

# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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## The Road

I cannot remember where or who I heard this from, but I recalled a quote the other day that I thought was a good way of illustrating our job as Scout leaders and parents.

“We are not building roads for our children, we are building children for the roads.”

Essentially it is saying that we can lay out everything to make life easy for our kids or we can prepared them for the road of life, which we all know is not easy.

When I thought about this quote, it got me to thinking about some of the ways we discuss our Scouting programs. As you all know I am a fan of traditional Scouting and doing things the right way. I am not a fan of giving everyone a trophy and I know that not every Scout will be an Eagle Scout... nor should they be. If they have been properly trained in their young lives to work hard, then they will reap the rewards of hard work.

The road of life is difficult and only made easier by getting on it and traveling. Know that it is hard, but stay the course. The beauty of the road is that you get to pick your destination. You can pick the path of least resistance and when you get there you will find that it took you to a place a fewer rewards. You can get on the highway of success and its direction will lead you to the world of Success. But you need to know that there will be detours and potholes, but if you negotiate them, you will be successful.

So as Scout leaders and parents, we need to encourage our children to take that road and prepare them for the detours and potholes. We do not need to drive them there with the knowledge of the location of the potholes and hardships. You can build the road, nice and smooth. Pave it with gold and make it a fast lane for your child, but he will not get the most out of it and will fail to learn lessons along the way.

On the other hand, we can train him up to set a course, know how to go around a detour and take it slow on a pothole-filled road. He will learn and develop and by the time he gets where he is going he will be a man who you will be proud of.

Last night at Roundtable I had a little chat with a Scouter about Eagle Scouts. He made the comment that every Scout should be an Eagle Scout and that the sooner they get it, the better.

Again, I thought about the road. Did we build the road for the Scout or did we build the Scout for the road. I don't know the answer in his particular case, but how many Eagle Scouts have we seen that are not prepared for the road. I personally can tell you that I have seen many. While I am proud of their accomplishment, I wonder if we as Scouters are not quick to reward and less enthusiastic to take the time and build that young man.

The road of life is a tough one. We owe it to our children and our Scouts to build them ready for the road of life.

Have a Great Scouting Day!

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
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### Quick Calendar:

- May 14 – Program Launch
- May 17-18 - IOLS
- Jun 7 – Soda Bottle Rocket Derby
- Jun 11 – Roundtable
- Jun 16-20 – Day Camp
- Jun 21 – Life to Eagle Training

### Newsletter Key:

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

## District News

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

### Program Launch



What is a “Program Launch”? Are we sending Scouts into orbit? Not quite, Program Launch is run by the District Committee and is when Council provides us the Council Planning Calendar for the next program year, the various district committees are at hand to discuss what resources/events they have for you, and local vendors are present to show what they can do to enhance your program.

Program Launch will be held in place of the usual May Roundtable, same place (Leesburg United Methodist Church), same time (May 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 - 9).

### 2014 Soda Bottle Rocket Derby



**When:** Saturday, June 7. 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 (44983 Knoll Square, Ashburn, VA)

**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.

Registration information will be available shortly

For more information please contact: Nadeem Khan at [nadeem@gwu.edu](mailto:nadeem@gwu.edu) or 571-242-9591

### 2014 Webelos-o-ree Date Change



Due to the availability of Camp Snyder and conflicts with staff commitments and Order of the Arrow events, we have rescheduled the 2014 Webelos-o-ree to October 25-26.

This year we will have use of all of Camp Snyder’s camping areas and the staff is already working on making this year’s event, our tenth, and the best ever.

### Cubmobile Derby



Due to a series of conflicting commitments by the people organizing this event we will be moving the date of the Cubmobile Derby from the beginning of May to the beginning of October.

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## Journey to Excellence Awards



Congratulations to all of our units who submitted their Journey to Excellence forms for 2013. They will be provided a streamer for their unit colors.

The units are authorized to purchase the appropriate recognition patch from the Scout Shop.

Congratulations to these recognized units.

