

# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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


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- May 4 – Training - BSLST
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## Newsletter Key:

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

'Adultism' can be a loaded term but I think it would be useful to consider it in the context of our work in Scouting.

Adultism is broadly defined as valuing the ideas, initiatives and direction of adults over that of youth. If Scouting is to stay true to its foundational principles we ought to make an effort to understand the place of adult influence and guidance.

That we commonly call ourselves "adult leaders" is a sign that we are in danger of misunderstanding our role in Scouting. Since most adult volunteers begin their work in Scouting with Cub Scout aged boys they develop a set of practices and attitudes proper to working with younger children that they may not change adequately as they begin working with older children.

### Direction

Scouting has inherent emphasis and focus; a self-defined direction to everything we do. Think of it as a field of play, as literal as chalk markings on a soccer field or the painted lines of a basketball court. This kind of established boundary and rules of play don't need our interpretations or endorsements – they are a part of the game.

Adultism skews Scouting when we think that adults independently set up the field of play, control the relationships between the players and develop the rules of the game. We don't need to invent these things, they are already there.

### Self Determination

Scouts are inherently self-governing. They choose leaders, they select their own activities and administer them. Adult volunteers have a relatively small role in this. We've often discussed our responsibility to support a safe physical environment for our Scouts while recognizing the latitude built into Scouting for Scouts to experience failures as a vital part of the learning process.

Adults sometimes expand this provisional authority to coerce Scouts into doing what adults would prefer they do; they expand their veto power in a way that devalues the authority of Scouts to decide the way forward.

### Responsibility and Authority

If Scouts are truly responsible then they must have the real authority. They have to make decisions that are not continually subject to change or nullification by adults.

### Autonomy

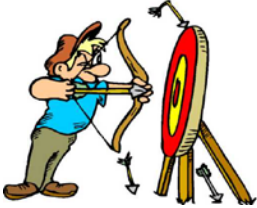
Scouts have what every adolescent craves – autonomy. Adults are very uncomfortable with autonomous young people, we are threatened by them. While this autonomy is practiced within the framework of a defined direction we should take any decision to limit this autonomy seriously and with measured thought.

Adultism devalues direction, waters down self determination, skews authority and responsibility and devalues autonomy. We've said, time and time again, that Scouting is for the Scouts, that it is something they do for themselves rather than something we present to them. Seeing Scouting work, realizing its full potential for good, begins with understanding the adult role, the scope of its responsibility and authority and honoring the Scouts role in his development above our own.

## District News

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

### Spring Camporee



The Spring Camporee is scheduled for April 12-14 and will be located at Willowsford. This is a new development area in Loudoun, south of Leesburg around the Route 50 area. The developer has set up a large tract of land that will not be developed and is eager to have Scouts use the area and to help expand its trails and to do conservation/Eagle projects (not part of the camporee, however).

The theme for the event is being planned to revolve around trail to first class skill development and challenge events. **This Camporee will offer primitive camping and an older Scout/adult challenge event.** A full information/registration packet is available on the district website and unit registration is now open. We ask each troop to bring an activity that the troop will staff and run as in previous years. Adult Boy Scout Leader Specific Training will be offered at the camporee but will require a separate registration.

### Webelos Visiting the Spring Camporee



Webelos Leaders! Now that your Scouts have earned their Webelos badge you should start planning on how to do some of the AOL requirements, one of which is visiting an Boy Scout outdoor oriented activity.

Since the district only runs two of these during the year, the Freeze-o-ree in February (cold, subject to last minute date changes due to icing conditions, sometimes cancelled with 3 feet of snow on the ground, your only choice if you forgot about this requirement and must get it in before the Blue & Gold so they can get their badge) and the April Camporee (warm and sunny, flowers blooming, smiling Scouts without icicles hanging from their noses) you have a choice of when you want to do this.

No registration is required to come to the Spring Camporee and there is no fee to pay for visiting us during the day. Directions and a schedule for the camporee can be found in the camporee information packet that will be available on the district website.

**Note:** There are no planned activities for the Webelos at this event and there is no camping, you are day visitors to see Boy Scouts in action. You can stay through the campfire during the evening, however.

### Companies Matching Donations



A list of companies that match charitable donations (such as Friends of Scouting) and sometimes give money for hours worked is now available on the District website under Friends of Scouting. Check to see if your company is listed.

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

District Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pages/NCAC-Goose-Creek-District/150234058338739](https://www.facebook.com/pages/NCAC-Goose-Creek-District/150234058338739)

Roundtable Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pages/Goose-Creek-District-Cub-Scout-Roundtable/122441441115224](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Goose-Creek-District-Cub-Scout-Roundtable/122441441115224)

## Den Chief Training



Looking to improve the odds that your Cubs will stay with the program? Hoping to get more Cubs to cross over to your Troop? Know a Boy Scout that can set a good example for his younger peers? Den Chief training is what is needed! Send your Boy Scouts to this training and then point them to a Pack. This position is vital to the connection between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, counts for purposes of advancement and is a great confidence builder for the Scout.

