



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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## The Aims of Scouting



'Aim' is a particularly well chosen word to describe our focus as adult volunteers in Scouting.

Scouting has three specific objectives, commonly referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

One definition of 'aim' is "A purpose or intention toward which one's efforts are directed". As a shooting sports director for our camp years ago I learned a great deal about aiming. It's not as simple as leveling a bow or rifle at the target and hoping for the best. Aiming and shooting is a complex set of actions; the goal of a good shooter is developing consistency in their aim and execution of the shot.

When an arrow leaves the bow and travels towards the target it is subject to a number of forces that effect it's flight and where it hits the target. New archers are interested in shooting as many arrows towards the target as they can. As they progress they begin to understand the nine steps of a successful shot. They refine and practice their shot until it is as consistent as possible and watch their scores improve.

As new adult volunteers we are first interested in doing. We jump in and start where we are. As we gain experience and knowledge we begin to refine our work, to perfect our aim. Our goal is consistently hitting the target and we soon learn that the most important part of that is focus on the aim.

While archery director one Scout experienced in instinctive shooting used his own traditional longbow with incredible accuracy. I asked him about his aiming technique and he said that he concentrated on the cross printed on the center of the paper target. This cross was formed by two thin lines about 1/2 inch long that I doubt he could see from 20 yards but he knew it was there.

Our work in Scouting does not aim at a literal printed paper target, but we can picture the aim of Scouting just as this archer focused on the cross he could not actually see.

An arrow's flight depends wholly on how well it is aimed and released. A Scout's progress is largely dependent on how well we know and focus on the aim. Once they are aimed we let them go, we let them fly on their own and there are many influences that affect where they hit the target – the flight is out of our hands.

Our job is not the flight, but the aim.

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
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### Quick Calendar:

- Oct 6 – Training - BLST
- Oct 10 – Roundtable
- Oct 13 – Training – Den Chief
- Oct 20 – Training – Cub Scout Leader Specific
- Oct 20-21 – Training – IOLS/OLSWL
- Oct 20-21 – JOTA/JOTI
- Nov 3 & 10 – Scouting for Food
- Nov 14 – Roundtable
- Nov 17 - PowWow

### Newsletter Key:

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

## District News

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

### Rechartering



BSA requires each Scouting unit - whether Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, Ship, or Post - to renew its Charter annually. This assures that the Chartered Organization is still using Scouting's programs to serve youth and assures that the unit roster is up to date at least once a year. In addition to renewing the unit charter, recharter time is when all youth and adult members (leaders) renew their membership in BSA. The Goose Creek Recharter Window opens November 1, 2012.

We are holding a Recharter Training to educate those who may need more information on the recharter process. The first training is

- October 3 @ 7:30 at Leesburg United Methodist Church (107 West Main Street Leesburg). Please plan to attend!

Questions or issues? Please contact [Mike.Perry@Scouting.org](mailto:Mike.Perry@Scouting.org)

This year the "unit charter fee" has been renamed the "unit liability insurance fee" and was increased from \$20 to \$. All units, including Exploring posts, are required to pay this annual fee, which goes entirely to the general liability insurance program, when submitting their charter renewal applications.

### Scouting for Food Training Dates



Two dates have been set up for Scouting for Food (SFF) Training:

- October 2, 2012 – Rust Library @ 7:00 PM (380 Old Waterford Road Northwest, Leesburg, VA 20176)
- October 18, 2012 – Our Saviors Way Lutheran Church @ 7:00 PM (43115 Waxpool Road, Broadlands, VA 20148)

Your unit coordinator **MUST** attend training in order to get the SFF distribution bags.

Scouting for Food Dates:

- Bag Distribution – Nov 3
- Food Collection – Nov 10



You might have been a Scouter too long when:

- You open letters with a pocket knife.
- You really do use those emergency sewing kits.
- You find yourself discussing the relative merits of internal vs. external frame packs on a date.

## Den Chief Training



**Date:** Oct 13, 9 AM – 12 PM

**Where:** Purcellville Train Station, 200 N 21<sup>st</sup> St, Purcellville, VA, 20312

**Cost:** None

**Registration:** [www.doubleknot.com/event/1230532](http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1230532)

A Den Chief is an older Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer. Selected by the senior patrol leader and Scoutmaster, Varsity Scout Coach, or Venturing Advisor at the request of the Cubmaster. Approved by the Cubmaster and pack committee for recommendation to the den leader. Registered as a youth member of a troop, team, or crew.

**Responsibilities:** The Cub Scout den chief's responsibilities are to:

- Help Cub Scouts achieve the purposes of Cub Scouting.
- Serve as the activities assistant at den meetings.
- Set a good example through attitude and uniforming.
- Be a friend to the boys in the den.
- Help lead weekly den meetings.
- Help the den in its part of the monthly pack meeting.
- Know the importance of the monthly theme and pack meeting plans.
- Meet regularly with the den leader to review den and pack meeting plans. Meet as needed with adult members of the den, pack, and troop.
- Receive training from the den leader (and Cubmaster or assistant Cubmaster) and attend Den Chief Training.
- Encourage Cub Scouts to become Webelos Scouts when they are eligible.

