



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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

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## Newsletter Key:

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



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“You can’t connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something: your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever. This approach has never let me down, and it has made all the difference in my life.”

**Steve Jobs** commencement address at Stanford University in 2005

Parents of my Scouts are on an uncertain journey. They’ll only know if they did the right things and made good decisions in retrospect. Right now they will have to trust something.

Scouting is a great thing to trust; it has connected the dots for a lot of boys in the uncertain years of their march towards adulthood. Trusting Scouting is not trusting an individual, a troop or a program but a process driven by some simple principles.

Camping and hiking and the other things Scouts do are not just recreation. Badges, metals and sashes are not just a system of recognition. Taking responsibility is not just a course in leadership. All of these things are only parts of a grand process that gives Scouts a way to connect the dots into the future.

If I ask an old Scout what he thinks he got out of Scouting he usually stops and thinks for a while before he answers. He’s trying to figure out how to quantify climbing his first mountain, striking out on his own for the first week he spent away from home, the comradeship of Scouts who have become his lifelong friends, finding courage and confidence against a hundred challenges. Most can’t say exactly how all this connected the dots for them; they only know that it did.

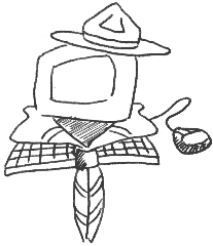
It’s easy to trust things that always go well, that are easy to understand and easy to do. But sometimes you have to go with your gut, your intuition that you’ve chosen well. Scouting is not all sunshine and roses; there are real challenges that lead to real achievements.

You have to trust in something.

## District News

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

[@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:@GooseCreekDistrict.org)



The email woes affecting GooseCreekDistrict.Org addresses detailed in last month's newsletter have been rectified. If you sent an email to a commissioner and got no response, or fired off an advancement report and have it bounce back, or wondered why no one in the mailing list got the note about looking for volunteers chances are you were affected by our outage. Service has been restored and the mails now are flowing. If you are interested in a GooseCreekDistrict.Org email address or there is a mailing list you would like to be a part of send a note to [Mike.Sierra@GooseCreekDistrict.Org](mailto:Mike.Sierra@GooseCreekDistrict.Org).

### Arrow of Light Recognition Ceremony - **\*\*Corrected Date\*\***



The 10th Annual Arrow of Light Recognition Ceremony will be conducted by the Order of the Arrow on Thursday March 1, 2012 at 7:00 PM, location at Smarts Middle School, 850 N King St. Leesburg. **This Ceremony is open to all Webelos 2 boys earning their Arrow of Light rank from fall of 2011 through the 2012 school year**, whether they have earned it early and have bridged to a troop prior to the Ceremony, or they anticipate earning it after the Ceremony. Boys who receive this notification after they have already bridged, may register through their pack or on their own.

This very impressive Ceremony is presented by the Goose Creek OA ceremony team, wearing handcrafted native Powhatan Indian regalia. We usually have a noisy crowd, until the first drum beat sounds to start the ceremony. Then you can hear a pin drop. Packs and boys can have their pictures taken with the ceremonialists after the ceremony. **BE SURE TO BRING YOUR CAMERA!**

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.

While there is **NO COST** for this event, **pre-registration is REQUIRED.**

**Registration must be received no later than Sunday, February 26th, 2012.**

Be sure that you include the number of guests and leaders that will be coming to the event. Forms are available on the district Website.

**For additional information:** Contact Barb Yarbrough ([Barbycm@aol.com](mailto:Barbycm@aol.com) / 703-724-1064). Barb will be glad to answer your questions, or send you forms if you need to have hard copies. If you cannot register via this form or the website, please give her a call and she will take your information over the phone, or by email

## Cub Scout Day Camp: High Seas Adventure



**Goose Creek Day Camp:** June 18-22, 8 AM – 4 PM, Morven Park, Leesburg

Walk the plank, swim with the sharks, hunt for treasure, and sing your favorite sea shanties at day camp this summer! Cub Scout Day Camp is a great opportunity for Cub Scouts to experience all that camp has to offer, and come home each night to tell their family all about it.

Boys in grade 1 (as of September, 2012) through Webelos are eligible to attend day camp. Boys will receive a camp t-shirt, water bottle, craft supplies, and all the goodies needed for a week of fun. One adult is needed for every five boys to escort the adventurers through camp. Tiger Cub adult partners must attend camp with their Tiger.