**When:** Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Train Station, 210 North 21<sup>st</sup> St., Purcellville, VA 20132

**Cost:** None

**Where to Register:** Check the main splash page of the District website.

## Day Camp 2013



Come out to an old-fashioned hoe down. This year's Day camp theme is Wild Western Adventures. Pan for Gold, learn how a telegraph works then build a working one, learn roping, enjoy an old-fashioned carnival, learn to handle the cold-blue steel of a BB-Gun, become a "dead eye" at Archery and Sling Shots, participate in up to four sports, earn belt loops! All this awaits Cub Scouts at this year's Goose Creek District Day Camp at Morven Park in Leesburg. Camp runs Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm with a half day on Friday. Siblings are welcomed.

Cost per Cub is:

- Registered on or before April 16, 2013 – \$165
- Registered on or before May 17, 2013 – \$185
- Registered after May 17, 2013 – \$205

Can't get to Day Camp? Goose Creek District offers the only twilight camp in the Council. The boys will shoot BB-Guns, Archery, Sling Shots and learn a Scout craft. Twilight camp is held Monday – Thursday from 6:30 pm until dusk. Price is only \$90.00 before April 16th.

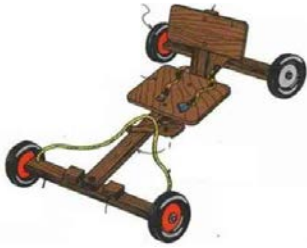
Online registration is open: <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/cub-scout-day-camps/2013-camp-locations-online-registration/18462>

We're always looking for volunteers. Parents serving full-time on camp staff get one free registration for their Cub Scout! Registered youth members ages 14+ can earn \$75 towards their week at Goshen Scout Reservation! Service hours can also be earned by youth who work at Day Camp.

Let us know if we can come to your next Pack event and talk to your families about the exciting Camp opportunities that the NCAC offers.

For more information contact [David.Carty@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:David.Carty@GooseCreekDistrict.org).

## 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 third annual Cubmobile Derby on May 4, 2013 at Bolen Park in Leesburg.

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 twice 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. A full information/registration packet and instructions on how to build a cubmobile is available on the district website. Click on the 'Cubs!' menu option on the left side (do not click on the submenu option for the 2013 PWD Championships).

## OA Elections



Any Troop that has not scheduled an Order of the Arrow election, and would like to have one before the Call-out at the Camp-O-Ree, please contact Vice Chief Nicholas Freeman at [NFreeman1996@aol.com](mailto:NFreeman1996@aol.com) immediately. A unit may have their election as late as May 31, but will miss out on this year's Goose Creek Ordeal, which will be held April 26-28. If your unit is not interested in having an election, please contact Bobbie Scales, Goose Creek Chapter Adviser at [ScalesBobbie@yahoo.com](mailto:ScalesBobbie@yahoo.com) with this information.

## Spring 2013 Join Scouting Night Event



Goose Creek District has kicked off the Spring "Join Scouting Night" that will focus on the recruitment of new Tigers to get a head start on summer activities with packs, leading to the fall startup of cub scouting to coincide with the beginning of school. We will be reformulating and refocusing our approach to the Spring JSN event and look to tentatively hold this in either April or May immediately after the March Spring Break week. Our goal is to get the message out to the greatest audience possible detailing the value of Cub Scouting in the development of a young boy. To that, we are looking at a new District-wide Tigers event during the summer months to show that the fun never ends in scouting.

Previous JSN Coordinators at the Pack level have been notified via email to begin the preparation process by securing a date that coincides with an April or May Pack Meeting. Additional information will be routed via JSN specific newsletter directly to the coordinators. If you have any questions, comments or constructive advice, please route it directly to Chris Goda at [ChrisGoda@gmail.com](mailto:ChrisGoda@gmail.com).

## OA Brotherhood



If you are an Ordeal Arrowman (i.e., your sash only has an arrow on it and does not have bars at each end) and it has been 10 months, or longer, since you have taken your Ordeal, then you are eligible to become a Brotherhood member in the Order of the Arrow. Sealing your bond in Brotherhood does not mean you have to retake your Ordeal. The Brotherhood is a series of actions where Arrowmen come to understand the underlying truths and foundations of the principles and values of the Order of the Arrow. All you need to do is participate in a "Brotherhood Walk" event that reviews the OA traditions, purpose and meaning, as laid out in the Ordeal Ceremony. Following the Brotherhood Walk, you will attend an inspirational and meaningful Brotherhood ceremony that marks the completion of your induction into the Order of the Arrow.

