



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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...the business of the Scouter — and a very interesting one it is — is to draw out each boy and find out what is in him, and then to catch hold of the good and develop it to the exclusion of the bad. There is five per cent of good even in the worst character. The sport is to find it, and then to develop it on to an 80 or 90 per cent basis.

Baden-Powell

The Greek god Mentor was charged with the care of Odysseus' son Telemachus when Odysseus left for the Trojan War. Mentor's name has become identified with those who, more or less informally, share practical advice, wisdom, and knowledge with less experienced colleagues.

Mentors can be teachers, instructors or coaches but their role is distinct from teaching or coaching.

Mentors inspire sparks of interest into a fire of concentration and development that leads people to believe in themselves, to achieve the improbable or impossible. They concentrate on the talents and possibilities evident in those they mentor, working to help them push us past perceived limitations, self-doubt and realize our full potential.

Mentors have great faith in us when others may not, they are there when we falter, not to pick us up, but to show us how to pick ourselves up and keep on going.

Mentoring well is, as Baden-Powell said above, a 'sport' and an 'interesting business'. Words are the tools Mentors use to convey encouragement, instruction and real faith in the individual. Mentors are not busybodies or micro-managers; they don't suffocate their subjects. Mentors are not glorified cheerleaders; they maintain critical objectivity and tell you things only someone with an honest interest in your welfare can.

Mentoring Scouts can be aimed directly at building character, but shouldn't devolve into lecturing. As B.P. said above our job is not a direct attack on the bad, but a strengthening of the good.

Mentoring Scouts is a continuous process for Scouters. Mentoring relationships may be casual or formal (the Scoutmaster, for example, is formally charged with mentoring the youth leadership) but they ought to be coordinated so Scouts aren't getting conflicting advice from several sources at once.

Mentoring Scouts is not doing things for them, it's clearing the way, inspiring and enabling them to do things for themselves.

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

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Quick Calendar:

- Aug 9-10 – IOLS Training
- Aug 14 – Roundtable
- Sep 11 – Roundtable
- Sep 18 – JSN
- Sep 28-29 – Webelos-o-ree
- Oct 5 – BSLST Training
- Oct 9 – Roundtable
- Oct 19 – IOLS Training

Newsletter Key:

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

District News

District Website: www.GooseCreekDistrict.org

Webelos-o-ree 2013



This fall (Sept 28-29) our District will be holding our 9th annual Webelos-o-ree, an overnight camping event, at Camp Snyder in Haymarket. This camping event is designed to introduce Webelos and their parents to the fun Scouting adventures ahead and to help make the transition into Boy Scouts exciting. Participation in the Webelos-o-ree is open to all those that will be fourth and fifth grade Webelos in September.

The Webelos-o-ree starts off with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and wraps up Sunday after chapel services. Activities will be run by our own Boy Scout troops and can include such things as: Fire building, cooking, monkey bridge, BB shooting and/or archery, a campfire run by the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow, and much more. For the adults we'll provide plenty of Scout leaders to answer questions about camping, joining Boy Scouts, and camping equipment. We will also hold a Webelos to Scout orientation for 2nd year Webelos and an Introduction to Webelos meeting for 1st year Webelos and their parents.

A full information/registration packet is posted on the **NEW** District website. From the district Home page click 'Group Pages' to get a pop-up menu with a link to the Webelos-o-ree page.

