on Jan 1, 2012 ... but it should be noted that boys who have already initiated their completion of their Service Project workbook, have the option of using either the new one or the old one. A link to the new one – a fill-able PDF file – is available here ...

http://scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927_fillable.pdf

Similarly, a “how-to” manual has been developed for the Eagle Scout Service Project, and a link to that is available here ...

<http://www.nesa.org/trail/manual.html>

Any Scouters involved with reviewing/approving Eagle Scout Service Projects are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the new workbook. Signatures take on specific meaning, based on the role the Scouter is serving in his/her review.

Two New Scholarships for Eagle Scouts



NESA 2012 Eagle Scout Scholarship: ‘Gathering of Eagles’ is helping spread the word about NESA Scholarships available for soon to be college students. The applications for the 2012 NESA Eagle Scout scholarships are now available (www.nesa.org/scholarships.html). According to NESA, these are the only scholarship applications acceptable in 2012. The applications must be printed and mailed to the national office when completed. All scholarship applications must be postmarked no later than midnight on January 31, 2012. If you have any questions, please call the NESA office at 972-580-2032.

Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship: The Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship is open to all Eagle Scouts who are still registered in an active unit and have not yet reached their 19th birthday. This scholarship provides three cash awards—\$8,000 first place, \$4,000 runner up, and \$2,000 second runner up. For more information and for the application forms for the scholarship, please visit the NSSAR website (www.sar.org/Youth/Eagle_Scout).

NESA Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award



The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) has established the **Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award** to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout service project. Awards will be made at the NCAC, regional, and national levels.

Selection Process.

1. By January 21, an Eagle Scout, his parents, or any registered BSA volunteer (with the Eagle Scout's permission) may submit his Eagle Scout service project for consideration. The Scout must have passed his board of review in the prior calendar year (January 1 – December 31). The application may be found on NESA website at www.nesa.org. Attached to the application shall be a complete duplicate copy of his *Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook*. The Eagle's entire Eagle Scout application should not be submitted and if received, all extraneous materials will be striped off before submission to the Awards Committee for review. It is strongly recommended that complete application be forwarded in PDF format for ease of review by the Awards Committee.
2. No later than February 21 each year, the NCAC *Gathering of Eagles* Award Committee will review submissions and select a NCAC winner.
3. Regions will select a regional winner no later than March 31 each year.
4. From the regional winners, one winner will be selected by NESA each year no later than April 15, in time for presentation at the NESA Americanism breakfast at the National Meeting in May.

Selection Criteria. Evaluation criteria for this award should include consideration of at least the following:

1. The project planning required
2. The effort to develop the project
3. The extent and character of the leadership provided by the Eagle Scout
4. The extent of achievement of the planned result, including changes or modifications required to complete the project
5. The project's impact on the beneficiary and/or on the community at large
6. The originality of the work
7. The time and materials contributed
8. The level of skill employed to complete the project.

Other factors may be considered by the selection committee.

Awards.

1. NCAC Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. Framed certificate (provided by NESA) and Bronze Eagle Scout Knot device.
2. Regional Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. Cash award of \$500 for future educational purposes or to attend a national or international Scouting event or facility.
3. National – Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. Cash award of \$2,500 to be available for Scout's future educational purposes or for attendance at a national or international Scouting facility or event.

Award Ceremony. The NCAC level award shall be presented at the annual NCAC recognition event for Eagle Scouts.

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.

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.

Trustworthy Tommy Song



From Scouter Mom | Published: December 4, 2011

Trustworthy Tommy is a song to help Webelos and new Boy Scouts learn the Scout Law. Webelos need to memorize the law to earn the Arrow of Light. New Boy Scouts must memorize it for the Tenderfoot rank.

Some boys who have trouble with rote memorization will find that learning the song helps it stick with them. Eventually they should be able to say the Scout Law without the song going through their heads.

Trustworthy Tommy Song (*Sing to the tune of Yankee Doodle*)

Trustworthy Tommy was a Scout,
Loyal to his Mother,
Helpful to the folks about and
Friendly to his brother.
Courteous to a girl he knew,
Kind unto his rabbit
Obedient to his father, too and
Cheerful in his habit.
Thrifty saving for a need
Brave and not a faker
Clean in word and thought and deed and
Reverent to his Maker.