Your next opportunity to become a Brotherhood member will occur at the District's ordeal, April 26-28. Though encouraged, you do not have to attend the full weekend, just Saturday April 27. For more information about this please contact Bobbie Scales, Goose Creek Chapter Adviser at [ScalesBobbie@yahoo.com](mailto:ScalesBobbie@yahoo.com).

There are a few items you can prepare for before you attend the weekend. They are to memorize:

1. The Obligation
2. The Order of the Arrow official song
3. The Admonition
4. The sign of the Ordeal membership
5. The handclasp.

(All can be found in your OA Handbook or on the National OA web site: [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org) click on the Jump Start button.)

You will also need to write a letter to the Lodge Secretary explaining what you think the Obligation means, describe how you have been fulfilling this Obligation in your troop and in your daily life, and how you have used your understanding of the Ordeal to aid in this service, and include a description of your plans for giving service in the lodge program.

**Note to adults:** Your selection and induction into the Order of an adult Scouter was based on your being able to make Order of the Arrow membership more meaningful in the lives of the youth membership. Your one obligation with the nomination was that you become a Brotherhood member.

You might have been a Scouter too long when:



- You gave your wife a mummy bag rated for -15 deg F for Christmas. It was the nicest gift you've given her.
- Singing "Scout Vespers" makes you cry uncontrollably.
- You know more than two ways to light a fire.



## 2013 Soda Bottle Rocket Derby



**When:** Saturday, June 1. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Each pack will select their own 2-hour assembly/launch window for the day.

**Where:** George Washington University Campus, Route 7

**Who can Attend:** This event is open to all Cub Scouts, including new Tigers (Kindergarten aged Scouts who just registered and will be Tigers the next year) and siblings/friends. **This activity counts towards the Summertime Activity Pin!!**

**Cost:** \$8 per person, to be paid at the event. This covers the cost for all of the materials (except the soda bottle) needed to build the rockets.

**For more information:** Send an email to [GCCubEvent@verizon.net](mailto:GCCubEvent@verizon.net) and look for the information/registration packet that will soon be on the district website.

## Scouting for Bricks™



Fans of all ages please join us in Leesburg, Virginia to share in the exciting world of LEGO® creations from every imaginable category, all to support a great cause: growing young men of character through Scouting & our local Boy Scout Troop 39! This is a special event for LEGO enthusiasts to exhibit their LEGO masterpieces which has drawn the attention of top name LEGO related vendors and exhibitors from as far away as California

Visitors will be treated to over 30,000 square feet of LEGO related exhibits and merchandise. The vendor Brixalot will have over 100,000 LEGO and DUPLO blocks affording visitors a hands-on opportunity to play and create. Additional exhibitors include the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area LEGO Train Club, Abbie Dabbles, Brick Brigade, Bricks 4 Kids, Classic Plastic Bricks, Clone Army Customs, Play-Well, Snapology, and The Great Adventure Lab. Ashburn Robotics will host a robotic scrimmage and the amazing Great Ball Contraption will be on display, while live Star Wars 'Stormtroopers' from the 501<sup>st</sup> Legion will be roaming the exhibit halls.

**When:** May 4, 2013 ~ 11 am - 5 pm -- special "MAY the FOURTH Be With You" exhibits

May 5, 2013 ~ 12 pm - 4 pm

**Where:** Heritage High School ~ Leesburg, VA

**Cost:** \$5 admission ~ if you just want to come visit the show - fun for ages 3-103

\$10 exhibitor fee ~ includes an exclusive event t-shirt - anyone ages 10-adult may exhibit. Troop 39 is still accepting exhibitor applications (from individuals (boy, girl, or adult) or troops until April 12.

**Website:** [www.scoutingforbricks.com](http://www.scoutingforbricks.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/scouting4bricks](http://www.facebook.com/scouting4bricks)

**Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/scouting4bricks](http://www.twitter.com/scouting4bricks)

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## “Onward and Upward” On the Advancement Trail

### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle Scouts:

**Jeffrey W Humpton** - Troop 572

**Keaton McCue Payne** - Troop 998

### What to Expect from the Cooking Merit Badge Redesign



Cooking MB is set to become Eagle-required on Jan. 1, 2014. Any Scout who has already earned Cooking will not need to re-earn it. His existing merit badge will count toward the Eagle rank beginning on Jan. 1, 2014. A Scout who has sewn the green-ringed Cooking merit badge onto his sash may replace it with a silver-ringed version beginning on Jan. 1, if he chooses. It's not required.

The volunteer-led redesign team hopes to release the revamped Cooking MB before Thanksgiving 2013. The new requirements will merge four sets of materials:

1. The best parts of the existing badge pamphlet.
2. Insight into nutrition from the Cleveland Clinic, one of the nation's top heart hospitals
3. Suggestions from the BSA's volunteer-led team.
4. Additional content, including indoor/life-skill cooking, more information about careers in cooking, better nutrition and menus, new material on food allergies, and more on preventing food-borne illnesses.