Fall Join Scouting Night (JSN) Training

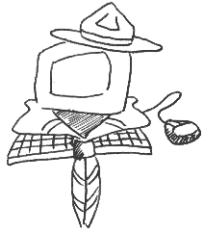


As we head quickly through July and towards August, the first thing everyone should realize is the JSN date has been set: Wednesday, September 18, 2013. The second thing everyone should realize is that JSN Fall Training is 100% confirmed and starting on August 6th. There is absolutely no reason to miss training this year as the five locations cover the entire county (all training starts at 7 pm):

- Tuesday, August 6th: Cascades Library, Sterling (21030 Whitfield Pl, Potomac Falls)
- Thursday, August 8th: Purcellville Train Station (200 N 21st St, Purcellville)
- Friday, August 9th: Leesburg United Methodist Church (107 W Market St, Leesburg)
- Tuesday, August 13th: Pinebrook Elementary (25480 Mindful Ct, Aldie)
- Thursday, August 15th: Ashburn Library (43316 Hay Rd, Ashburn)

Please plan on attending one of these trainings. If your JSN coordinator cannot make it, please let Chris Goda (ChrisGoda@gmail.com) know via email. As for the training, it is within the timeframe as last year, which should allow for better preparation for JSN itself as well as getting your family ready to return to school.

Updating the District Website



This summer the Council migrated to a new website. The council URL is <http://www.ncacbsa.org/>. Since our district website is provided by Council that means that we migrated also to <http://www.ncacbsa.org/goosecreek>. The legacy address for the District Website (<http://GooseCreekDistrict.Org>) should still work but if it doesn't you can find us via the Council website by clicking the DISTRICTS pull down menu. For changes and/or comments about the new site send an email to Feedback@GooseCreekDistrict.Org.

Virginia Lyme Disease Law



On June 25, Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell and other Northern Virginia lawmakers met at Claude Moore Park in Sterling for the ceremonial signing of the Lyme Disease Information Disclosure Act of 2013. Under the new legislation, patients being tested for Lyme disease must be officially informed that a negative test result does not mean they don't have Lyme disease.

Both Loudoun and Fairfax counties have been frontlines for the incapacitating Lyme Disease. The Virginia Department of Health reports that there were an estimated 1,110 cases of Lyme Disease in the state in 2012, up 9 percent from 2011. Cases were reported in all regions of Virginia.

Delegate Randy Minchew (10th District), who is also a member of our Goose Creek District Committee, was one of the patrons of the Act which was passed into law during this past General Assembly session. In appreciation of Loudoun County's high incidence of tick infestation, strong state-local-private partnership present here in combating Lyme Disease, and the significant amount of time Scouts spend in the outdoors, the Governor held the ceremonial signing of the bill into law at Claude Moore Park. Del. Minchew and Gov. McDonnell invited Goose Creek District Scouts and Scouters to attend. Present were several Boy Scouts of Troop 2970, Pack 1576, Troop 786, and Crew 1576.



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Troop Participation in the Webelos-o-ree



Over the years we have heard from several troops that one reason that they don't participate in the Webelos-o-ree (Sept 28-29 at Camp Snyder) is that they already have enough Webelos joining their troop and don't need to do another recruiting event. What the troops who do participate, and keep coming back, found is that this is not a recruiting event; it's a chance for their Scouts to teach skills to others. Teaching others is the best way to really acquire deep knowledge of an area. By sharing their skills, Scouts retain their knowledge better and provide service to others.

At the Webelos-o-ree each troop selects a different activity/skill that their Scouts teach the Webelos and their parents during a morning and afternoon session. And the cost? Nothing! There is no registration fee for Boy Scouts, even if they camp. The only thing required is a service project to help keep the event running (starting cooking fires, cleanup, food prep, etc.).

If your troop is interested in participating in this year's Webelos-o-ree, even if you were at last year's, please contact GCProgram@verizon.net so we can coordinate the activities to be run. Unfortunately all of the sites available for troops camping have been filled and we can only accommodate troops coming in for the day.

We are also looking for 4-5 Scouts, age 13 and older, who would like to be part of the Webelos-o-ree staff. The service would include helping with the flag ceremonies, running the Webelos challenge event, working the food line for supper, assistance with the campfire, and general "go to" jobs during the day. Meals, t-shirt, and work all provided free.