## Webelos-o-ree 2012



On Sept 22-23 the District held our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Webelos-o-ree and it was our biggest yet! We had about 240 Webelos, 200 parents, and 8 Boy Scout troops attending and everyone had a fantastic time. Taught by the Boy Scouts the Webelos were able to tie knots and cross a monkey bridge; shoot BBs, arrows, and slingshots; earn their Readyman badge; learn about emergency preparedness knife safety, and cooking; and build fires.

The evening was filled with making and cooking meals in foil, baking bread on a stick, and a rousing campfire that started with a Four Winds ceremony done by the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow and filled with skits and songs.

Though the staff watched anxiously for the thunderstorms the radios were predicting for the late afternoon they never showed up. Some severe winds did show up that night, however, and knocked over some canopies and flattened some tents.

Unfortunately our patch manufacturer missed their deadline date and the patches for the event were still in the mail. We will have them ready for pickup at the October Roundtable.

## Silver Beaver Nominations



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

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

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

**For nomination forms and submittal information:** On the District web page select Resources and Help from the menu and go to the listing for the 2012 Silver Beaver nominations (or just click on the big silver colored beaver in the upper left hand corner of the splash page). All nominations must be in to the committee by Nov 15.

## Goose Creek Email Distribution Lists



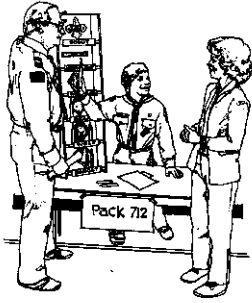
Goose Creek District maintains a number of email distribution lists that we use to provide for quick dissemination of information to our Scouts, Scouters, and families. This includes notices of upcoming events and important district news such as rechartering, JSN, camporees, this newsletter, etc. Here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

- PACKS** – Cub Scout Packs
- TROOPS** – Boy Scout Troops
- CREWS** – Venture Crews

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

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

## JSN in Review



Fall 2012 Join Scouting Night for Goose Creek District was viewed as very successful. All the members of the District Committee and I applaud all of your efforts in helping prepare boys for life. On that note and as we have seen before, the first tidal wave is never the only tidal wave. There will be several small waves of stragglers who could not make JSN for one reason or another but still want to join scouting. As important as JSN is, it's more important to make sure that any boy who wants to join is afforded that chance on an on-going basis.

Additionally, we learned a few things regarding up and coming technologies that we will be trialing in future recruiting events including a Spring JSN. As they say, Be Prepared...

Thanks,  
Chris Goda, JSN Chairman

## Why You Should Attend Roundtable



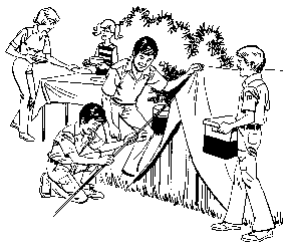
Roundtable is the best way to find out what's happening in the council and district, and is a great way to improve the program we provide to the youths in our units!

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

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

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

## Webelos Invitation to a Campout



Troop 966 (<http://members.doubleknot.com/Troop966>) invites Goose Creek District's Webelos II's to camp with us at Lake Fairfax on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> and/or to come to our open house troop meeting on Monday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> (7:30 - 9:00 PM at the Sterling Ruritan Club, 183 Ruritan Road, Sterling). Webelos and their parents are welcome to camp overnight or just visit for a day of fun activities.

Please RSVP to [CommitteeChair @ Troop966.org](mailto:CommitteeChair@Troop966.org)

## “Onward and Upward”

### On the Advancement Trail

#### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagle Scouts:

Cameron James Acton – Troop 1550

Eric G Acton – Troop 1550

Sean M Bailey – Troop 1154

Glenn M Deckman – Troop 962

#### Energy Merit Badge



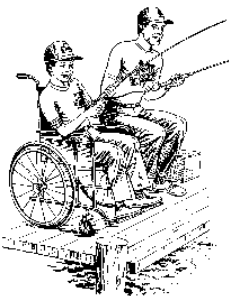
The U.S. Energy Information Administration is sponsoring a Boy Scout Energy merit badge class on Saturday, Oct 27, at the U.S. Energy Department headquarters building located across from the Smithsonian Castle on the National Mall. The three-hour class will begin at 9:30 a.m. The class is free, but space is limited and you must register by Oct 19 to attend. Register at:

[www.eia.gov/kids/activities/meritbadge](http://www.eia.gov/kids/activities/meritbadge)

Energy is one of the rarer merit badges, with just 62 badges earned during 2011 among the more than 50,000 member Scouts in the NCAC. This is your opportunity to earn one!

**For additional information contact:** Tom Doggett, 202-586-3599

#### Scouting with Disabilities



The Council is standing up a Scouting With Disabilities (SWD) Committee; with membership comprised of representatives from each district. The Goose Creek Advancement Committee would like to expand its membership with 1-2 people who will serve as our SWD points of contact. No expertise or knowledge is required; simply an interest in supporting the district in this unique capacity. Responsibilities are rather simple and very limited. Once trained in the special features of SWD as they differ from the regular Advancement Program, the SWD representative will primarily serve as a source of guidance for our district’s scouts (and parents of scouts) with disabilities. Please direct all questions and interests to Brad Scales at [MSVA\\_Tenor@yahoo.com](mailto:MSVA_Tenor@yahoo.com).