Crew 58: Gold	Pack 1576: Gold
Crew 1168: Gold	Pack 1666: Gold
Crew 1576: Silver	Pack 2010: Gold
Pack 39: Gold	Team 1168: Silver
Pack 71: Gold	
Pack 256: Gold	Troop 39: Gold
Pack 282: Gold	Troop 743: Silver
Pack 572: Gold	Troop 761: Silver
Pack 663: Gold	Troop 786: Silver
Pack 743: Silver	Troop 950: Gold
Pack 905: Gold	Troop 966: Silver
Pack 950: Gold	Troop 968: Silver
Pack 953: Gold	Troop 969: Gold
Pack 961: Gold	Troop 970: Bronze
Pack 962: Gold	Troop 982: Gold
Pack 965: Gold	Troop 998: Gold
Pack 982: Gold	Troop 1154: Gold
Pack 1106: Gold	Troop 1158: Gold
Pack 1148: Gold	Troop 1167: Gold
Pack 1151: Gold	Troop 1168: Gold
Pack 1152: Gold	Troop 1430: Gold
Pack 1157: Gold	Troop 1550: Gold
Pack 1162: Silver	Troop 1576: Gold
Pack 1165: Gold	Troop 1910: Gold
Pack 1167: Gold	Troop 2011: Silver
Pack 1168: Gold	Troop 2012: Gold
Pack 1173: Gold	
Pack 1445: Silver	Post 1912: Silver
Pack 1500: Silver	

## Scouting for Bricks™



Troop 39 of Purcellville invites you to joining them for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scouting for (LEGO) Bricks event! 100 exhibitors, 20 vendors selling many unique LEGO-related items, "May the Fourth Be With You" photo ops with real, life-sized Star Wars Stormtroopers, the Washington Area LEGO train club, Mindstorms LEGO Robotics clubs and much MORE!

If you are aged 10-adult and interested in exhibiting your LEGO MOCs (my own creations) please check out the exhibitor tab on their website and sign-up to display with them!

**When:** May 3-4, 2014 ~ 11 am – 5 pm

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

**Cost:** \$5 admission

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

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

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## “Cheerful Service Chatter”

Chapter News for our Arrowmen

Lodge Website: [www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA](http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA)

### Are you getting Chapter Communications?



All Goose Creek Arrowmen are welcome to join the Chapter's Yahoo Group, giving them access to an abundance of things like Calendar info, directions to upcoming events and even a peek at "Lost-and-Found" items (from prior/recent OA events). If you are NOT getting automated reminders of upcoming meetings (or fun events like our night of bowling last September), please visit the website, and ask to join. (When doing so, please be sure to provide your name and unit so we can verify your 'Arrowman status'. Our Yahoo Group website is here ...

<http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/GooseCreekOA470/info>. (Alternatively, send an email to the Chapter Adviser (Bobbie Scales, [scalesbobbie@yahoo.com](mailto:scalesbobbie@yahoo.com)), and request access.)

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## “Onward and Upward”

### On the Advancement Trail

#### New Eagles



We were unable to get in time for the newsletter a listing of the Scouts who made Eagle this month. We will have them listed in the newsletter next month.

**Zachary (Zach) Peter Dunlap** – Troop 962

**Victor Lucas Fugazzotto** – Troop 163

**David J Houman** – Troop 1159

**Alexander (Alex) A Joseph** – Troop 997

**Tristan C Poole** – Troop 962

**Michael Joseph Soltis** – Troop 711

#### Digital Technology Merit Badge



The **Digital Technology** merit badge was released earlier this month. While the pamphlet is not yet in the stores, the requirements are in the 2014 Requirements Book, which can be purchased at the Scout Shop. The requirements are also at [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-DIG\\_TECH.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-DIG_TECH.aspx). The **Computers** merit badge requirements are not included in the Requirements Book; however, it will not be discontinued until Dec 31, 2014. Its pamphlets will remain available until the current stock is depleted. Boys who have begun working on Computers before January 1, 2015, may be able to continue working on it until they turn 18 years old. Scouts will not be permitted to begin work on Computers after the end of 2014. See the Guide to Advancement, topic 7.0.4.4, “Discontinued Merit Badges.” (See March 2014 Advancement News). Thus, between now and the end of the year, Scouts may commence earning both merit badges.

#### Note to Merit Badge Counselors (& prospective Merit Badge Counselors)



The MB Counselor Application (now known as the ‘Merit Badge Counselor Information’ form has changed – in fact it changed back in late 2012 and was reprinted in early 2013, yet old copies of the 1999 & 2001 application forms continue to find their way onto peoples machines ... and thus in our approval queues. Please note that at this point, the old forms are no longer being accepted. Be sure to use the new form (noted by the appearance of the ‘Revised February 2013’ in the lower left portion of the back page. A link to that ‘new’ form is provided here ([www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf)), and can always be downloaded from the ‘Publications’ area on the National website as well.