"Onward and Upward"

On the Advancement Trail

New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle Scouts:

Nickolas T Ballinger - Troop 761
Michael P Bloom - Troop 1159
Connor H Bryant - Troop 1158
Jacob L Burgin - Troop 163
Kyle Douglas Burkett - Troop 1666
Jensen R Cameron - Troop 982
Ian S Coombs - Troop 2970
James H. Dentzer - Troop 2970
Kent Buchanan Erwin - Troop 1158
Michael Fagan - Troop 969
Sainihal R (Sai) Gavva - Troop 1154
Carl N Grant IV - Troop 711
Alexander Philip Greer - Troop 969

Robert William Henderson - Troop 997
Taylor Prescott Henderson - Troop 1106
Joshua Isaac Holtom - Troop 1106
Brandon R Kelly - Troop 2970
Scott Lee Mason - Troop 1106
Brandon R Morris - Troop 969
Colin Mullally - Troop 969
R. Mitchell Solomon - Troop 969
David Burton Tolley - Troop 2970
Thomas L C Vail - Troop 956
Kevin Coles Wetmore - Troop 1154
Nathan Williams - Troop 711

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2013 Guide to Advancement



The newest edition of the Boy Scouts of America *Guide to Advancement* has been released.

The PDF version (www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf) contains answers to pretty much any advancement question that might come up, and it's essential reading for your unit's advancement chair and others who like to be kept in the loop on all things advancement.

The 2013 revision contains several significant changes. While none are earth-shatteringly major in scope, they do reflect a shift in direction for several areas. For a discussion on what some of those changes are go to:

www.fmaynard.com/scouting/archives/2326

Programming Merit Badge



This July the Boy Scouts of America released the Programming merit badge, an elective badge that challenges Scouts to, among other requirements, "write, debug, and demonstrate a functioning program." Programming MB continues in the BSA's long tradition of preparing young men for modern-day careers.

Scouts may begin working on Programming MB once pamphlets arrive in Scout Shops and at www.ScoutStuff.org in early August. So if your Scouts are fluent in JavaScript, PHP, C++, or one of the dozens of other programming languages out there, be sure to share this printable flier with the merit badge requirements: <http://ScoutingMagazine.files.wordpress.com/2013/06/programming-flier.pdf>

Sustainability Merit Badge



The long-awaited requirements for the Boy Scouts of America's Sustainability merit badge have been released.

The badge joins the Eagle-required list as an option to Environmental Science merit badge. Scouts must earn either Sustainability or Environmental Science on their journey to Eagle. Scouts may begin working on Sustainability MB once pamphlets arrive in Scout Shops and at www.scoutstuff.org in early August. Here is a downloadable flier you can share with your Scouts:

<http://ScoutingMagazine.files.wordpress.com/2013/06/sustainability-flier.pdf>

New Award and Recognition Replacement Site Created



A new website (www.awardreplacements.kintera.org/bsa) has been created to order new and replacement Eagle Scout credentials along with replacement award items for the George Meany Award, Vale la Pena Award, Lifesaving or Meritorious Action Award, and Wood Badge wallet card.

Also, effective immediately, the fee for expedited shipping has been increased from \$25 to \$40.

If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda DeVaney at 972-580-2441

Mining in Society Merit Badge, Coming in 2014



If the packed tent is any early indication, the Mining in Society merit badge will be a hit when it debuts in February 2014. Scouts attending the 2013 National Jamboree got a sneak peek at the new elective merit badge, set to be released at the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration's Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City.

Mining has been an important part of our nation since the 19th century. Today, the industry employs 3 million Americans, directly and indirectly, and is a major contributor to the global mining landscape.

The merit badge will cover the history of mining, explore the status of mining in the 21st century, introduce Scouts to modern mining careers and explore the all-important topic of mining safety.

Mining in Society, like the already-popular Welding merit badge, is another STEM-focused merit badge that will help introduce Scouts to real-world careers that are actively hiring

BSA Lifeguard Revision



The BSA Lifeguard requirements have been revised to reflect the recent changes to the American Red Cross Lifeguarding standards. The most notable change is the training certificate must be renewed every two years instead of three. CPR for the Professional Rescuer and Standard First Aid are still required BSA Lifeguard requirements. To help complete these trainings, the Aquatics Committee will be sponsoring an American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid course in September.