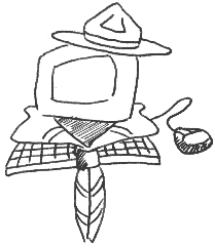
#### Den Chief Service Award



The Den Chief Service Award is awarded to a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout or Venturer who has served as a Den Chief for a full year and completed a set of other requirements. Den Chiefs who earn the award may wear the Service Award in addition to the standard den chief cord of their office, and may continue to wear it for as long as they are a youth Scout.

**Requirements:** [www.USScouts.org/advance/boyscout/denchief.asp](http://www.USScouts.org/advance/boyscout/denchief.asp)

## Internet Advancement



The need for using Internet Advancement for tracking **all** Cub Scout and Boy Scout advancements (except for the Eagle rank itself) has been around for some time ... and yet there are still 16 Units within Goose Creek – 3 Troops, 3 Teams and 10 Packs – that are not using it. We know who you are. If you need assistance, please see your Unit Commissioner, or visit the NCAC Internet Advancement site ([www.boyscouts-ncac.org/council-committees/advancement-recognition-committee-arc/internet-advancement/17096](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/council-committees/advancement-recognition-committee-arc/internet-advancement/17096)) for guidance.

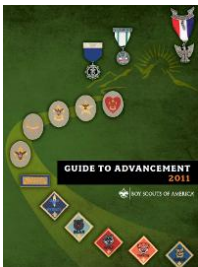
## Margee's Reminders for Eagle Scout Rank Applications



Margee Egan – NCAC's primary reviewer of Eagle Scout Rank Applications (ESRA) – has offered a few tidbit reminders to us; based on things she continues to see 'wrong' with ESRAs she gets from across the Council.

- a) Units should check **all** dates on the ESRA, and compare them to the records in ScoutNet by printing a "Scout record" and ensuring that all dates match.
  1. Frequently, ScoutNet reflects the Court of Honor date – vice the Board of Review date or date on the Merit Badge blue card.
  2. Rank Advancements must reflect the Board of Review date.
  3. And for Merit Badges, the blue card date must be honored. (Think "Blue must Rule").
- b) On the ESRA, please list all elective merit badges in chronological order
- c) Date Joined Scouting: A boy becomes a Boy Scout the day his parents sign the youth application – not the date he earns the Scout patch.

## BSA Guide to Advancement



The 2011 Guide to Advancement (GTA) is the **official** source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, and Sea Scouts.

Compliments of valuable inputs, commentary and advice from across the nation, the GTA will undergo a minor update; ETA February 2013. The changes won't be significant, so if you're unfamiliar with the GTA, please read the online version here: [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement.aspx) or in PDF here: [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf)

## STEM-Tastic Fun!



Scouts have a new opportunity to explore and expand their STEM skills - NCAC has partnered with the Microsoft Store in Tysons Corner (map) to offer skills-based achievement experiences. Currently, Cub Scouts can work on:

**Computer Belt Loop:** Scouts will learn parts of a computer, how to properly shut down a computer and to prepare a document and print on his own. (Jan 26, March 23, April 27, July 27)

**Photography Belt Loop:** Scouts will learn functions of a camera, discuss film vs. digital, learn to take his own photos and share with others. (Oct 27, May 25, Aug 24)

**Video Game Belt Loop:** Scouts will learn about the video game rating system, create a gaming schedule to include gaming, homework, chores, and family time, learn a new video game and discuss his favorite game and why. (Nov 24, Feb 23, June 22)

**To register:** Go to [www.MSevents.microsoft.com](http://www.MSevents.microsoft.com) and the in *Search Microsoft Events* box in the top header, right side, type in **Cub Scouts**

## Lowe's Teams with BSA for Eagle Scout Project Support



Home improvement retailer Lowe's has teamed with the Boy Scouts of America to provide the Lowe's National Eagle Scout Project Impact grant for candidates working on their Eagle Scout project.

About the Grant: A generous contribution from the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has made it possible for local councils to present **selected** Eagle Scout candidates with a \$100 prepaid gift card to be used toward their service projects. Life Scouts who are planning a construction-based project may apply. Local councils will be notified of their allotment of awards, which will be figured based on a percentage of each council's three-year average for Eagle Scout Awards earned. The council or district Eagle project review board will determine which projects qualify for a Lowe's grant. The local council will distribute its allotment of the \$100 prepaid gift cards to recipients. Cards must be used to purchase building materials and equipment for the Eagle candidate's service project. The gift card may be used at any Lowe's location or any place that it is accepted.

**For more information:** [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/TrailToEagle.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/TrailToEagle.aspx)

**Note:** This program is only available this year, and all submittals must be provided to the Council office by Dec 31, 2012.



## Coming Soon to a Merit Badge Sash Near You



BSA National has issued three (relatively) new Merit Badges. Find more information on these and other in-process merit badges at the BSA National website here:

[www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/GuideforMeritBadgeCounselors.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/GuideforMeritBadgeCounselors.aspx)



**Search and Rescue:** This merit badge – with 10 primary requirements – will test the Scout's knowledge of the field of search and rescue. Included in the material are elements of First Aide, the hazards faced by people in this field, and the four types of search and rescue teams. (Note: one of the requirements calls for the Scout to Complete the training for ICS-100, *Introduction to Incident Command System*.)