News from Our Units



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle Scouts:

- Christopher De Steuben – T 2970
- Daniel Lung – T711
- Yohan Sumathipala – T2970
- Henry Thompson – T997
- Freddy Walker – T711

Council / National News

Council Website: www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org

2012 Goshen Summer Camp Availability

Key: Available Almost Full Full



Camp (as of 12/6/2010)		Week					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bowman (BS Patrol Method/Heater Stack)						
	Marriot (BS Patrol Method/Heater Stack)	LDS Week					
	Olmsted (BS Dining Hall)						
	Lenhok'sin High Adventure						
	PMI (Webelos)						
	Ross (Webelos)						

Week 1 – 6/23 to 6/30

Week 2 – 6/30 to 7/7

Week 3 – 7/7 to 7/14

Week 4 – 7/14 to 7/21

Week 5 – 7/21 to 7/28

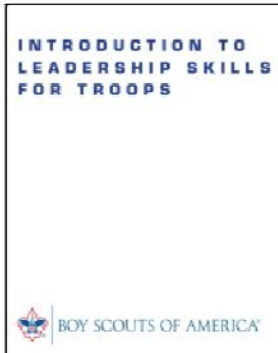
Week 6 – 7/28 to 8/4

Day Camp Registration



Day Camp season is right around the corner. The first week starts June 18, 2012. Sign up will be going on line February 1. The early bird price will be \$165. Additional information will be posted on the Council website.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops



Training boy leaders is the Scoutmaster's most important job, and that process has now been revised and updated in BSA's new publication Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops.

ILST, as it's known in the acronym-crazy world of Scouting, succeeds Troop Leadership Training (TLT) after only a few years in use, and improves on it in a number of ways. TLT, as you recall, took us away from the step-by-step training course that was provided to us in Junior Leader Training. It replaced initiative games and discussions with a three-step "Be-Know-Do" philosophy based on the sections of the Scoutmaster Handbook on training the senior patrol leader, patrol leaders, and other youth leaders. The attempt to map "Be-Know-Do" to the material contained in the three sections wasn't quite successful, in that there were a lot of Knows in section one, a few Dos in section two, and so on. It took several readings through the guidebook to figure out exactly what it was that we were intended to do. A worthwhile improvement was the addition of the position description cards, which listed the job duties of each position on one side and afforded the Scout an opportunity to list his vision and plan on the backside.

ILST takes us back to a more structured program that will hopefully make things clearer for both the Scoutmaster and the Scouts being trained. Possibly realizing that boys do like games, they've brought back initiative and teambuilding activities as part of the program, and have even offered supplemental and alternate games so we can change it up from time to time. Of course, in Scouting it's not a game without a purpose, so a guide to reflection is included to coach the Scoutmaster and others doing the training in how to have a discussion about what was learned and how it can be applied.

The course has also been reorganized. While most of the elements outlined in TLT are included in ILST, the sequence has been changed into a more logical arrangement – one that answers the new youth leader's need to "give me what I need to know now."

Scoutmasters should download the new training syllabus and read through it well in advance so they can be prepared to conduct this training after the next troop elections. The syllabus can be found at:

www.Scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/ILST%20FINAL%202011%20-%20Item%20Number%20511-016.pdf

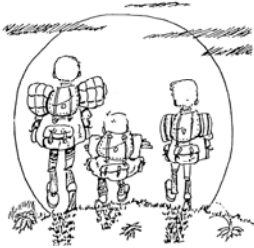
Guide to Cool Camps



Not all Boy Scout camps are created equal. Sure, each offers a terrific program to entertain and challenge Scouts, but every Scout camp has unique program elements that make it special. Scouting magazine has scoured the country to find some of the coolest Scout camps around. Check them out, and be sure to leave a comment if you've visited one of these Cool Camps.

Cool Camp Site: <http://ScoutingMagazine.org/2011/10/guide-to-cool-camps-2/>

High Adventure Opportunities



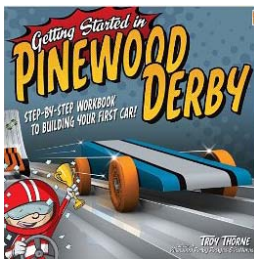
2012 NCAC Philmont Provisional & Unit-Crew Opportunities: NCAC has provisional space for individuals on its three Philmont 2012 contingents: P705 (07/03/12 to 07/17/12), P713 (07/11/12 to 07/25/12), and P720 (07/18/12 to 08/01/12). There may also be room for one unit-crew in the P705 contingent but you'll need to act fast. The estimated cost is \$1950 per person. For updated information, see www.BoyScouts-NCAD.org/HighAdventure or contact GCD Programs Vice Chair John Blackwell at 540-822-4395.