## How to complete Scouting Heritage MB Requirement 4B



If you have a Scout working on Scouting Heritage merit badge Requirement 4, Joe Connole's your guy. The programs coordinator and lead admissions clerk for the BSA's National Scouting Museum in Irving, Tex., is in charge of answering letters and emails from Scouts working on that merit badge.

A Scout has three options for completing Requirement 4 of Scouting Heritage MB, each involving keeping a journal or writing a report:

- A. Attend a BSA national jamboree, world Scout jamboree OR a national BSA high-adventure base.
- B. Write or visit the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Tex.
- C. Visit an exhibit of Scouting memorabilia or a local museum with a Scouting history gallery or visit with someone in your council who is recognized as a dedicated Scouting historian or memorabilia collector.

Scouts who choose to write the National Scouting Museum (4B), will need to contact Joe. If they do, they'll get a response with a letter, a brochure, the awesome free patch seen to the left. To help Scouts taking this merit badge and counselors teaching it, Joe shared some details on how it works:

First, write a letter or email to the museum. Scouts must either write (email or regular mail) or visit the National Scouting Museum and obtain information about the facility. Scouts will receive a letter, fact sheet, brochure and the patch seen here. The patch is the only way a counselor can verify that the Scout has actually written or visited the Museum.

They can contact Joe either by email ([joseph.connole@scouting.org](mailto:joseph.connole@scouting.org)) or mail at:

Joe Connole  
1329 W Walnut Hill Ln.  
Irving, TX 75038

Scouts must include the following information: first and last name, current Scout rank and their mailing address. Information will not be sent to counselors or Scoutmasters, only to Scouts working on the merit badge.

If a troop is working on the merit badge, they can write a single letter as long as each Scout signs and writes his name showing that he worked on the letter.

Parents or leaders should verify that the Scout's information appears legible and is accurate; Joe receives a number of letters every year where the Scout's information isn't legible or is inaccurate.

Then, wait for a response. Mailings are done every Wednesday; Scouts should allow at least three weeks for a response. Joe receives more than 1,000 letters every year (last year that accounted for 28 percent of all Scouts who earned this MB), and while he strives to send information within three weeks, there are times when that is not possible.

As for the other requirements, Joe strongly suggests that Scouts get the merit badge book as well as the reprint of the first-edition Boy Scout Handbook to complete Requirement 7.

Counselors should notice that Requirement 8 doesn't say that they must talk to a man over the age of 40 who was a Boy Scout. It says to speak to someone over the age of 40 who was a Scout.

While Joe won't send information to Scout leaders or counselors, he does have a PowerPoint presentation that covers Requirements 1 to 3 that he's happy to share.



## Council / National News

Council Website: [www.NCACBSA.org](http://www.NCACBSA.org)

### Lyme Disease



Just wanted to remind everyone that Lyme disease season is upon us. The map below shows where Lyme is an issue when camping and hiking in the outdoors.

Consult this CDC website (<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/>) for a comprehensive set of resources to better understand Lyme and how to prevent it.

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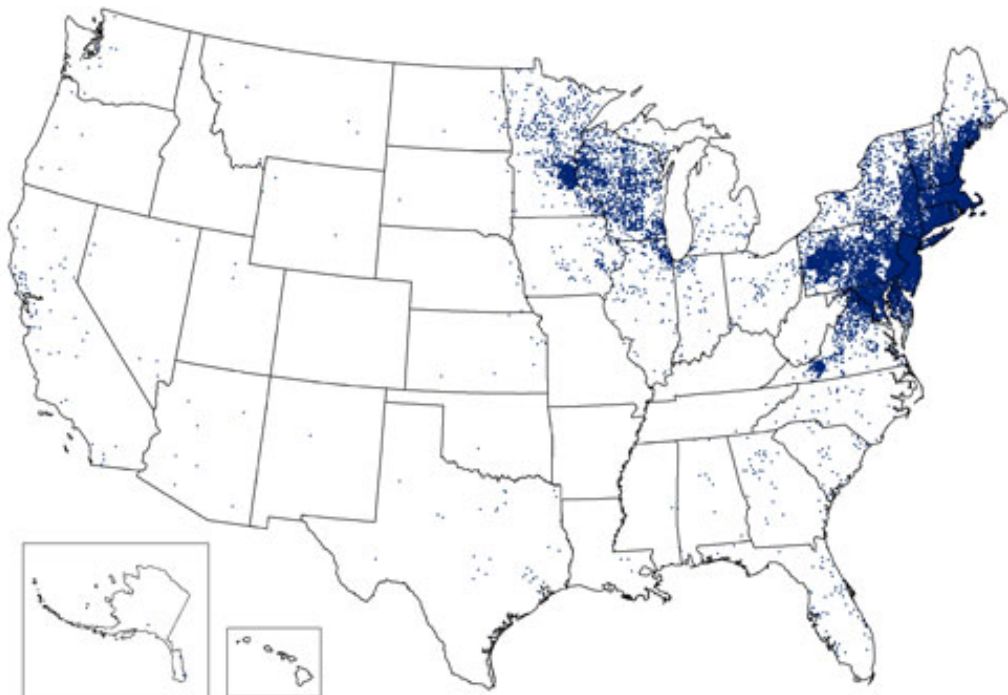
([http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/factsheets/10\\_508\\_Lyme%20disease\\_HikersCampers\\_FACTSheet.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/factsheets/10_508_Lyme%20disease_HikersCampers_FACTSheet.pdf)) offers succinct advice for campers and hikers.