**Kayaking:** This merit badge – with 8 primary requirements – will test the Scout's knowledge of the sport of kayaking; including techniques for navigating varying types of waters, and the safety precautions practiced by smart kayakers. (Note: before doing the 'last' six requirements, the Scout must successfully complete the BSA swimmer test.)

**Welding:** This merit badge – with 7 primary requirements – will test the Scout's knowledge of the welding profession, the techniques and safety standards employed across the industry.

## Council / National News

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

### Gathering of Eagles



Gathering of Eagles (GOE) is the Eagle alumni organization for the National Capital Area Council. Our aims are simple:

- Encourage networking and friendship among Eagle Scouts.
- Assist the National Capital Area Council with Eagle-related activities.
- Gather and re-engage Eagles who have not recently been involved with Scouting.
- Leverage the skills, talents, and dedication of local Eagles to create lasting community service.
- Establish a foundation of continued financial support for Scouting.

In addition, GOE is NCAC's official National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) local committee. To register go to:

[www.boyscouts-ncac.org/form/formjump.asp?bidx=0&surveyID=13003&OrgKey=370](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/form/formjump.asp?bidx=0&surveyID=13003&OrgKey=370)

## Campeones de Scouting



*Campeones de Scouting* (Champions of Scouting) is an elite group of bilingual volunteers and staff committed to ensuring that every youth has the opportunity to join Scouting no matter what language they speak at home. Our Campeones are available by phone or in person anywhere in the Council to your Join Scouting Night, weekly meeting, committee meeting, or other Scouting event. To become *un Campeón* or for more information visit [www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/champions](http://www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/champions).

## Cubcast



Cubcast is a monthly media file, typically audio or video, featuring a variety of how-to and information topics for Cub Scouting leaders and parents. Sync Cubcast to your iPod, iPhone, Android phone, or favorite MP3 player before your next commute, and watch the miles fly by as your knowledge of the Cub Scout program grows. Or, if you prefer, listen to it right from your computer at home.

To get Cubcasts go to [www.scouting.org/scoutcast.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutcast.aspx) and select CubCast along the bottom strip of the video display area. On the right side of the display is an 'Archives' button that will let you select previous podcasts.

## Voice of the Scout



The Fall 2012 Voice of the Scout, a nation-wide survey that asks our members what Scouting is doing well and where it needs improvement, has officially begun! Email invitations began going out on Monday, September 24 and will continue being mailed out for the next two weeks. Some email providers have been accidentally tagging the invites as spam, so check the "Junk" folder for yours. When you get your invitation please complete the survey **before Friday, October 24** to make sure your Voice is heard!

Got feedback for us? Sign up to be part of the Spring 2013 survey:  
[www.boyscouts-ncac.org/OpenRosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?LinkKey=47814&orgkey=370](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/OpenRosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?LinkKey=47814&orgkey=370)

## New Lifesaving or Meritorious Action Award Application



The National Court of Honor has completed a revision of the Lifesaving or Meritorious Action Award application, which can be found at [www.scouting.org/awardscentral](http://www.scouting.org/awardscentral).

Effective Jan. 1, 2013, they will no longer accept older versions of this application.

When submitting the application, please include the full name of the applicant as it should appear on the certificate if the award is granted. Provide as much information as necessary using the space provided on this application. No additional documents should be attached. A case should not be forwarded to the council without a signed statement from the applicant and an eyewitness. Applications will not be considered after a lapse of 12 months from the date of the incident.

## Jamboree on the Air



There are Scouting programs in over two hundred fifteen countries and not everyone can attend the World Jamboree so once a year Scouts and Scouters from around the globe come together by way of radio and computer. October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> marks the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the “Jamboree on the Air” (JOTA) and the Boy Scouts of America will be well represented.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10AM – 4PM and as part of the Fall Outdoor Expo at Camp Snyder there will be a chance to get on a shortwave radio. Join us for this exciting event and connect with Scouts across the country and around the globe! Earn credit toward the International Activity Badge, Citizenship in the World, and Radio Merit Badges, and Citizenship, Language and Culture, and Communicating Belt Loops. This event is open to all Scouts. Come out for the expo and stay for the shortwave communication. For additional information go to the NCAC International Committee JOTA / JOTI page:

[www.boyscouts-ncac.org/council-committees/activities-civic-service/international/international-ncac-events/jota-joti/29760](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/council-committees/activities-civic-service/international/international-ncac-events/jota-joti/29760)

## New Recruitment Kits Introduce Teens to the Excitement of Venturing



The National Venturing Youth Cabinet and National Council’s Marketing and Membership groups have teamed up to create a host of new recruitment tools designed to introduce teens to the fun and excitement of Venturing!

The new publications include the “Venturing Recruitment Guide” featuring a variety of information and resources, as well as a “Fast Facts” sheet and fliers that can be customized with your crew’s meeting place, time, and contact information.

Best of all, these new print resources—are fully customizable and intended to be distributed by those who know the Venturing program best: Venturers.

For more information on the items and how to order, have your crews visit [www.scouting.org/venturing](http://www.scouting.org/venturing), and click on the “Venturing Recruiting Toolbox” link.

## BSA Insignia Guide



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

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

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

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

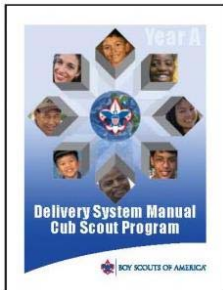
There is a lot more information in the guide, so pass on this resource to the members of your unit.