Can't get leaders to commit for an entire day? Goose Creek is also running a **Twilight Camp**, same dates, that will run from 6:30 PM (6:00 PM check-in) until 8:45 PM and will include many of the activities done during the day.

### ACTIVITIES

Activities range from traditional Scouting games and achievement opportunities to archery, slingshots, BB instruction, crafts, nature study, soccer, fishing, swimming, handicrafts, leatherwork, and camp skills. Dedicated family members, Scout leaders, and other adults can turn out to assist volunteer camp staff members.

### FEES

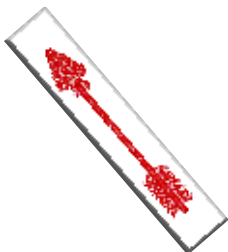
This year's fees for day camp are:

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| Early Bird (before April 16) | \$165 |
| April 16 - May 18            | \$185 |
| After May 18                 | \$205 |
| Twilight Camp                | \$100 |

Financial assistance is available in some cases by submitting a camper aid application

Registration is not yet open.

## OA Elections



It is now election season for the Order of the Arrow. Please contact Matt Thiede, Vice Chief in charge of elections, at [Matt.Thiede@yahoo.com](mailto:Matt.Thiede@yahoo.com) to schedule your election. We will need a few weeks notice to get the forms to you and a team together. Please note that because of the earlier date of the Camp-O-Ree and Ordeal this year we will need to have the elections done earlier as well.

If your troop doesn't have anyone eligible or does not want to have an election this year, please contact Bobbie Scales, Goose Creek OA Chapter Adviser at [ScalesBobbie@yahoo.com](mailto:ScalesBobbie@yahoo.com) to let her know.

## District Championship Pinewood Derby



Gentlemen, start your engines!

Goose Creek District Pinewood Derby will be holding a district championship Pinewood Derby race (hosted by Venture Crew 7070) where only the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in individual pack events are eligible to participate. Trophies will be awarded to the top three fastest cars in each rank, Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos. Overall trophies will also be awarded to the top three cars for all ranks.

**Important:** All cars must meet the District's Derby construction rules (available on the district website in the 'Cubs' section). Just because a car passed the pack's inspection does not mean it will pass the district inspection. *Take special note of the wheels and axle rules!*

Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure that all entrants will receive the 2012 Goose Creek District Pinewood Derby patch. Pre-registration may be done individually or by Pack.

The derby will be held Sat, **March 17, 2012** at Tolbert Elementary School (691 Potomac Station Dr NE, Leesburg 20176). Registration will start at 8 AM and racing will start at 9 AM.

**For registration forms or further information:** Send an email to [SteveWolfson@verizon.net](mailto:SteveWolfson@verizon.net), subject line "Registration".

## 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](mailto: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.

## Cubmobile Derby



What do you have when you make a Pinewood Derby car big enough for a Scout to sit in? A Cubmobile! The district is planning to hold our second annual Cubmobile Derby on May 5, 2012. We have a nice gentle, paved slope all lined up for the race and now we need dens to build cubmobiles to race.

Dens will race as teams with a minimum of three and a maximum of five Scouts per team. Dens with six or more Scouts participating will need to register as two, or more, teams. Every Scout on a team will be given a chance to race their cubmobile down the course.

Teams from the same pack will be allowed to use the same cubmobile if they want to. Cubmobiles built for last year's derby may be used again this year.

Derby fee is \$6 per Scout and all teams must pre-register with an \$18 deposit (i.e., the fee for three Scouts). A full information/registration packet and instructions on how to build a cubmobile will be ready by the February roundtable and available on the district website.

In order to hold this derby we still need some adult volunteers to help in running the event. If you would like to be a volunteer please send an email to [GCCubEvent@verizon.net](mailto:GCCubEvent@verizon.net)

## 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 2:30 PM. Racing begins at 3:00 PM. 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!



No matter how well-covered the camping food, if a bee, fly, or wasp is present, it will land on your portion.

## “Onward and Upward” On the Advancement Trail

### Excellence in Youth Leadership Evening



NCAC's **Excellence in Youth Leadership Evening** (formerly **Eagle Career Day**) will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> and provides a fantastic opportunity for youth who earned their Eagle Scout, Quartermaster or Venturing Silver Award between January 1 and December 31, 2011, to network with business, civic and military professionals from a variety of career fields. Youth are matched with mentors based on industry interests.