For more information go to the Aquatics Committee page on the Council web site (NCAC – About Us >> Council Committees >> Camping Committee >> Aquatics/

You might have been a Scouter too long when:



- You know 100 uses for a bandana.
- You are always counting how many matches you have left.
- You have holes in the pockets of your jeans from carrying a pocket knife.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org

MyScouting Tools – New Features



MyScouting Tools

In addition to the functions currently available, did you know that as a unit and district Key 3, you also will be able to perform the following new tasks on the new MyScouting Tools (<https://my.scouting.org>)?

- View, update and print training certificates for members of your unit or district – not just YPT.
- Update additional profile details without going to your council or calling the National Support Center.
- Grant 3 additional registered leaders the authority to perform administrative functions.
- Create and manage your unit's organizational structure (i.e. packs – dens; troops – patrols; crews – groups; ships – crews; teams – squads; and committees).
- Assign member's to functional roles within a unit's organizational structure

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award



HRH The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex – the Queen of England's youngest son – visited the United States in May to promote one of the British Royal Family's principal charities for youth, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Founded in 1956 by the Queen's husband, HRH The Prince Philip, duke of Edinburgh, this international award program now operates in more than 140 countries around the world reaching more than 8 million youth. In 2010, the Award formed a national partnership with BSA. NCAC began offering the DofE Award locally in 2011.

To earn a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, youth participate for 6-18 months in activities in four areas: physical fitness, special skills community service, and adventurous journey. Participants choose their own activities in these areas, utilizing existing interests or pursuing new ones and spending at least an hour per week on each. Participants must also embark on an adventurous journey to challenge themselves in the great outdoors while discovering new experiences and learning the importance of teamwork and self-reliance.

The DofE award is an internationally renowned honor that, like Eagle Scout sets youth apart from their peers by highlighting their dedication to service and commitment to excellence. Youth are eligible to continue working towards their award until age 25.

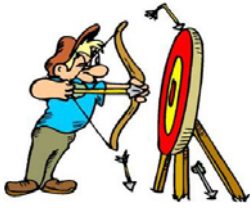
Visit www.USAward.org for more information or contact Debbie Marino Deborah.Marino@Scouting.org at NCAC to enroll now.

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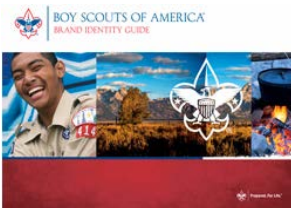
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2013 Fall Outdoor Expo



The Fall Expo at Camp Snyder is a great event for Scouts of all ages and their families. This year will feature a wide range of static and interactive displays form around the area, and activities for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. Campsite spaces will be available for rent for units, who choose to take advantage of this weekend as a unit campout. Even if your unit is not coming, plan to bring your family and spend a beautiful October day (exact date TBD) exploring the camp, participating in the activities, and trying a wide range of food from local vendors.

Is Your Pack, Troop, or Crew Website Brand-Compliant?



The color scheme on your troop's website is red and blue, but is it the right red and blue? Is that the right shade of yellow on your pack page? And what about that Venturing logo you converted to 3D "for effect"?

In other words, are you brand-compliant?

Don't worry, there's no "BSA Brand Police" planning to perp walk you in handcuffs if your unit's website or printed materials don't match the official specs.

If this all sounds a little like minutiae, it is. But these details are an important part of maintaining the BSA's iconic brand. And you're a key player.

So why not do all you can to create a consistent look and feel in all the ways a Scout and his family interact with the organization?

The Boy Scouts of America Brand Identity Guide (www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/310-0231.pdf) breaks down the basics for you. You can learn the proper and improper ways to use BSA logos, the exact specs on official Scouting colors, and even tips on websites, social media, and photography.