To better prepare Scouts for life, the new Cooking MB will focus on three kinds of cooking: indoor, outdoor, and backpacking. That makes sense, because not every meal is prepared outside, and encouraging a complete understanding about food will make for better-rounded Scouts.

Other expected additions include:

- Cutlery kits: How to create one for home use, personal use on a campout, and patrol use
- Heating: Home appliances, fires, at-home grills, and camp/trail stoves
- Cooking methods: Baking, roasting, broiling, pan frying, stir frying, microwaving, foil packs, and more
- First aid: Choking, allergic reactions, food allergies, and food-related diseases
- Choosing what to eat: Serving size, limiting fat and sugar intake, special diets
- Planning/shopping: Considering whom you're cooking for.
- Backpacking/trail food: Leave No Trace, weight considerations, special equipment

## Life to Eagle Conferences

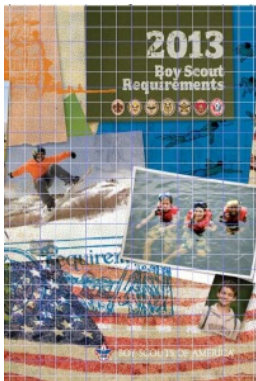


Life-to-Eagle Conferences (aka Training) are being offered to assist “everyone” with the lengthy – and potentially complicated – process of advancing from Life to Eagle. These conferences are primarily targeted for the Eagle Advisers & Coordinators at the unit level – but are by no means limited to same. Life Scouts and their parents are encouraged to attend. The key goal is to get each of the unit Eagle Advisers up to speed on changes to the process, and some of the district-level mechanics of same. That way, they can help share the message to the Life Scouts in their units on a more frequent basis.

So far, there have been two scheduled – actually one held and one more scheduled – for the first half of 2013. A 3<sup>rd</sup> one (to be scheduled either mid/late summer or early fall) will be held in the central part of the county.

- **Saturday, April 6** ... Cascades Library, Room C
  - 10:30am - 12:30pm
  - 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls
  - Room will be set up for ~100 people.

## New Edition of Boy Scout Requirements



A new edition of Boy Scout Requirements (BSA Publication No. 33216) was released in mid-January, 2013. When there is a conflict between two published lists of requirements, such as Boy Scout Requirements and a Merit Badge Pamphlet or the Boy Scout Handbook, the requirements book should be considered to be the controlling document, until a newer edition of Boy Scout Requirements is issued.

The new Boy Scout Requirements booklet has changes to the Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle rank requirements, a very minor change to the wording of Joining (Scout) requirement 7, and changes to 21 merit badges, plus the requirements for the 2 new merit badges which were released in 2012 (Kayaking and Search and Rescue). In addition, the Alternate Requirements for Eagle Scout rank were rewritten. The booklet also contains announcements regarding the new Sustainability merit badge, which will become available later in 2013, and the upcoming (January 1, 2014) change to require Cooking merit badge for the Eagle Scout rank. Although not identified on the Inside Front Cover, the Special Opportunities section includes new information on the Morse Code Interpreter Strip, the Cyber Chip, the Nova Awards, and the Supernova Awards, and some revisions in the Religious Emblems listing.

To see a listing of all the changes:

Online: [www.scoutmastercg.com/boy-scout-requirement-changes/](http://www.scoutmastercg.com/boy-scout-requirement-changes/)

PDF: <http://usscouts.org/advance/docs/AdvancementChanges2013.pdf>



## Life-to-Eagle Process Reminders (and FYIs)



**Eagle Notebook Overload!** ... There is an overabundance of Eagle packages (notebooks, project workbooks, etc.) piling up at the Council office ... and they're begging for people to come retrieve them. Once the unit receives the postcard from National confirming the youth's advancement to Eagle, those notebooks can (and must) all be retrieved from the Council offices. They're running out of space!

## Council / National News

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

### Cub Scout Knife Use



A revision to the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting is out this month, with one very important clarification for Cub Scout dens. **Cubmasters and den leaders make note of this!**

Tigers and Wolves may not use knives during Scouting activities. Bear scouts and Webelos *are allowed* to use knives, but should be given proper and thorough training before receiving that privilege. The Whittling Chip is a good start for knife training.

While Scouting, follow the Scouting guidelines and keep everyone safe. Review Age-appropriate Activities on [www.Scouting.org](http://www.Scouting.org) for a chart of what's cool to do at each level of Scouting.

### Spring Cub Family Campouts



This spring Camp Snyder will host two Cub Scout Family Campouts. These campouts are a great experience for both Cub Scouts and their families to spend a weekend camping together. There will be a variety of activities ranging from shooting sports, outdoor camping skills, crafts and games, to academic and sports belt loops and much more. Each weekend will be different providing the opportunity for families to attend both weekends for different experiences.