Online registration will be available for youth and mentors by January 31. For more information or to register, visit [www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/EYL](http://www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/EYL).

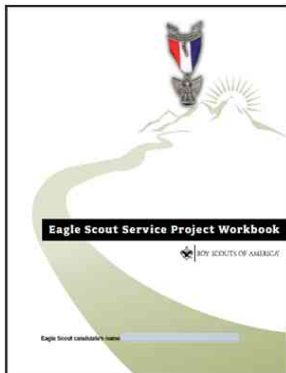
### Boy Scout Week at Camp Snyder – July 29-Aug 3



For the first time since its grand opening, Camp Snyder will have a week of camp just for Boy Scouts. Programs will include rank advancement, merit badge programs and several “just for fun” activities and events. The week is open to individual Boy Scouts or entire troops.

**For additional information:** [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1933&id=104545](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1933&id=104545)

### 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](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.

## 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.

## News from Our Units



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle Scouts:

Ashton Chandler – T982

Stephen Garvis – T711

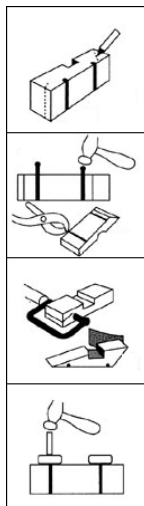
Yohan Sumathipala – T2970

Peter Thompson – T711

## Council / National News

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

## Dremel and Lowe's Pinewood Derby Days



The 2012 Dremel Pinewood Derby Days Program, brought to you through Lowe's Home Improvement Stores, aims to provide you with a source for all of the materials and know-how you need to create a winning Pinewood Derby car you can be proud of – regardless of your skill level. Every Lowe's store will be hosting Pinewood Derby car clinics for the experts to share their tips and tricks for making the fastest cars on race day. Everyone who attends an event will be given a BSA-approved badge and a 10% off Dremel coupon.

Feb 5, 11 AM – 1 PM

Feb 18, 11 AM – 1 PM

Please contact your local store prior to the event.

**Important!!!** Before building your car make sure you check your Pack's construction rules. If your car is to race in the District derby then it must also follow the District's Derby Construction rules posted on the district website.

## Council Journey to Excellence



Just like the units, the Council is on its own Journey to Excellence. As of January 6, NCAC has 1,400 points out of 2,300, qualifying us for Gold Level! Thank you to all the volunteers, parents, professionals, and chartered organizations who put so much time, dedication and effort into ensuring local youth receive a consistently high quality program. And congratulations to all the units and districts receiving JTE recognitions at the Council's annual Court of Honor on March 29.

For the full 2011 statistics go to <http://boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=370&id=104614..>

## Camp Snyder Scout Shop Open for Business



The Trading Post at Camp Snyder is no longer just for replacing your lost canteen or picking up new flashlight batteries before it gets too dark to find your way back to the campsite. They are now your six day a week one stop shop for supplies, uniforms, gifts and Council controlled merchandise (rank insignia, awards, etc.). They are still building their inventory so they may not have what you want – but they can get it in advance and have it for you when you arrive! There is a form at [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1933&id=104937](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1933&id=104937) that you can fill out and email / fax / snail mail back in. They will make the long drive to Bethesda, pick everything up, give you a call and keep your order under lock and key until you trek down to Snyder. For more information or hours of operation go to the Camp Snyder pages at NCAC or click [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=16564&orgkey=1933](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=16564&orgkey=1933).

## Cub Scout Resident Camp



Camp Snyder will conduct five 3-day sessions (12 PM Friday – 5 PM Sunday) for Cub Resident Camp in 2012. Cub Resident Camp is your introduction to what Boy Scout camp can be like. Scouts and their adult leaders/parents will live in 5-person BSA wall tents with cots and platforms, eat at the camp dining hall and experience a wonderful program. The program at camp includes opportunities for Scouts to earn Achievements, Pins, Belt Loops, and several just-for-fun activities. The importance of Cub Resident camp to a Cub Scout and their family is tremendous! Resident Camp will develop your son's or dens' self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing learning experiences in which campers acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to their well being.