Here's the page for official Scouting logos, ready to use:

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Marketing/Downloads/CurrentLogos.aspx

ScubaJam Virginia 2013



What: The ScubaJam Virginia program was created to provide a great SCUBA diving experience to BSA registered youths, boys and girls, ages 11-20. The event has been created by interested divers representing dive shops, scuba training operations, and various BSA Troops and Venturing Crews.

Where: Lake Rawlings, VA (in Rawlings, VA; roughly 1 hour south of Richmond)

When: Labor Day Weekend Aug 30 – Sept 2

Cost and Registration: www.scubajam-va.org (Note: ScubaJam is not a BSA sponsored event but rather an event provided for BSA Units and Crews).

Prerequisites:

- Youth must be 11 -20 years of age

Hold an Open Water Certification Card or be under the training supervision of a current and insured Scuba Instructor (Non Divers are welcome to camp and snorkel. Or better yet – get certified before you arrive!); and be registered with a participating BSA Troop or Crew or other youth group.

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NOVA Awards Program



The Boy Scouts of America's NOVA Awards program incorporates learning with cool activities and exposure to science, technology, engineering and mathematics for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. The hope is that the requirements and activities for earning these awards stimulates interest in STEM-related fields and shows how science, technology, engineering and mathematics apply to everyday living and the world around them. Counselors and mentors help bring this engaging, contemporary, and fun program to life for youth members.

There are four Nova awards for Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers. Each award covers one component of STEM—science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. For their first Nova award, Scouts earn the distinctive Nova award patch. After that, a Scout can earn three more Nova awards, each one recognized with a separate pi (π) pin-on device that attaches to the patch. The patch and the three devices represent each of the four STEM topics—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

The Supernova awards have more rigorous requirements than the Nova awards. The requirements and activities were designed to motivate youth and recognize more in-depth, advanced achievement in STEM-related activities.

All requirements may be found in the Nova awards guidebooks, available through local Scout shops—one for Cub Scouts, one for Boy Scouts, and one for Venturers. The requirements can be completed with a parent or an adult leader as the counselor (for the Nova awards) or mentor (for the Supernova awards). Each guidebook includes a section for the counselor and mentor.

To look at the requirements:

- Cub Scout:
www.BoyScoutTrail.com/content/award/cub_scout_nova-2296.asp
- Boy Scout:
www.BoyScoutTrail.com/content/award/boy_scout_nova-2295.asp

Scout Days at Sligo Creek Golf Course



All registered Scouts (including Girl Scouts) are invited to play 9 holes at Sligo Creek Golf Course (Montgomery County, MD) with no green fees thanks to the generosity and initiative of Sligo supporter E. Dollie Wolverton. This offer is available Monday through Friday now through November 30. Carts are not included. On Aug. 7 the course will be reserved for a special Scout tournament and barbecue.

Dollie initiated this “Scouts Play Free” offer to honor her late husband, Sidney Wolverton, who at age 16 in 1938 became the first member of his Vista, Ca. community to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Mr. Wolverton had a life-long love of the outdoors which he balanced with a career spent helping others as a mental health professional. He retired in 1982 as director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention at the National Institute of Mental Health and died in 2005.

For tee times call 301-585-6006 or go to <https://www.mcggolf.com/>. For more information about Sligo please visit <http://www.sligocreekgolfassociation.org/>.

GOE at Nationals Park



Gathering of Eagles (GOE) will be attending Scout Day at Nationals Park on Sunday, September 22. The game is versus the Miami Marlins at 1:35pm. There is a pre-game parade for all Scouts in attendance.

Please email GOEInfo@Scouting.org to reserve tickets with the Gathering of Eagles block.

On-Line Resource of the Month



Larry Green's <http://Scoutpioneering.com> is a new pioneering website, and is already full of great resources, with extensive information on BSA Pioneering badge requirements, new projects, and technical advice. Larry is constantly adding new information. One of the best parts of the site is a set of projects suitable for a troop night meeting. The website has email subscriptions, and an RSS feed you can follow, so head over and subscribe.