This year's dates are:

- April 12-14
- May 10-12

Registration will be open for individual families, dens or entire packs. Individual families may also choose to join us for just the day if they don't wish to campout, although the campout is encouraged.

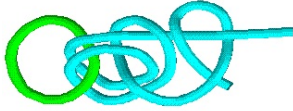
**For more information and to register:** [www.GoToSnyder.org](http://www.GoToSnyder.org) (Select Year-Round Programs to find Family Campouts).

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### 3-D Knots



Following on from Knotmaker (<http://ropesandpoles.blogspot.com/2013/01/knotmaker-software-for-drawing-knots.html>), which lets you draw 2d diagrams of knots, is Knotty3d by Steve Abbott ([www.stevenabbott.co.uk/Knots/knotty3d.html](http://www.stevenabbott.co.uk/Knots/knotty3d.html)). This windows program generates 3d models that can be viewed or exported, and can even open Knotmaker 2d files and generate a 3d model from them.

### Scout Programs in Old Town Alexandria



This year Historic Alexandria has a number of opportunities for Packs. To make reservations for any of the programs below, you can purchase tickets directly through Alexandria Online Store ([https://cheyenne.alexandriava.gov/cgi-bin/oha\\_shop/index.htmlCubmail%2003%202012.doc](https://cheyenne.alexandriava.gov/cgi-bin/oha_shop/index.htmlCubmail%2003%202012.doc)). When purchasing tickets, don't forget to buy one for each person coming, both youth and adults. Each program costs \$6 per person. If you have any questions about the following programs or would like recommendations for other things to do in Old Town during your visit, please feel free to contact Michele Longo at 703-746-4739.

**Mad Science!** – Sunday, April 28, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum

What do super heroes, crazy animals, and explosions have in common? A Mad Scientist probably made them! Explore where real science and mad science collide through tours that feature historic medicines with surprising side effects and the Museum's own mad scientist leading hands-on science experiments and the making of goop. Maximum group size of 16 people, including children and adults. Program is approximately 1 hour long, and a new program begins every 30 minutes between 2:00 and 4:30 PM.

### Pre-Camp Swim Classification Tests



This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA swim classification check done under the supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel at the Camp William B. Snyder pool. A unit swim classification record will be issued by NCAC Aquatics personnel to each unit showing the swim classification (swimmer, beginner, non-swimmer) of each participant. This event is open to all NCAC units.

Units must register online at [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics) for a 30 minute block. Up to 20 tests can be administered during a block. The date is Saturday, June 9 and available times start at 1:00pm, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30pm. Cost is \$2 per participant. Minimum preregistration is 10 per unit.

Note: Although these swim tests are being conducted prior to summer camp, the camp aquatics director is expected to review or retest any Scout or leader whose skills appear to be inconsistent with his classification. Additionally, the camp aquatics program director is authorized to retest any Scout or group of Scouts at his discretion. **Goshen Scout Camp waterfronts require swim classification tests to be conducted at Goshen in Lake Merriweather.**

**For more information:** Contact Reggie Cahoon (571) 358-4922

## Scuba BSA



Scuba BSA introduces participants to the special skills, equipment, and safety precautions associated with scuba diving, encourages aquatics activities that promote fitness and recreation, and provides a foundation for those who later will participate in more advanced underwater activities.

The Scuba BSA experience contains two parts – Knowledge Development and Water Skills Development. During the first part, participants learn basic dive safety information and overview skills to be used during their water experience. The Water Skills Development session introduces essential dive skills, such as mask clearing, regulator clearing, and alternate air source use.

This is an introductory, try-it scuba experience. It does not result in certification for diving on your own. It is not the BSA Scuba Diving merit badge. Many people decide to go on and take a certification course after trying scuba.

The one hour Scuba BSA sessions start hourly at 2, 3, 4, and 5pm. This is for any scout-aged youth or adult. Maximum of 8 participants per one hour session. Preregistration is required, each participant must complete a medical questionnaire.

All you need to bring is your swimsuit, a towel, and a scuba medical statement (page 9 of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record).

**When:** June 9, Camp Snyder pool.

**Cost:** \$25 (includes all equipment)

**Registration deadline:** June 3

**To register or for more information:** [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics) or contact Mike Meenehan (703) 400-2176 [MMMeehan@cox.net](mailto:MMMeehan@cox.net).

## Social Media Guidelines



It's an exciting time to be part of the BSA for many reasons. One of those is that new communication vehicles now enable current and past Scouts and Scouters, as well those who are interested in participating or are just interested in Scouting in general, to communicate directly with each other about Scouting. Online social media tools such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube have made it possible for virtually anyone with an Internet connection to create and be part of online communities where people can discuss Scouting and share stories, photos, videos, and other types of media.