## 2013 Journey to Excellence Scorecards



The new 2013 Journey to Excellence scorecards for packs, troops, teams, and crews are now online. Go to [www.Scouting.org/jte](http://www.Scouting.org/jte) and look for the box labeled "2013 Scorecards."

## Delivery System Manual Cub Scout Program



Deliver the promise. This manual consists of the traditional Cub Scout program and can be delivered by volunteers or program managers. This easy-to-use, 36-week guide is suited for mixed-age groups and guarantees rank advancement. It can be implemented in any pack in the country.

For help, call the Membership Recruitment Team at 972-580-2119.

For English, go to <http://bit.ly/ri0cu8>

For Spanish, go to <http://bit.ly/rIVXx2>

## Updated Annual Health and Medical Record



The updated Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) is now available. Its use will be mandated by Jan 1, 2014.

The new AHMR will have several changes that most notably include a bilingual format. There are additions and changes to Parts A, B, C and D, as well. Please be sure to fill out each section completely and carefully. Although no one wants an accident or illness to occur, an accurately completed AHMR can make a difference in yours or your child's care in the event of an emergency.

For more information, on the BSA AHMR, go to:

<http://scout-wire.org/2012/08/16/updated-annual-health-and-medical-record-rolling-out-in-september/>

## 2012 Fall Outdoor Expo



Enjoy a fun day outside this fall with the whole family! They'll be multiple activities for all ages, a climbing tower, shooting sports, displays and much more! Join us October 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 4 pm at Camp Snyder for the Fall Outdoor Expo. Cost is \$8 per person (Walk in tickets are \$10), children 3 years old and under are free.

For more information and to register go to: [www.GoToSnyder.org](http://www.GoToSnyder.org)

## 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Day



The 36th Annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Day will be Saturday, Oct. 27, 8:30 am-4:45 pm. This year the event is at Patuxent River Park's Jug Bay Natural Area. Instruction and courses are suitable for beginners, emphasizing fun map skills on a special six-color orienteering map, in addition to compass games. Registration deadline is October 12. For more information or to register, [www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1188516](http://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1188516)

## Veteran Unit Bar Award



Over the past 40 years, as scouting units have remained continuously chartered for longer and longer lengths of time, the Boy Scouts of America have introduced veteran unit bars. These cloth bars recognize units for their longevity.

There is a bar for every 5 years of charter, starting with 25 years. All bars are bronze with black numerals except for the 75 year bar introduced in 1985 and the 100 year bar introduced in 2010. The 75 year bar is red with silver numerals and the 100 year bar is red with gold numerals.

The bar is worn by all unit members, not just those that were members on the specific anniversary.

The bar is sewn on the uniform directly above the unit numerals. Units may choose to order custom one-piece unit numerals with the veteran bar included to reduce the number of patches to sew and ensure they are positioned correctly.

Not sure how old your unit is? Just check the first page of your rechartering packet and you'll find out how many months your unit has been around.

## Veteran Award



The BSA Veteran award recognizes individual members for tenure in Scouting. The recognition item is a lapel pin denoting the number of years of service. This pin is worn only on civilian clothing and not on the Scout uniform.

The veteran award is an adult recognition only. However, tenure earned as a youth may be included in the total number of years registered.

- Scouters desiring recognition as veterans must have maintained an active registered relationship for the required number of years, paying the annual registration fee.
- The records of the national office and local council shall determine eligibility.
- The periods of service claimed for veteran recognition need not be continuous.

Pins (5 year to 90 year) can be purchased at the local scout shop or [www.ScoutStuff.org](http://www.ScoutStuff.org) after confirmation is received from national records. The application form can be found at:

[www.Scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/524-701.pdf](http://www.Scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/524-701.pdf)

## High Adventure Opportunities



NCAC has the following provisional Philmont Treks available for 2013:

- P705 (July 3-July 17)
- P713 (July 11-July 25)
- P720 (July 18-August 1).

The cost is \$1950, and all travel will be arranged by the Council. For more information, contact [Dave.Talbott@uspto.gov](mailto:Dave.Talbott@uspto.gov). For registration forms go to:

[www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1988&id=91940](http://www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1988&id=91940)

Want High Adventure a little closer to home? In 2013 there will be two provisional crews at Lenhok'sin, dates to be determined. Watch the Lenhok'sin webpage for more information:

[www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=47443&orgkey=1933](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=47443&orgkey=1933)

## Goshen Scout Reservation



Another summer has come to pass at Goshen Scout Reservation...and despite Mother Nature's temper tantrum Week 1 (aka a derecho) and consistent temperatures in the 80s and 90s...2012 will go down as one of the best summers yet! Work now begins on creating a spillway for the dam as required by the Commonwealth of Virginia to operate the camp next summer. Construction will be completed by May 2013 and Lake Merriweather will be ready for Scouts Memorial Day weekend! Beat the rush... Ready to make your reservation TODAY for next year? Go to:

[www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=370&id=113893](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=370&id=113893)

Interested in being on the 2013 camp staff? Go to:

[www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=370&id=113898](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=370&id=113898)

## Surplus Philmont Trail Meals



The Philmont Commissary is offering surplus 2012 trail meals to anyone who has a need for packaged, ready-to-eat meals. Sales are open from September to December.