Equipment / Gear

An Axe to Grind



The druidical science of axemanship is glossed over in scouting literature. Wielding an axe expertly is more than meets the eye. Can you properly 'hang' an axe? Are you able to detect hidden flaws when choosing a new axe handle?

Bernie Weisgerger is a historic preservation specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. He oversees the restoration of remote historic buildings using traditional technologies and materials. Bernie was the building consultant for the PBS series *Frontier House*. His manual *An Axe to Grind* is as complete a treatment of the subject as one is likely to find. Available as a PDF: <http://scoutmastercg.com/wp-content/uploads/smpdf/axegrind.pdf> (17.2 M).

Solo Stove Review



Review by Clarke Greene, Nov 2012, www.scoutmastercg.com/solo-stove-review/

Before I begin this Solo Stove review I need to explain that I think building a campfire is an important skill. It connects Scouts to many things, sharpens their ability to plan, and is almost always a group activity. I once thought that we ought to do all of our cooking over fires and not stoves, then I acquiesced to the idea that stoves were quicker and to the misapprehension that gas stoves were a responsible low-impact method (they aren't when you consider the impact of making and disposing of a gas canister). Now I am convinced we need to rethink using wood for fuel not only to sharpen our skills but to minimize our impact.

I started researching the subject several years ago. More than a third of the world's population cooks over wood and charcoal (about 2.5 billion people). Researchers have been quietly developing sustainable, easily adaptable technologies to improve the efficiency of burning wood for fuel. These ideas have been adapted for recreational camping with mixed success. I've tried lots of different ideas, built my own tin-can stoves, tested some commercial ones – all were disappointing in one way or another – until I was asked to test the Solo Stove – Eureka! This is it.

The double-walled Solo Stove is a “natural convection inverted down gasifier”. Air intake holes channel air to the bottom of the fire and direct warm air up between the walls creating a burst of preheated oxygen causing a secondary combustion of the gases (smoke) given off by the burning wood.

Follow that?

What it means is the stove turns the wood and gasses given off by the wood into a strong, concentrated, efficient flame that burns like a blowtorch! A generous handful of smallish sticks will boil 32 ounces of water in less than fifteen minutes.

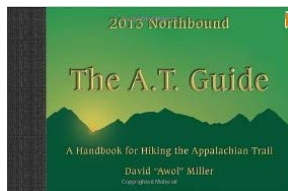
When I unpacked the stove I could tell right away it was a quality product. Constructed of stainless steel and Nichrome wire it measures a compact 5.7 x 4.25 inches weighs only 9 ounces (that's less than the fuel canister for my MSR stove). I carried the stove on our most recent backpacking trip (it fits in my 2 quart pot) and was not only pleased but frankly amazed at how easy it was to light and use.

I collected a few small (pencil lead sized) twigs and broke some small sticks into small pieces lit a pea-sized chunk of sawdust and wax fire starter had a pot of boiling water ten minutes later. When I was done eating there were very few embers and ashes left in the stove (once the fire burned out the stove cooled off very quickly. I carefully dumped these on the ground, stomped them out cold and packed the stove up.

Available from Amazon, \$70. (4.25" diameter, 3.8" tall (nested) 5.7" tall (assembled); weighs only 9 oz)

Books

The A.T. Guide 2013



The *A.T. Guide* is the guidebook of choice for hikes of any length on the Appalachian Trail. The book contains thousands of landmarks such as campsites, water sources, summits and gaps. The trail's elevation profile is included and every landmark is aligned to the profile. Hikers using this guide know where they are on the trail, what views, streams and campsites are ahead, and whether they'll be hiking uphill or downhill to get there.