Although using social media is not a Scouting activity, their use to connect with others interested in Scouting can be a very positive experience. But the creation and maintenance of these channels requires forethought, care, and responsibility. For that reason, the Boy Scouts of America has developed guidelines to help you navigate the use of social media channels. These guidelines are a complement to the BSA's existing Youth Protection policies and training:

<http://scouting.org/scoutsource/Marketing/Resources/SocialMedia.aspx>

### Cub Scout Resident Camp



Camp Snyder will conduct five 3-day sessions (Thursday 6 PM – Sunday 9 AM) for Cub Resident Camp in 2013. 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 den's self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing learning experiences in which campers acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to their well being.

Session 1: July 4-7	Cost: \$180 – register by April 15
Session 2: July 11-14	\$200 – register by May 15
Session 3: July 18-21	\$220 – register after June 15
Session 4: July 25-28	\$85 – adults
Session 5: August 1-4	

### Cub Adventure Days



Camp Snyder will conduct four Adventure Days sessions for Cub Scouts in 2013. 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 4:00 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 8-11	Cost: \$195 – register by April 15
Session 2: July 15-18	\$215 – register by May 15
Session 3: July 22-25	\$235 – register after Jun 15
Session 4: July 29 – Aug 1	\$20 – one adult for a week (may be a different adult each day)

### Webelos Camp



Camp Snyder will conduct two Webelos Resident Camps in 2013. 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. Camps go from Sunday 6 PM to Friday 9 AM.

Session 1: Aug 4-9	Cost: \$230 – register by April 15
Session 2: Aug 11-16	\$250 – register by May 15
	\$270 – register after Jun 15
	\$50 – adults



## Can Tiger Cubs Attend Resident Camp?

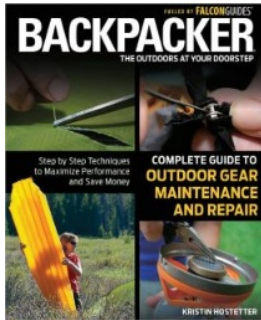


That's a trick question. Yes, they can. Effectively immediately, the policy forbidding Tiger Cubs from attending resident camp has been reversed. This change allows Tiger Cubs to go to resident camp with their adult partner or guardian.

Overnight camping by Tiger Cub, Wolf, and Bear Cub Scout dens as dens is still not OK, and certificates of liability insurance will not be provided by the Boy Scouts of America.

The language in the Guide to Safe Scouting and other publications will be updated as those documents are reprinted.

## Camping Gear and Maintenance



Backpacker Magazine's *Complete Guide to Outdoor Gear Maintenance and Repair* is your ticket to becoming a camping gear repair guru. Author Kirstin Hostetter's well-illustrated, carefully explained directions return your investment with the first piece of damaged gear you save.

Maintaining and repairing modern clothing, sleeping bags, backpacks, stoves and tents is not as simple as slapping on a bit of duct-tape. You are much more likely to find siliconized nylon, GoreTex titanium and Fastex buckles rather than canvas, brass or leather in a Scout campsite these days. Duct-tape repairs are, at best, a temporary solution and they may cause even more damage in some instances. Tossing your GoreTex jacket or down sleeping bag in the washer is tantamount to tossing it into the trash.

Scouts are pretty hard on gear and a well-stocked repair kit and (perhaps more importantly) knowing how to use it can save a camping trip. If you wake up in the middle of the first night of a week-long backpacking trip to find your inflatable sleeping pad as flat as a pancake, or put a good-sized hole in your tent, or break the zipper of your rain jacket you'll be happy you invested the time reading the guide and put together a good repair kit.

There's one gear problem particular to Scouting nobody can fix (nor would we want to); our Scouts outgrow more things than they wear out!

Available from Amazon, \$12.50 (paperback).

## NYLT (IMPEESA) 2013



The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is the council-level youth leadership course provided by BSA. In order to reach the widest possible youth audience with our BSA training, NYLT is open to Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturing members and Sea Scouts. This is in line with the Mission and Vision of the BSA as well as the Strategic Plan of BSA. In NCAC, the course has adopted a Baden-Powell nickname, "Impeesa" (the wolf that never sleeps), to further identify our program.

The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scout unit and in LIFE. Impeesa brings together Scouts from all over the Council to learn and practice the leadership techniques in a risk-free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

NYLT is an experience designed to train the participant in team building and leadership skills, taught in an outdoor setting. The course is led by a staff of Scouts from the Council. These peer level instructors have completed the Impeesa course and an intense staff development process.

The course is presented around actual Scout events and activities. Scouts will get to SEE the Scouting program modeled and the Scouting ideals come to life as they learn and practice their leadership skills.

Impeesa is not another summer camp; it is an intense and challenging leadership experience. There is no merit badge training offered. Every game, activity, ceremony, and even each meal is designed to be part of a total training experience. Participants are treated with the respect they are due as future leaders in their troops. They are expected to put forth the time and energy needed to learn and practice the leadership skills.