You may purchase any quantity of meals simply by emailing Barry Harper ([barry.harper@scouting.org](mailto:barry.harper@scouting.org)) to obtain a 2012 ordering package. The package will include an order form with pricing and menus of what each meal contains. Ordering information is also available online at the Philmont website:

[www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Philmont/Resources/PhilmontSurplus/SurplusTrailMeals.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Philmont/Resources/PhilmontSurplus/SurplusTrailMeals.aspx)

## Scouting for Adventure



Season 5 of "Scouting for Adventure," the Boys' Life magazine TV show, will kick off on the Outdoor Channel at 10 a.m. Eastern on Oct. 5.

Each episode will be broadcast on Fridays at 10 a.m. Eastern, with repeats each week on Saturdays at 2 p.m. Eastern and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. Eastern.

## Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child (OCC) ([www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/)) — the world's largest charitable Christmas project of its kind—has been designated as an official community organization by the BSA.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, who is the son of evangelist Billy Graham. Individuals, groups, and families all over the U.S. take empty shoeboxes and fill them with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, candy, and other items a child may like. OCC collects the packed shoebox gifts every year the week before Thanksgiving at more than 3,300 drop-off locations around the U.S. This year, the National Collection Week will take place Nov. 12–19, and OCC hopes to collect 8.5 million gifts.

Being designated as an official community organization by the BSA indicates a recognition of mutual cooperation and support between Operation Christmas Child and the BSA. Operation Christmas Child is among a limited number of organizations that have received endorsement from the BSA National Council, which ensures Cub Scout and Boy Scout leaders that participation in OCC can be counted as one of their service projects. Cub Scout packs and Boy Scout troops have been working with Operation Christmas Child since its inception.

## Personalized Popcorn Promotions



Have friends or relatives who live out of the area but would love to support your popcorn sale? Send them a personalized email! They can order online, pay using their credit card...and Trail's End ships directly to them. They get their tasty treats without ever leaving the comfort of their home or office and you get more sales to help pay for camp! **Plus, the top online seller each week will win a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card!** To get started, go to [www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ShowPage.aspx?3235383836397L3732323934](http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ShowPage.aspx?3235383836397L3732323934) and sign in or create an account.

Want more chances to win? Fax in your full order sheet each week to be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card! Fax your sheets to 301-564-9513 or email them to [Lisa.Snip@Scouting.org](mailto:Lisa.Snip@Scouting.org).

The Wal-Mart gift card promotion runs through December 3, 2012.

## Scout Day at Navy Football



Join the Naval Academy Athletic Association for "Scout Day 2012" at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, MD on Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Navy vs. Texas State home football game. Kickoff is tentatively set for 3:30pm. More than 10,000 Scouts and family members have attended in the past years, making it one of the largest football events in recent history. Scouts can also take tours of the United States Naval Academy or camp for the weekend. For more information, go to [www.NavySports.com](http://www.NavySports.com) and use the promo code "SCOUTDAY".

## Historic Ships Overnight Adventures



Historic Ships in Baltimore's Overnight Adventures offers a unique opportunity to walk in the footsteps of sailors aboard historic Navy and Coast Guard vessels.

**WHO:** Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts (minimum age: 1st grade)

**WHEN:** 7 days a week, year-round

**WHERE:** USS Constellation, USS Torsk, or USCGC Taney

**COST:** \$50 per person, 20 person minimum, deposit required to save your program, balance due 30 days before event. Cost includes hands-on activities, dinner and breakfast, and a place to lay your head.

For more information visit [www.historicships.org](http://www.historicships.org) or email Sarah Rauscher at [srauscher@historicships.org](mailto:srauscher@historicships.org).

## Scouts at the Polls



On November 6<sup>th</sup> Virginians will cast their vote for President, Senator, their local Congressman and a number of other important initiatives. This year the Commonwealth of Virginia will allow Scouts age 16 & 17 to serve as "Election Pages." This program combines community service with an opportunity to observe democracy in action. Scouts who are bilingual or have sign language skills are especially valuable. Participants are placed according to home addresses into neighborhood precincts and usually work in pairs, either with another Scout or with a fellow High School student. Most will work between three and six hours. Upon completion of service, the Electoral Board presents each election page with a Certificate of Appreciation. Service may be applicable for classroom or merit-badge credit. As this is a non-partisan event, Scouts may wear their uniforms proudly and provide service to their community for this most sacred of franchises.

For more information click [www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?NID=162](http://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?NID=162)

## BSA Policy Statement on Political Activities

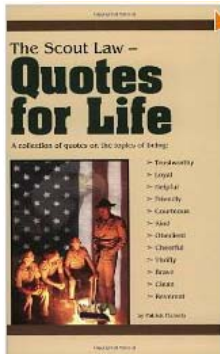


Boy Scouts of America policy prohibits Scouts from participating in political activities. BSA membership applications, under Program Policies, state: Citizenship activities are encouraged, but partisan political activities are prohibited.

Uniformed unit members and leaders may participate in flag ceremonies at political events and may lead the Pledge of Allegiance; however, they should retire after the ceremony and not remain on the speakers' platform or in a conspicuous location where television viewers could construe their presence as an endorsement or symbol of support. In addition, photos of candidates or Scouts in uniform or BSA marks and logos are not allowed in political campaign materials of any kind. Leaders must be alert to situations that would imply that the BSA favors one candidate over another. Strict observance of our long-standing policy against the active participation of uniformed Scouts and leaders in political events is mandatory.