2012 Lenhok'sin High Adventure Provisional Opportunity: Lenhok'sin is NCAC's high adventure program at Goshen Scout Reservation. It offers a variety of less costly programs that are excellent for crews doing their first high adventure program and for more experienced crews. NCAC is planning to sponsor a provisional crew this year for youth who are unable to attend with their unit. For more information, contact Wes Haynes at Wes.Haynes@Scouting.org or 301-943-8376.

2013 Florida Sea Base Reservations: Reservation requests for 2013 Sea Base Adventures must be made online at www.BSASeabase.org starting 01/15/12 and continuing through 02/15/12. A lottery will be held and crews will be contacted when they have been accepted for a 2013 Sea Base Adventure.

High Adventure Opportunities Bulletin Board: The NCAC High Adventure Committee hosts a bulletin board at www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/OpenRosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=19308&orgkey=1988 for crews to post notices looking for scouts and scouters to join a high adventure crew or for individuals looking for a high adventure crew to join.

Book Review: Getting Started in Pinewood Derby



This colorful workbook goes through all of the steps involved in building a car. One of the best things about the book is that it is directed at Cub Scouts – who should be doing most of the work on their cars. It includes lots of very nice step-by-step photos, so young car builders can understand what needs to be done.

Getting Started in the Pinewood Derby will take the fear out of participating in an inaugural pinewood derby race -- especially if you have no woodworking skills.

Unlike any other pinewood book, it's not about building the most spectacular car, or winning the race; it's about spending time with a child building something together. It's about planning the activity so you both have some fun, a few laughs, learn a thing or two about friction and gravity, and walk away with a car you can both be proud of...even if it isn't perfect. Getting Started in the Pinewood Derby will eliminate any anxiety about the upcoming race because it will remind you that the race is not about the adults, it's about the kids. And what kid doesn't want to have fun? In the end, Getting Started in the Pinewood Derby will help kids and adult have a stress-free, good-time building a car that will get down the track. Maybe next year, you can worry about taking home first place.

On-Line Resource of the Month



You rely on *Scouting* magazine for relevant information to help you better serve Scouts. Now, you can find this same advice and much more on the Web, at the redesigned and easy-to-navigate <http://ScoutingMagazine.org>.

Whether it's up-to-date policy information, guides to advancement, outdoor advice, and more, you'll find that scoutingmagazine.org goes beyond the magazine pages to offer readers additional in-depth tips and tools.



Training Opportunities

Show & Do



Years ago....in a galaxy far, far away....there was a training event that went by the name Show & Do. This event allowed Scouters to "SHOW" other Scouters a particular Scoutcraft skill and then let those Scouters "DO" the skill. Councils all over the country provided an annual Show & Do training event.

Well....your Council Training Team, using our well honed analytical skills, realized that Show & Do was really EDGE! After all, a Scouter would explain and demonstrate a Scoutcraft skill (that's the SHOW part) and then guide and enable the "student" Scouter to do the Scoutcraft skill (obviously the DO part).

So, in keeping with our Training for the 21st Century, your Council Training Team will be offer an EDGE experience to Scouters — we're just going to call it "Show & Do" in recognition of its position in Scouting lore.

This is very much an event for Scouters by Scouters. The Council Training Team is only the facilitator YOU are the instructor! If you are particularly proud of your archery, backpacking, buckskin games, climbing, cycling, Dutch oven cooking, first aid, geocaching, GPS, leatherworking, living history, knot tying, map & compass, orienteering, pioneering, risk management, terrain awareness, trail cooking, wilderness survival skills (did we leave anything out?) this event is for you. If you want to know more about these skills, Show & Do is for you.

We anticipate learning sessions would require at least two-hours, some may take longer. Participants will have the option of camping over the weekend — some may attend only for the day, others may make a weekend of it — in some instances your course selection may also determine how long you'll be attending. We envision a registration process not unlike University of Scouting where participants will select the course or courses and the registrar will develop the class assignments.