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| Session 1: July 6-8     | Cost: | \$160 – paid in full by May 1  |
| Session 2: July 20-22   |       | \$180 – paid in full by June 1 |
| Session 3: July 27-29   |       | \$200 – paid after June 1      |
| Session 4: August 3-5   |       |                                |
| Session 5: August 10-12 |       | \$85 - adults                  |



### Cub Adventure Days



Camp Snyder will conduct three Adventure Days sessions for Cub Scouts in 2012. Cub Adventure Days is a great Day Camp experience for all Scouts from Tiger through Webelos and their families to experience a campout without the overnight sleeping. Each day will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 3:00 PM with lunch included in the cost of camp. Every day will be different from the one before with Scouts visiting all of the Camp Snyder program areas by the end of the week.

Session 1: July 16-19  
 Session 2: July 23-26  
 Session 3: August 6-9

Cost: \$175 – paid in full by May 1  
 \$195 – paid in full by June 1  
 \$215 – paid after June 1  
 \$20 – one adult for a week (may be different each day)

### Webelos Camp



Camp Snyder will conduct one session for Webelos Resident Camp in 2012. Webelos camp is a big step for the Webelos I or II working on Activity Badges. Scouts will camp overnight just like when they become Boy Scouts to get the full summer camp experience in a shorter setting. Most of your time will be spent working towards advancing in your Webelos trail on the way to becoming a Boy Scout. There are plenty of other fun activities to fill your week including games, trips to the pool and more. Webelos will also be able to work on some free time activities that will include the more advanced pins from the Cub Scout Academic and Sports program.

Session 1: July 30-Aug 2  
 (Monday at 8:00 AM - Thursday at 4:00 PM)

Cost: \$210 – paid in full by May 1  
 \$230 – paid in full by June 1  
 \$250 – paid after June 1  
 \$50 – adults

### Camp Snyder Tiger Pass



The Tiger Pass is an opportunity for you and your new Tiger Cub Scout to participate in Adventure Days at Camp William B. Snyder (CWBS) for either the entire week or just the days that are convenient for you. At CWBS, we understand that each Tiger Cub must have an adult partner to attend day camp and this can be difficult for parents. With the Tiger Pass you can attend only the day or days that are convenient for you. The Tiger Pass is only available for new Tiger Cubs in 2012 and their families. Siblings under 5 attend at no cost.

If you are the parent of a new Tiger Cub, or your pack is doing a spring recruitment, go to [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1933&id=104544](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1933&id=104544) for more information.

## Calling All Young Inventors



The next big thing: Will one of your Scouts invent it? Encourage that future Ford, Fulton, or Bell to enter the Boy Scouts of America and Edison Nation Challenge, where creative thinkers could get help turning their ideas into products.

Edison Nation, an “idea-to-shelf product developer,” has teamed up with the BSA to promote this challenge. But despite the collaboration, the challenge is open to boys and girls ages 7 to 21, regardless of BSA membership. Couple this news with the recent release of the [Inventing merit badge](#), and there’s no better time to get your Scouts to think about their new ideas.

Here’s how it works:

- Inventors submit their ideas by Monday, May 7, 2012, at 11:59 PM. PST.
- Edison Nation will select winning inventors and invest up to \$1 million to develop the selected ideas and help bring them to market.
- Selected ideas will receive a \$2,500 minimum advance on 20 years percentage of sales. Plus, Edison Nation will split the royalties 50-50 with inventors on the products they select.
- Selected inventors will be named the “inventor” on any issued patents and will have an opportunity to appear on the award-winning *Everyday Edisons* television series on PBS.
- It’s \$25 to submit an idea (or \$10 for current BSA members).
- Ideas should be “well-communicated” and include sketches, images, or other media to support them.

For more information and to get started:

[www.EdisonNation.com/live\\_product\\_searches/BSA295](http://www.EdisonNation.com/live_product_searches/BSA295)

## NE Region Area 6 Venturing Phenomenon



The Venturing Phenomenon will be co-hosted by Area 6 Venturing and the National Capital Area Council’s VOA at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, Virginia during the weekend of April 20-22, 2012. The event will debut a new format of programming that is by and for Venturers. The program possibilities are endless, and all depend on the program activities brought forward by the crews who attend (with a little coaching by the hosts to maximize the fun and variety available to all participants).

As has been the case in the past, costs will be \$45.00 for tent camping and \$55.00 for limited cabin lodging, and meals will be provided. The A6VOA and NCAC VOA will release details about the event, including crew program proposal guidelines, prior to Christmas 2011. Every Venturer who attends will both help deliver and be a participant in the activities, ensuring that Venturers remain the focus of the fun that we have in Venturing. Be sure save the dates on your calendar, and start thinking about the activity your crew would want to present to other Venturers who attend.