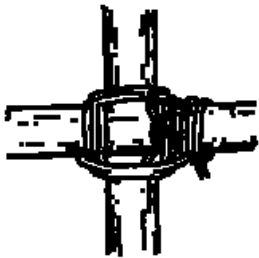
## Scout Law: Quotes for Life



This book, produced to inspire everyone but especially those involved in scouting, focuses on the 12 values of Scout Law: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain, Booker T. Washington, Henry David Thoreau, Aristotle, Emily Dickinson, and Theodore Roosevelt are some of the many timeless voices who offer hope and wisdom to readers of all ages. Here's a sample: "If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed." "We are what we repeatedly do."

Available from Amazon for about \$12.

## On-Line Resource of the Month



[www.Knoopenzo.nl](http://www.Knoopenzo.nl) (Knots etc.) is a Dutch website run by Theo Slijkerman, a member of the International Guild of Knot Tyers ([www.igkt.net](http://www.igkt.net)).

The website has a number of very interesting knotting resources, including calculators for working out the amount of rope needed for a rope mat (file idk103), a turks head (file idk108), and a braided ring (file idk118).

For pioneering, his square lashing calculator (file knt71) is pretty handy. Given the diameter of both poles ( $D_p$  and  $D_b$ ), and the thickness of the lashing rope ( $D_t$ ), it will calculate the length of rope needed.

At the moment the website is only in Dutch but the author has used many illustrations so even if you can't read the text, you can follow the examples:





## Training Opportunities

### University of Scouting



University of Scouting is a supplemental, action-packed training event for Scout leaders from all program levels and anyone interested in Scouting! Spend the day learning new ideas to run your program and get hands-on experience that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program! Watch for more information starting in January 2013.

### Adult Training Requirements for 2012



The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has set the training requirements for all units to re-charter in 2012. For 2012 all Direct Contact Leaders must be trained in their positions. This means that if a leader has direct contact with a youth (i.e. outings, meetings, etc.) then they will have to be trained for their position. This includes all Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Crew Associate Advisors and their assistants, all Den Leaders (Tiger Cub, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos) and their assistants, and any other registered leaders that have contact with youth.

For a listing of the training required for leaders please go to:

[www.Scouting.org/Scoutsource/BoyScouts/Adults/Training/Trained%20Leader.aspx](http://www.Scouting.org/Scoutsource/BoyScouts/Adults/Training/Trained%20Leader.aspx)

#### Notes:

- New leaders are required to complete **Youth Protection** training within 30 days of registering. It must be renewed every 2 years
- **This Is Scouting** is no longer required, it is now supplemental training.
- **Fast Start** training is no longer required.

### Cub Scout Leader Specific Training



In Cub Scouting, specific training is offered for Cubmasters and assistants, pack committee members, Tiger Cub den leaders, Cub Scout den leaders and assistants, and Webelos den leaders and assistants. Purpose of the training is to:

- Learn the values, aims and history of Cub Scouting
- Learn the purpose and methods of Cub Scouting.
- Learn the specialized knowledge a leader needs to assume a leadership role within their Cub Scout pack

**Date/Location:** October 20th at 8 AM. Leesburg UMC. Class takes about 4 hours. Cost is \$5.

While Cub Scout leader training is available online through e-learning at [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org), instructor led, face-to-face courses are the preferred method of instruction because of the opportunity to interact with other leaders, get questions answered, and have fun!

## Boy Scout Leader Specific Training



Boy Scout Leader Specific Training (BSLST) is an indoor session that usually takes about 9 hours and is one of the two courses Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters must take in order to be fully trained. The second course is Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) which is the outdoor training.

**When:** Oct 6, 8:30 AM through 4:00 PM. Registration and class start promptly at 8:30. Please use the web registration, [www.doubleknot.com/event/1231848](http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1231848), since it will provide the list for the check-in.

**Where:** George Washington University, Virginia Science and Technology Campus, Enterprise Hall (Building #2), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 176. Address is 45085 University Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147. The building has a security desk and sign-in sheet.

**Cost:** \$5

Participants should wear their Scout uniform and bring a bag lunch since there are limited local options.

## Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OLSWL)



Outdoor skills are critical to the success of any Scouting program. IOLS provides leaders with the basic outdoor skills needed to start a program right and keep it going. IOLS is the **required** outdoor training for all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Varsity Scout coaches. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on building confidence and competence in Leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences. OLSWL prepares the WEBELOS Leaders for the camping experience.

**Prerequisites:** YPT, (available online at [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org)), and BSLST. Please bring your current BSA membership number.

**Date/Location:** May 20 (8 AM) – May 21 (12 PM), Blue Ridge Regional Park, Blueridge Mountain Road, Bluemont, VA 20135. Registration begins at 7:30 AM, class starts promptly at 8:00 AM. There is a \$35 fee for this class.

All Leaders should wear their Class A Scout Leader Uniform. Please bring a chair and a water bottle for class sessions. Also bring full camping gear for an overnight stay; camping overnight is part of the course. Meals will be provided. Please provide any dietary restrictions.