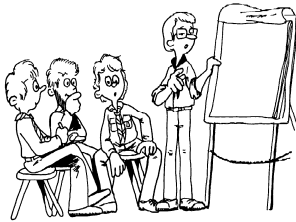
If you're interested participating as a learner, please let us know which skills you'd be interested in taking.

If you're interested participating as an instructor, please let us know which skills you'd be interested in presenting.

The event will be take place at **Camp Snyder March 23–25, 2012.**

Please send your input to Dominick Caridi • DSCaridi@aol.com • 703-360-9206 • 703-625-4196

University of Scouting



The “University of Scouting” is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts, Varsity Scouts, District, and Council). Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting.

The College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses from pack administration to planning for an outdoor program.

The College of Boy Scouting provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental.

The College of Adventure Scouting is an interesting combination of courses for those who are wish to learn more about Scouting's “senior” level programs and the challenges of an active high adventure experience.

The Electives Program offers many courses that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology.

The College of Distance Learning offers our Scouters the ability to enrich their understanding of Scouting and its programs while enhancing their skills through an online experience. This College resolves conflicts for our religiously observant Scouters as well as those with personal or professional conflicts who find themselves unable to physically attend the University each year. The CDL will open its doors to students via the NCAC website portal in May of 2010

Standalone Courses are those that are BSA national syllabus courses such as BALOO, VLSC(Y), VLSC(A), VCLST, or are courses that lead to certification recognized and/or needed by the BSA.

Date: Feb 25, 2011 at Hayfield Secondary School (7630 Telegraph Rd., Alexandria VA 22315)

Pre-Registration is a MUST (And Save \$) – The anticipated large attendance requires advance scheduling. To ensure the best possibility of attending your desired courses, early registration is essential. All online registrations posted before midnight Monday, February 20, 2012 will receive an immediate \$10 (tentative) discount. You will receive a personal schedule upon arrival at the University of Scouting. All mail-in registration ends close-of-business (5:00pm) on Monday, February 20 and online registration ends at 11:59pm that same day.

\$40.00 Registration Fee (\$30.00 for pre-registration by February 20, 2012 TENTATIVE) –This per person registration fee includes attendance at six University of Scouting courses, a patch, morning refreshments, lunch, certificate of attendance and/or other forms of recognition as appropriate, liability insurance recovery, and administrative costs. Save \$10.00 by pre-registering by February 20, 2012. (tentative)

For more Information: Select **Training** on the Council web page and click on the University of Scouting link (do not click on one of the sublinks).

Wilderness & Remote First Aid



Classes:

- Feb 11-12, 8am – 6pm, Camp Snyder
- Mar 3-4, 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.

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 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:

- Feb 10, 2012, 7 – 10 PM. Camp Snyder
- Mar 2, 2012, 7 – 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 when giving care.
- Follow the emergency action steps: Check-Call-Care.
- 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 years.

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:

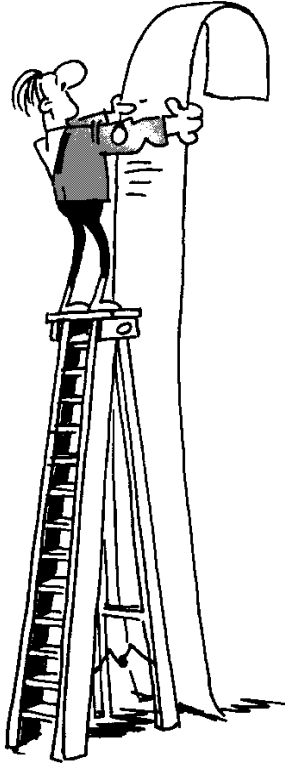
Session 1: 5/4/2012 - 5/6/2012

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



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
- 25 **Interfaith Pinewood Derby**
- 28 District Committee

April

- 2-6 Spring Break
- 9 Moveable School Holiday
- 11 Roundtable
- 13-15 **Spring Camporee**
- 15 **Training – Den Chief**
- 25 Annual Business Meeting
- 27-29 **OA Ordeal**

May

- 5 **Cubmobile Derby**
- 5 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 9 **Program Launch**
- 10 Commissioner Roundtable
- 13 Mother's Day
- 18 **District Award Banquet**
- 19-20 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
- 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

December

- 12 Roundtable
- 13 Commissioner Roundtable