Questions are best initially directed to A6VOA Advisor Catherine Pressler at [Advisor@NE6Venturing.org](mailto:Advisor@NE6Venturing.org), or Sue Hogan at [Susan.Hogan@Scouting.org](mailto:Susan.Hogan@Scouting.org), who will then route inquiries to the appropriate officer or respond accordingly. The officers of the host VOAs look forward to sharing more information with you soon.

## Goshen Specialty Camps



Goshen Scout Reservation is proud to offer its 2012 Specialty Programs to the members of the National Capital Area Council and all other Scouts interested in great summer camp programs.

Specialty Programs are being offered during the week of July 29- August 4, 2012 at Camp Marriott. These programs are being offered for individual Scouts and are not intended for unit participation. Provisional “In Site” leadership will be provided by the camp. Leaders who wish to attend and agree to help provide leadership in site and assist in instructing may attend free. The regular Summer Camp Staff will be joined by special guest Staff members, in the presentation of the programs. Some of the program features will be presented on the property, while other aspects of some of the programs will take place in areas around Goshen and Lexington, Virginia. Transportation will be provided to these off site visits.

### **Field & Stream Shooting Sports Camp** (For Boy Scouts and Venturers)

This program is being offered to those Scouts and Venturers who can't get enough rifle and shotgun, archery, and fishing. Rifle Shooting, Archery, Trap Shooting, NRA qualification shooting for rifle and shotgun, lake and stream fishing and other outdoor sportsman skills are featured. Field and Stream Camp is intended to be the opening of a door to a lifetime hobby or skill enhancement in the shooting sports and related fields.

### **Trail to Eagle Advancement Camp** (For Boy Scouts)

Our most popular Boy Scout Provisional camp program is Trail to Eagle. Trail to Eagle offers older Scouts (age 13 and up) the opportunity to enjoy a week of fun and advancement towards the rank of Eagle Scout. Our camp staff is joined by adult merit badge counselors who are experts specializing in a particular merit badge. Scouts attend provisionally and are assigned to campsites under the leadership of our camp staff and other adults who may come and serve as site leaders at no cost.

Trail to Eagle week gives each Scout the opportunity to earn up to 6 Eagle required merit badges, provided all prerequisites are completed before camp. We emphasize quality instruction and learning so that every badge is truly earned by the Scout. No freebies here—we are assisting these Scouts to be true Eagles!

### **Beach and Yacht Camp** (for Boy Scouts and Venturers)

Come hang out and enjoy some “rays” at the Camp Marriott waterfront while earning Sailing, Swimming, Lifesaving, Water Sports, and other aquatics merit badges during this week of “sun and surf”. Our staff of lifeguards is ready to provide a great week of fun and learning. Are you up for the challenge? Don't forget your sunscreen!

**For additional information and to register:** Council website, select Camps → Specialty Camps

## Spring Parent/Son Overnights at Camp Snyder



The Parent/Son Overnighter camping program is not part of planned Summer Camp program. It is designed to give a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout and his adult partner an opportunity to spend a fun-filled 24-hour period together in the outdoors. During this 24-hour period, each parent and son will learn more about each other by working and playing together.

The overnight program begins on Saturday at 12:00 PM (noon) with check-in and camp site set up. You will need to handle lunch on your own. You move in your personal gear, tents and sleeping bags and get ready for the opening ceremony at 1:00 PM. This kicks off a fun-filled afternoon of activities for all. A staff of volunteers in the off seasons will be on hand to assist and guide you through this adventure. They will also offer safety guidelines and train you in a variety of skills that include the following: Field sports, Archery, BB shooting, and camp crafts. All activities are open program.

This experience will offer a great evening meal in the dining hall and an exciting campfire that will allow you're Scouts and you the opportunity to become "Showmen" in their own right, by performing skits, songs and cheers. You then get to enjoy the peaceful night sky as the sounds of nature lull you into a restful night of sleep in your tent.

The next morning we will provide you with a continental breakfast in the dining hall and a non-denominational religious service. Then it is on to cleaning up your gear and campsite and departing for home.

The fee includes dinner and breakfast, one night of camping, a campfire in the evening, a patch for each participant, and activities that are sure to leave you with great memories! T-Shirts and additional patches are available for purchase in the Camp's Trading Post.