The course fee is \$225 there is a \$25 discount if the youth is registered prior to April 16, 2013. A \$50 non-refundable deposit must accompany the participant application.

There are three courses during 2013:

### **Impeesa Weeklong Course**

Date: June 23-28, 2013

Time: 1:00 PM (Sunday) - 5:00 PM (Friday)

Location: Cheltenham, MD

### **Impeesa Weeklong Course**

Date: July 14-19, 2013

Time: 1:00 PM, July 14 - 5:00 PM, July 19

Location: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket Virginia

### **Impeesa Weekend Course**

Date: July 26-28, 2013 and August 2-4, 2013 (2 Week-ends)

Time: 1:00 PM (Friday) - 5:00 PM (Sunday)

Location: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket Virginia

For more information go to: [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/impeesa-nylt/18907](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/impeesa-nylt/18907)

## On-Line Resource of the Month



Are you a Boy Scout patch/memorabilia collector? If yes, then you might want to check out <http://ScoutingHotFinds.com> to find the best items on eBay. Besides showing the best items in the Boy Scout category of eBay and the site owner sends out multiple newsletters during the week to thousands of interested Scouters. Now, after a year-long project he is rolling out a valuable reference guide that took hundreds of hours to compile. The Boy Scout Memorabilia Prices Realized Guides are a series of eBooks that focus on specific areas of collecting interest in the hobby. Each book documents all known items that sold for more than \$100 from that niche. The guides contain all of the historical information about that sale including the images, sales price and descriptions so that you can reference the very best items for your collection.



## Training Opportunities

### Training Records



Have you ever wondered if your BSA adult leader training record is up-to-date? Or why leaders are listed as Untrained on your unit roster even though you know they've taken the appropriate courses? There is now online assistance available to answer those questions via [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org).

"Training Validation" is a menu item located under E-Learning on the left hand side menu. Clicking on Training Validation opens a new Training Search window. Searching via the BSA member identification number usually works best. A link for "Advanced Search" allows for the input of a Scouter's name. A help button on the upper right side of the web page (the question mark) can also provide assistance.

If completed training is not shown, training points of contact or individual leaders can submit changes to official BSA training records by filling out a Training Update Form and sending it to the district leadership development chair. The form is available at:

<http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=35029>

NOTE: When completing online training make sure you enter your full name, council number (082), and BSA membership ID number. That way, your permanent BSA training record will be AUTOMATICALLY UPDATED

## BSA Swimming & Water Rescue



Training for BSA Swimming & Water Rescue provides BSA leaders with information and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to swimming emergencies during unit swimming activities. It expands the awareness instruction provided by Safe Swim Defense training. Persons completing the training should be better able to assess their preparation to supervise unit swimming events. The BSA recommends that at least one person with this training is present to assist with supervision whenever a unit swims at a location that does not provide lifeguards. This training is open to any registered adult leader, Scout, Venturer, or Explorer who is age 16 or older. A council approved instructor must directly supervise all training. The course takes approximately eight hours and is valid for three years.

Although the training is consistent with training provided professional life-guards, the Swimming & Water Rescue course is not a lifeguard training course and is not a substitute for BSA Lifeguard training for summer camp aquatics staff. On the other hand, this course addresses important information that may not be covered in generic lifeguard training programs such as: preventative measures, including the buddy system and swim classification tests; how to set up a safe swim area in diverse situations; the use of non-standard rescue equipment; and emergency action plans in remote settings. Therefore, BSA leaders with lifeguard training from other agencies are encouraged to complete this course prior to supervising unit swim activities in remote settings. A 'challenge' option is provided to foster cross-training of individuals with training from other agencies.

Registration is \$25 and classes are held at the Hylton Training Center, Camp William B. Snyder 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169. Classes will be held:

June 1	registration deadline: May 24
July 27	registration deadline: July 22
Oct 5	registration deadline: Sept 39

**To register or for more information:** [www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/aquatics) or contact Mike Meenehan (703) 400-2176 [MMMenehan@cox.net](mailto:MMMenehan@cox.net).



## NCAC Powder Horn 2013



Scouting leaders want to provide challenging and fun outdoor programs to meet the needs of their older youth members, but may lack the knowledge and/or resources to do so. Powder Horn responds to this problem with an exciting training opportunity that exposes Venturing, Boy Scout, and Varsity adult leaders to a wide range of outdoor, high-adventure activities. Powder Horn provides its participants with valuable resources and contacts to assist leaders in delivering the promise of Scouting's high-adventure experiences to our youth.