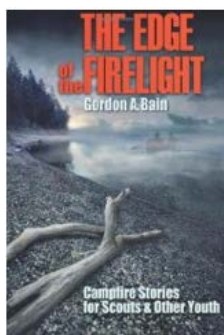
The *A.T. Guide* is the most innovative trail guidebook ever developed; The Thru-Hiker's Handbook had a long history of providing precise and detailed trail information. This edition combines the best of both books into one exceptional offering.

Features include:

- Mileages to landmarks north-to-south and south-to-north
- Elevation profile map for the entire trail
- Town maps.
- Mileages from all shelters to the next three shelters in each direction.
- GPS navigation coordinates for over 200 parking areas.
- Icons for easy identification of landmarks and services.

Available from Amazon in paperback, about \$13.25. Customer reviews give it a 4.7 out of 5 stars.

The Edge of the Firelight – Campfire Stories



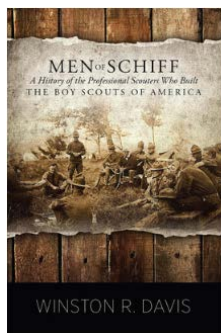
Wisconsin Scoutmaster Gordon Bain authored this collection of eleven campfire stories for his Scouts. Imagine hunkering around the fire and hearing a very credible account of someone you know, or a place you have been. Just enough factual information to draw you in, but with an eerie twist that raises the hair on the back of your neck.

Titles like *The Missing Bugler*, and *The Demon Troop* are evidence that Bain has woven plenty Scouting into his writing making *The Edge of the Firelight* much more than just another collection of generic ghost stories.

The Edge of the Firelight will give you plenty of material for introducing your Scouts to the grand old tradition of storytelling around the campfire. (Of course everyone knows if you point the toes of your shoes to the north at night you'll never have a bad dream, now – where did I put my compass?)

Available from Amazon in paperback (\$9) and Kindle (\$8). Only one review so far but the customer did give it 5 stars.

The Men of Schiff



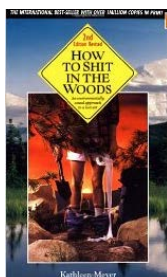
Win Davis has been a member of the Boy Scouts of America for more than sixty years as a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Scoutmaster, Sea Scout Skipper, Commissioner, Commodore and other positions too numerous to mention. As a professional Scouter Win attended the National Executive Institute at Schiff Scout Reservation in 1970. He was fortunate enough to meet and talk with many notable Scouters and was the personal friend of William L. "Green Bar Bill" Hillcourt. In his travels Win has met Scouters from all around the world.

The Mortimer L. Schiff Scout Reservation was located near Mendham, New Jersey. From 1932-1979 it served as the BSA's National Training Center and hosted the first Wood Badge courses held in the United States. Schiff was also the home of Scoutmaster Bill Hillcourt's troop. Hillcourt tested the methods and ideas he wrote about in *The Patrol Leader's Handbook*, *The Scout Handbook*, *The Scout Field Book* and many other publications he authored.

In *The Men of Schiff* Davis shares the stories and lives of a number of Scouters he was fortunate enough to have known, and weaves together a history of the Boy Scouts of America from the unique perspective of the men and women who "built a movement out of nothing but a book written by an English general, the interest of boys and the willingness of men... to take on the job of teaching boys to love the outdoors and live comfortably there."

Available from Amazon, \$18 (paperback). Only one customer review to date.

How to Sh— in the Woods



Kathleen Meyer realized that there was no completely frank discussion of how (and how not) to sh— in the woods. She put pen to paper and came up with this pithy, humorous yet informative tome. Well worth reading as pulling it off properly does require some lost skills.

Available from Amazon in paperback, about \$10. Customer reviews give it a 4.3 out of 5 stars.

Training Opportunities

Unit Recharter Requires Trained Leaders



All direct-contact leaders are required to complete basic training in order for their units to recharter. Direct-contact leaders are: Cubmasters, Assistant Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Assistant Den Leaders, Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Leaders of 11-Year-Old Scouts, Varsity Coaches, Assistant Varsity Coaches, Crew Advisors, and Associate Crew Advisors.