**Cost:** \$40 per person.

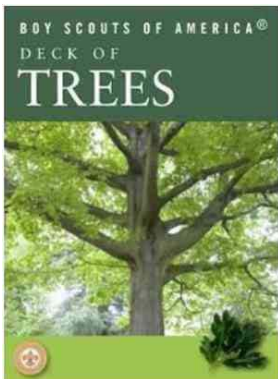
- This event is for Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts and their parent/guardian(s) only. **NO NON-SCOUT SIBLINGS OR GUESTS MAY ATTEND THIS EVENT!**
- You must bring your own tents for all events unless otherwise instructed.
- *Annual Health & Medical Record:* Parts A & B are required.
- This weekend activity will happen regardless of weather conditions.
- **All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.**

**Dates:**

- April 14-15
- April 21-22
- May 19-20

**To register:** On the Council website open the calendar and go to the date of the event. If you have any questions about Parent/Son Overnights, please call 301-214-9156, or email [Annette.Donfor@Scouting.org](mailto:Annette.Donfor@Scouting.org)

## Boy Scouts of America® Deck of Trees



This pocket-sized deck of 40 + cards contains all the information needed to identify the major coniferous and broad-leaved trees, as well as cactus and yucca, in North America.

Each card covers the region where the tree naturally occurs and details the characteristics of the foliage, flowers, fruit, and bark.

From the American Beech to the Yellow Birch, this deck of cards provides a useful reference tool for exploring the world of trees. Other DK decks include BSA® Deck of Knots, BSA® Deck of Stars, BSA® Deck of First Aid, BSA® Deck of Birds, and BSA® Deck of Fishing.

For more information on DK Publishing, please visit [www.dk.com](http://www.dk.com). Additionally, the Deck of Cards series are available in most major book stores, both online and at retail stores.

## Young Catholic Scout Retreat



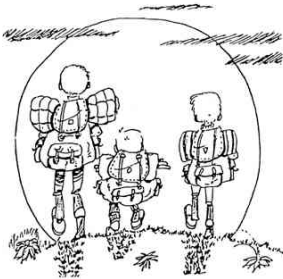
The Young Scout Retreat is an opportunity for youth in Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage, and Camp Fire in K-5<sup>th</sup> to participate in activities designed to inform, stimulate and encourage the practice of their Catholic faith through Scouting.

**Cost:** \$10 per scout

**Date:** Saturday, April 21, 2012 in Burke, Va

**For additional Information:** [www.ArlingtonDioceseScouting.org](http://www.ArlingtonDioceseScouting.org)

## 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](http://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](mailto:Wes.Haynes@Scouting.org) or 301-943-8376.

**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](http://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.

## Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?



The same guy who produces *Deadliest Catch* and *Ice Road Truckers*, Thom Beers, has introduced a new unscripted show titled *Are You Tougher than a Boy Scout?* National Geographic Channel gave Original Productions the greenlight to start shooting this spring, shows will air later this year. The challenges will be based on the Scout skills with adults competing against the country's top Boy Scouts. "I was three badges short of my Eagle Scout badge, and I know I am not alone," said Beers. "This series is going to allow people like me one more chance to achieve such an incredible milestone. Plus, it's authentic, has a fun and interesting set of circumstances and underdog characters with a story to tell. And frankly, who doesn't love the Boy Scouts?" Not only will this 6-episode series be interesting, but it will show a great audience the skills the BSA teaches young men and women every day.

## Scout Night at Verizon Center



**Washington Wizards vs. Cleveland Cavaliers**  
**Saturday, March 3, 2012**  
**Tip-Off at 7 PM**

It's all about Scouts at this game!

- The first troop to order 20+ tickets will participate in the pre-game opening ceremony – on the court!
- The first two troops to order 20+ tickets will get to hi-five all the players before the game.
- Random drawings during the evening will give each attendee the chance to win an autographed John Wall basketball or authentic Wizards team jersey!
- Every Scout who attends can participate in the post-game free-throw on the court where the pros play!

And, of course...

- Every Scout who attends will get a special Washington Wizards patch!

To place your order, contact Wizards Scout Representative Jill Buxbaum at 202-292-1982 / [JBuxbaum@MonumentalSports.com](mailto:JBuxbaum@MonumentalSports.com).

## On-Line Resource of the Month



[www.EagleScout.org](http://www.EagleScout.org) is a site dedicated to helping Scouts become Eagle Scouts!