This FAQ site (<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/faq/index.html>) is helpful for getting answers and clarification of common (mis)information.

This PDF brochure

(<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/brochure/lymediseasebrochure.pdf>) gives a detailed look at transmission, diagnosis and prevention.

### Reported Cases of Lyme Disease -- United States, 2012



1 dot placed randomly within county of residence for each confirmed case

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## Best Scouting apps for iPhone and Android



Excerpt from Bryon on Scouting, <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/04/23/best-scouting-apps-for-iphone-and-android-2014-edition/>

Empty your backpack and leave everything behind. All you need on your next Scouting outing is your smartphone. OK, so maybe that's an exaggeration. What is true, though, is that for the two-thirds of Americans who own smartphones, it's now possible to fit reference books, a GPS device, a weather radio, a compass, a map, a camera, a field guide, a recipe book and more in your pocket.



But which apps are worthy of downloading (or even — gasp! — paying for) to enhance your Scouting experience? Your fellow Scouters helped me compile the ultimate list below.

First, though, a quick note on smartphones in Scouting. They're here to stay; resistance is futile. When used properly, these technological tools can actually improve your Scout unit. The BSA's Deputy Chief Scout Executive, Gary Butler, made a compelling case for viewing them as a cure, not a curse. Read his comments here:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/04/09/smartphones-in-scouting-a-curse-or-a-cure/>



### **Camp Scout** – iOS – Free

Description: Use this official Boy Scouts of America/Boys' Life magazine app to plan your next outing with ease. It lets you find BSA properties near you and with the activities you want to do.



### **Yahoo Weather** – Android, iOS – Free

Description: Considered by many the current best weather app. Gives accurate hourly, 5-day, and 10-day forecasts to help you properly pack for your next Scouting adventure.



### **KNOTS 3D** – Android, iOS – \$0.99

Description: This easy-to-use app is popular among Scouters and Scouts because it is fun and allows you to digitally tie, untie and rotate more than 90 knots with just your finger.

### **DUTCH OVEN CALCULATOR** – Android – Free

Description: It could use a design update, but there's no simpler app for calculating the number of charcoal briquettes needed to cook a given recipe in a camping Dutch oven.



### **GEOCACHING** – Android, iOS – \$9.99

Description: The only app you need to enjoy the fun outdoor activity that spawned a Boy Scout merit badge. Helps you find one (or a dozen) of the 2 million geocache containers hidden across the globe. "My Scouts always love it when I start up the Geocaching app when at camp," Scouter Richard Walters says. "They love getting a group together and grabbing a cache wherever we go."

### **AUDUBON BIRDS PRO** – Android, iOS – \$3.99 for Android, \$9.99 for iOS

Description: Help your Scouts or Venturers identify birds they see or hear with this excellent app that includes 821 species, 3,200 images and eight hours of bird sounds. I like that 8 percent of every sale goes directly to Audubon to support its mission to conserve and protect nature's at-risk birds and wildlife.



### **STAR WALK** – Android, iOS – \$2.99 for iOS, \$3.17 for Android.

Description: There's something magical about the night sky, especially on a camping trip. This app helps you understand just what you're seeing. I love the augmented reality feature that labels all the stars, constellations and satellites you point your phone at.



### **FIRST AID BY AMERICAN RED CROSS** – Android, iOS – Free

Description: The only app on this list that may someday save a life. The official American Red Cross First Aid app puts expert advice for everyday emergencies in your hand. Includes videos, interactive quizzes and simple step-by-step advice.