**Registration:** [www.doubleknot.com/event/1233292](http://www.doubleknot.com/event/1233292). If registering for OLSWL, please send an email following registration to [Training@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Training@GooseCreekDistrict.org)

## Cub Leader Pow Wow



### ***What is Cub Leader Pow Wow?***

Cub Leader Pow Wow is a supplemental, action-packed all day training event for adult Cub Scout Leaders. You will spend the day learning new ideas and concepts with hands-on experiences that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scout boys.

### ***When is Pow Wow?***

Pow Wow is Saturday, November 17, 2012. Doors open at 7:30 am. Walk-in registration and pre-registered pack pick-up starting at 8:00 am. Please, no early arrivals.

Opening Ceremony begins at 8:40 am. The first training session starts promptly at 9:00 am. Some courses are 50 minutes long, some are 90 minutes long, some are 2 hours long and some are all morning or afternoon. BALOO is an all day course. We'll stop along the trail for Lunch, which is provided at noon.

### ***Where is Pow Wow?***

We're gathering at Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, Virginia.

### ***Who should attend Cub Leader Pow Wow?***

Everyone! All registered adult Cub Scout Leaders, potential leaders, and interested parents.

Training sessions offer relevant topics for every Cub Scout position to help you make your Cub Scout program more fun for the boys ... and you too!

### ***What do I need to do to register online for Cub Leader Pow Wow?***

Download and carefully review the course description and course schedule, then make your course selections. Have a major credit card handy when you register. All courses have limited enrollment and many fill quickly. Courses that reach maximum enrollment will not be available to select for registration. So register when it becomes available.

### ***How Much Does Pow Wow Cost?***

If you pre-register using our online registration system by November 13, 2012, the cost is \$35.00. After midnight on November 13, 2012, we stop electronic registration and you will have to register as a 'walk-in' on the day of the event. The cost for walk-in registration on the day of the event is \$45.00.

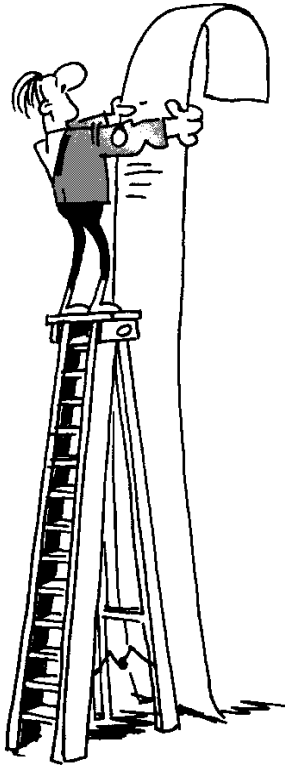
All courses have limited enrollment and many fill very quickly. Courses that reach maximum enrollment will not be available to be selected when you electronically pre-register or at walk-in registration. So register as soon as it is posted on this page! Remember online registration closes on November 13, 2012.

### ***What's Included for the Registration Fee?***

Registration fee includes a day of training (as many as six courses, a patch, a Pow Wow CD, lunch, and as much Scout fellowship and sprit, and Cub Scout networking as you can take-in during the day!

**For additional information:** Go to [www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/PowWow](http://www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/PowWow)

# District Calendar



## October 2012

- 6 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 8 Columbus Day
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 Venturing Forum
- 11 Commissioner RT
- 13 **Training – Den Chief**
- 20 **Training – Cub Scout Leader Specific**
- 20-21 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
- 20-21 JOTA/JOTI
- 24 District Committee

## November 2012

- 2-4 NCAC Venturing Hike-o-ree
- 3 **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution**
- 5-6 Student Holiday
- 8 Commissioner RT
- 10 **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 Venturing Forum
- 15 District Committee
- 17 PowWow
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Break

## December 2012

- 12 Roundtable
- 12 Venturing Forum
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 19 District Committee
- 24 Winter Break Starts

## January 2013

- 1 Winter Break Ends
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 Venturing Forum
- 10 Commissioner RT
- 18 Moveable School Holiday
- 19 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 21 MLK Jr. Day
- 23 District Committee
- 25-27 **Freeze-o-ree**

## February 2013

- 10 Scout Sunday
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 Venturing Forum
- 14 Commissioner RT
- 16 Scout Sabbath
- 18 President's Day
- 23 Univ. of Scouting
- 27 District Committee

## March 2013

- 4 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 Venturing Forum
- 11 Commissioner RT
- 25-29 Spring Break
- 27 District Committee

## April 2013

- 1 Moveable School Holiday
- 6 **Training – Den Chief**
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 Venturing Forum
- 11 Commissioner RT
- 19-21 **Spring Camporee**
- 20 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 24 District Committee

## May 2013

- 4 **Cubmobile Derby**
- 4 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific**
- 8 **Program Launch**
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 12 Mother's Day
- 18-19 **Training – IOLS/OLSWL**
- 22 District Committee
- 27 Memorial Day

## June 2013

- 1 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
- 6 Last Day of School
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 Venturing Forum
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 17-21 **Day Camp**
- 26 District Committee

## July 2013

- 4 Independence Day
- 15-24 National Jamboree

## August 2013

- 8 Commissioner RT
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 Venturing Forum
- 28 District Committee

## September 2013

- 2 Labor Day
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 Venturing Forum
- 12 Commissioner RT
- 21-22 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 25 District Committee