They've collected a lot of resources to assist Scouts in achieving Eagle Scout rank and planning the celebration to follow - everything from Eagle planning guides to extensive court of honor materials. Whether you are a Boy Scout looking for practical resources for yourself, a parent who is supporting (or motivating) your very own Eagle Scout candidate, or a Scouter helping one boy or assisting hundreds, you'll find tools that will empower you and help you do your best!



## 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](mailto: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).



## Catholic Religious Emblems Counselor Training



**When:** March 3, 2012

**Where:** St. Michael's Parish School, 7401 St. Michael's Ln., Annandale, VA 22003

**Courses offered:**

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

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

**Schedule:**

- 8:30 – Mass (Church)
- 9:30 – Opening Session (all)
- 10:00 - 12:00 – Cub 1
- 10:00 - 3:00 – Boy 1 & Boy2

**Registration at:** [www.ArlingtonDioceseScouting.org](http://www.ArlingtonDioceseScouting.org)

## Wilderness & Remote First Aid



**Classes:**

- Feb 11-12, 8 AM – 6 PM, Camp Snyder
- Mar 3-4, 8 AM – 6 PM, 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](http://www.Wildsafe.org) or call Toll Free (888) 945-3402

**To register:** Cost \$165, 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:**

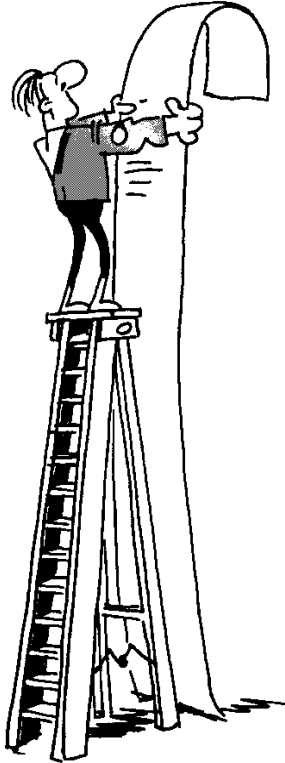
Session 1: 5/4/2012 - 5/6/2012

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



## February 2012

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

## March

- 1 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**
- 8 Commissioner RT
- 14 Roundtable
- 17 OA Fellowship
- 17 **District Pinewood Derby**
- 23-25 Show & Do
- 25 **Interfaith Pinewood Derby**
- 28 District Committee

## April

- 2-6 Spring Break
- 9 Moveable School Holiday
- 11 Roundtable
- 12 Commissioner RT
- 13-15 **Spring Camporee**
- 14-15 Snyder Parent/Son Overnighter
- 15 **Training – Den Chief**
- 20-22 NE Venturing Phenomenon
- 21-22 Snyder Parent/Son Overnighter
- 25 District Committee
- 27-29 **OA Ordeal**

## May

- 5 **Cubmobile Derby**
  - 5 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
  - 9 **Program Launch**
  - 10 Commissioner RT
  - 13 Mother's Day
  - 18 **District Award Banquet**
  - 19-20 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
  - 19-20 Snyder Parent/Son Overnight
  - 23 District Committee
  - 28 Memorial Day
- ## June
- 2 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
  - 8 Last Day of School
  - 13 Roundtable
  - 14 Commissioner RT
  - 18-22 **District Day Camp**
  - 27 District Committee

## July

- 4 Independence Day
- 6-8 Snyder Resident Camp
- 16-19 Snyder Adventure Days
- 20-22 Snyder Resident Camp
- 23-26 Snyder Adventure Days
- 27-29 Snyder Resident Camp
- 29-30 Boy Scout Week at Camp Snyder
- 30-8/2 Snyder Webelos Camp

## August

- 3-5 Snyder Resident Camp
- 6-9 Snyder Adventure Days
- 8 Roundtable
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 10-12 Snyder Resident Camp
- 22 District Committee
- 27 First Day of School

## September

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

## October

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

## November

- 3 **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution**
- 5-6 Student Holiday
- 8 Commissioner RT
- 10 **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**
- 14 Roundtable
- 21 District Committee
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Break

## December

- 12 Roundtable
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 24 Winter Break Starts

## January 2013

- 1 Winter Break Ends
- 9 Roundtable
- 10 Commissioner RT
- 18 Moveable School Holiday
- 21 MLK Jr. Day
- 23 District Committee