### **Gaia GPS** – Android, iOS – \$19.99

Description: It's not cheap, but Gaia GPS is by far the best hiking GPS app around. It offers the functionality of a standalone backcountry GPS unit and lets you download maps for those times when you don't have a cell signal.

### Cub Scout Resident Camp



Camp Snyder will conduct four 3-day sessions (Thursday 6 PM – Sunday 9 AM) for Cub Resident Camp in 2014. Cub Resident Camp is your introduction to what Boy Scout camp can be like. Scouts and their adult leaders/parents will live in 4-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. Parents may bring their own tent in order to share a tent with their son at camp.

Session 1: July 10-13	Cost: \$215 – register by May 15
Session 2: July 17-20	\$235 – after Jun 15
Session 3: July 24-27	
Session 4: July 31-August 3	\$85 – adults

### Cub Adventure Days



Camp Snyder will conduct four Adventure Days sessions for Cub Scouts in 2014. 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 7-10	Cost: \$215 – register by May 15
Session 2: July 14-17	\$235 – after Jun 15
Session 3: July 21-24	
Session 4: July 28-31	\$20 – one adult for a week (may be a different adult each day)

### Webelos Resident Camp



Camp Snyder will conduct two Webelos Resident Camps in 2014. 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 3-8	Cost: \$250 – register by May 15
Session 2: Aug 10-15	\$270 – after June 1
	\$50 – adults

## 2015 Eagle Scout Directory



The National Eagle Scout Association is gathering information for its 2015 Eagle Scout Directory, and NESA wants to ensure that you or any Eagle Scouts you know are included. That means all Eagles, whether they earned the award in 1958, 1978 or 2008. So watch your mail in the coming months to make sure you don't miss out.

The last Eagle Scout Directory project was conducted in 2008, and just like most university alumni associations conduct regular directory updates, NESA is ready to refresh its information about its accomplished alumni.

This info won't be sold to anyone but will be shared with local councils to help them stay in contact with Eagle Scouts who have moved into their council's borders.

So will information about you be included without your consent? Of course not. You decide how much or how little data is actually printed about you; it's your choice. The company producing the directory is contractually forbidden from selling or exploiting your information.

Eagle Scouts will get an email, postcard or call in the coming months. It may be as early as this month, or it may not be until August 2014. It depends on your region.

The company contacting you is PCI (also known as Publishing Concepts), a Dallas-based agency that NESA has selected to publish its directory. PCI publishes directories for educational institutions, fraternities, sororities and military organizations across the nation. They're also the folks behind the Eagle Scout Yearbook mentioned in last month's district newsletter.

Keep in mind the yearbook and directory are separate projects. The Eagle Scout Yearbook is a new, annual publication that highlights young men who earned Eagle in the past year. The Eagle Scout Directory, on the other hand, will include the names of everyone who has ever earned Eagle, sorted by region.

If you or a fellow Eagle Scout has moved or fallen out of contact with Scouting, it's possible you won't hear from PCI. If that's the case and you aren't contacted, click here (<http://www.nesa.org/2015eaglescoutdirectory.html>) to learn how you can contact PCI yourself.

Because there are so many awesome Eagle Scouts out there, the directory is being split into four regional editions. The first of those is expected to ship in April 2015.

## Lifeguard Training



Do you want to get a cool lifeguard job this summer? Then you will need lifeguard certification training. Completing this course in May and June will earn you both BSA and American Red Cross Lifeguarding certifications. The prerequisite swim test is on May 18. The course is then held on June 7 & 8 and June 14 & 15 (both weekends). You must be at least 15 years old to complete the course and must be a strong swimmer. The deadline for registration is May 12 so register soon by visiting [www.NCACBSA.org/Aquatics](http://www.NCACBSA.org/Aquatics).

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## 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 will later 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 and a half hour Scuba BSA sessions start hourly at 1, 2:30, 4, and 5:30 pm. 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 15, Camp Snyder pool.

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

**Registration deadline:** June 9

**To register or for more information:** [www.NCACBSA.org/Aquatics](http://www.NCACBSA.org/Aquatics) and click on the 2014 Aquatics Program for details.

## 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Boy Scout Golf Classic



**When:** Monday, June 23, 2014

**Where:** Manor Country Club, 14905 Carrolton Rd, Rockville, MD 20853

**What:** Four-person full scramble, morning and afternoon shotgun starts. Luxury vehicles or \$100,000 cash prize for hole-in-one on every par 3! Hundreds of dollars worth of great giveaways!