Powder Horn is based on the requirements for the prestigious Venturing Ranger Award. This award requires demonstrated proficiency in a challenging set of core and elective topics. During the course, presentations on Ranger topics are made by knowledgeable consultants with demonstrated skills and certifications, as appropriate. They demonstrate the skills required and explain where resources, such as equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications that can be obtained locally. Most of the presentations involve actual hands-on experience by the participants, including shooting (pistol, rifle, shotgun), archery, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, fly fishing, mountain biking, SCUBA, land navigation, Leave No Trace, Project COPE, and much, much more.

Many participants report that they picked up a new hobby as a result of a Powder Horn class.

The course is 4-days long, August 22-25, and will be held at Camp Snyder. Details for registration and cost (in the past it was about \$275) will be forthcoming. It is for any older Scouts, Venturers, and adult leaders interested in experiencing a unit-level, high-adventure program.

**For more information:** contact Steve Wolf at [NCACPowderhorn2013@gmail.com](mailto:NCACPowderhorn2013@gmail.com)

## Leave No Trace Master Educator Course



Sponsored by the Baltimore Area council, this five-day, five-night course trains interested adults, ages 18 and up, to serve as Leave No Trace Master Educators. Master Educators work with their council's Outdoor Ethics Advocates to provide Leave No Trace Trainer, BSA Leave No Trace 101 and outdoor ethics awareness courses. Each BSA Master Educator course is taught by a set of nationally-designated Master Educator Instructors, so your Master Educator standing is recognized nationally the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics.

**When/Where:** April 12 (7 pm)-14 (2 pm) & May 2 (7 pm) -5 (2 pm), 2013 at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation (1929 Susquehanna Hall Road, Whiteford, MD 21160-1703).

**Prerequisite:** Leave No Trace Trainer or approval from Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate

**Instructed by:** Nationally-designated Leave No Trace Master Educator Instructors

**Participants receive:** Leave No Trace Master Educator card from BSA, BSA Leave No Trace Trainer Course Manual, Leave No Trace 101 Course Guide, Leave No Trace Master Educator certificate from the BSA and the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, and National Park Service Leave No Trace DVD courtesy of the National Park Service.

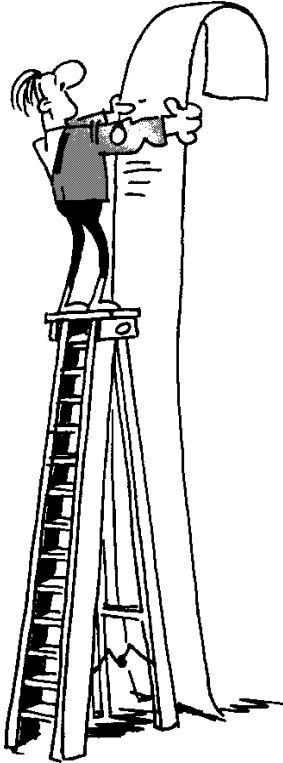
**Cost:** \$250—Includes meals for both weekends, educational materials, LNT The Center for Outdoor Ethics Membership Fee. Attendance at both weekends is required.

**Registration Deadline:** April 1, 2013. Campsite location, equipment list and other course details will be emailed out to all participants on April 1, 2013

**For additional information:** please email Thomas Willis at [willisthomasmichael@gmail.com](mailto:willisthomasmichael@gmail.com) or 410.599.8840



# District Calendar



## April 2013

- 1 Moveable School Holiday
- 6 **Training – Den Chief**
- 6 **Training – Life-To-Eagle**
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 Venturing Forum
- 11 Commissioner RT
- 12-14 **Spring Camporee**
- 13 **Training – Boy Scout Leader Specific (at camporee)**
- 24 District Committee
- 26-28 **OA Ordeal**

## 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
- 9-10 **Training - IOLS**
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 Venturing Forum
- 28 District Committee

## September 2013

- 2 Labor Day
- 3 First Day of School
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 Venturing Forum
- 12 Commissioner RT
- 28-29 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 25 District Committee

## October 2013

- 5 **Training - BSLST**
- 7 Columbus Day
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 Venturing Forum
- 10 Commissioner RT
- 14 Columbus Day
- 19 **Training - IOLS**
- 19-20 JOTA/JOTI
- 23 District Committee

## November 2013

- 2 **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution**
- 4-5 Student Holiday
- 9 **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 Venturing Forum
- 14 Commissioner RT
- 16 PowWow
- 20 District Committee
- 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

## December 2013

- 11 Roundtable
- 11 Venturing Forum
- 18 Annual District Business Meeting
- 23 Winter Break Starts

## January 2014

- 1 Winter Break Ends
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 Venturing Forum
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 20 MLK Jr. Day Holiday
- 22 District Committee

## February 2014

- 2 Scout Sunday
- 8 Scout Sabbath
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 Venturing Forum
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 17 President's Day
- 26 District Committee

## March 2014

- 6 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 Venturing Forum
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 26 District Committee
- 31 Student Holiday