To be fully trained and earn the Trained Leader emblem, a new leader must complete basic training in the following order:

- Youth Protection Training: New leaders are required to take Youth Protection training before submitting an application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time the application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins. Youth Protection Training must be completed every two years to remain current. Venturing Youth Protection is required for Venturing Leaders.
- Leader Position-Specific Training: Fully trained leaders changing leadership roles need to take the Leader Position-Specific Training for their new position.
- In addition, Boy Scout Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, and Varsity Coaches and Assistants must complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Training through the district or council

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)



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.

Prerequisites: Youth Protection Training, (available online at www.MyScouting.org), and BSLST.

Date/Location: Aug 9-10, Blue Ridge Regional Park, Blueridge Mountain Road, Bluemont, VA 20135. It starts at 4:00 PM Friday afternoon and ends 5:00 PM Saturday afternoon. 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.

Please register by going to the district website.

Online Training



In addition to Youth Protection and other program-oriented courses offered through www.MyScouting.org, completing these five online training courses are a worthwhile way for any Scouter to improve their safety IQ.

Of particular value in completing these online training courses is building a solid awareness of managing risk that is kind of a second nature. You learn to recognize and mitigate risk without missing a beat. Instead of curtailing activities this 'sixth sense' opens up more possibilities.

Safe Swim Defense

All swimming activities in Scouting are required to follow the eight basic principles known collectively as the Safe Swim Defense plan. A unit that follows the plan can expect a safe, enjoyable aquatic experience. Safe Swim Defense is required for BSA tour permits.

Safety Afloat

All boating activities in Scouting are required to follow the nine basic principles of Safety Afloat. With an emphasis on accident prevention through proper preparation and skills, a unit that follows Safety Afloat can expect a safe, enjoyable activity. Safety Afloat is required for BSA tour permits for any trip afloat.

Climb On Safely

Climb On Safely covers eight key safety points about climbing and rappelling and is required training for at least one adult leader on any type of Scouting outing that involves climbing or rappelling.

Trek Safely

"Trek Safely" covers seven key safety points about trekking and is recommended for adult leaders organizing any type of trek.

Weather Hazards

Hazardous Weather training must be completed prior to requesting a tour permit from the BSA. The module presents safety precautions for eight different types of weather, as well as planning, preparation, and traditional weather signs.



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 16, 2013. 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, the cost is \$35.00. After midnight on November 13, 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.

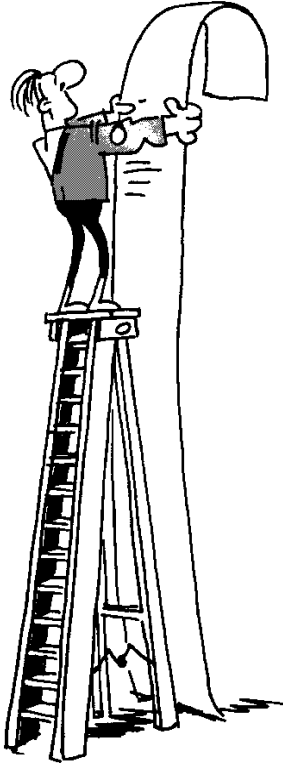
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What's Included for the Registration Fee?

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

District Calendar



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
- 18 Join Scouting Night
- 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
- 27 Moveable School 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

April 2014

- 4-6 **Spring Camporee**
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 Venturing Forum
- 10 Commissioner RT
- 14-18 Spring Break
- 23 District Committee

May 2014

- 3 **Cubmobile Derby**
- 8 Commissioner RT
- 14 **Program Launch**
- 26 Memorial Day
- 28 District Committee

June 2014

- 7 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
- 11 Roundtable
- 12 Venturing Forum
- 12 Commissioner RT
- 13 Last Day of School
- 25 District Committee

July 2014

- 4 Independence Day