For more information, visit [www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/Golf](http://www.BoyScouts-NCAC.org/Golf) or email Denise Dolan at [denise.dolan@scouting.org](mailto:denise.dolan@scouting.org)

## 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.NCACBSA.org/Aquatics](http://www.NCACBSA.org/Aquatics) for a 30-minute block. Up to 20 tests can be administered during a block. The date is Saturday, June 8 and available times start at 1:00pm, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30 pm. 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

## 2014 Eagle Career Day



On Saturday, May 31, Gathering of Eagles (GOE) will host an Eagle Career Day for Eagle Scouts who are current youth members as an opportunity for them to explore different fields and make connections with leaders, many of whom are also Eagles, in an industry or career field they are interested in pursuing.

Each youth selects their top three fields of interest and are matched with one to two adult Eagles in each field to spend 20 minutes at a table and learn about their workplace and industry. Distinguished Eagle Scout and former President of Boy Scouts of America Norm Augustine will keynote the event. Following the event, all youth Eagles will have the opportunity to request a worksite visit to spend a few hours or a day observing someone in their field of interest. The Eagle Career Day committee will pair interested youth with an adult Eagle mentor in their field of choice.

To register Eagle Scouts who are youth members can go to [www.NCACBSA.org/ECD](http://www.NCACBSA.org/ECD). There is a \$10 fee to participate

Those interested in being mentors should go to [www.NCACBSA.org/ECDMentor](http://www.NCACBSA.org/ECDMentor). Mentoring is a volunteer position; and there is no charge.

Questions? Email [GOEinfo@Scouting.org](mailto:GOEinfo@Scouting.org)

## New Hike Launches Memorial Day Weekend



The History of Scouting Trail's (H.O.S.T.) Baden-Powell Hike ("B-P Hike") is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend. The inaugural launch of this 7.2 mile hike takes place May 24-26, combining elements of treasure hunting, challenges, history and community service.

The B-P Hike is the second of three major hikes organized by the Council's History & Archives Committee. It will start near the FDR Memorial and visit the Lincoln Memorial, WWII Memorial, U.S. Capitol, and part of the 1913 women's suffrage parade route. All hikers will receive an American flag to place at the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool in tribute to all our U.S. servicemen, past and present.

This year, over 5,000 participants from units from ten different states are expected to be a part of these three hikes. To sign up, visit [www.NCACBSA.org/HOST](http://www.NCACBSA.org/HOST) for registration. If you would like to volunteer as a staff member, visit [www.NCACBSA.org/HOSTstaff](http://www.NCACBSA.org/HOSTstaff) to indicate your area of interest. Questions regarding registration can be sent to Mark Crotzer at [HOST.BSA.Info@gmail.com](mailto:HOST.BSA.Info@gmail.com) or by calling 240-501-6820.

## Scout Days at the Washington Nationals



Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts, Daisy Scouts, Eagle Scouts and other organized Scout groups are invited to participate in this special and growing tradition with the Washington Nationals. All Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are invited to attend all three events. Pre-registered Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will receive special discounts on reserved seating and a unique commemorative patch at each of the 3 Boy Scout and Girl Scout games. The largest\* Scout group attending each Boy Scout and Girl Scout Game will be selected to participate in special on-field pregame activities.

Saturday, June 21, 7:05 PM – Atlanta Braves

Saturday, July 19, 7:05 PM – Milwaukee Brewers

Saturday, Sept 27, 1:05 PM – Miami Marlins

\*Group Tickets must be purchased in a single order and may include Scouts, leaders, family & friends. Participants will be selected from orders received 10 days prior to game date and notified at that time. Pregame opportunities may vary.

\$13 Ticket Package – Lower RF Terrace, OF Gallery, or Upper IF Gallery ticket + patch

\$10 Ticket Package – Upper RF Terrace ticket + patch

\$8 Ticket Package – Upper OF Gallery ticket

For information, please contact Nick Doenges at 202.640.7648 or [nicholas.doenges@nationals.com](mailto:nicholas.doenges@nationals.com).

## ScubaJam Virginia 2014



**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.

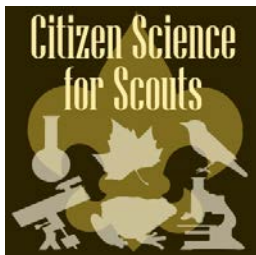
**Where:** Lake Rawlings, VA (in Rawlings, VA; roughly 1 hour south of Richmond)

**When:** Labor Day Weekend Aug 29 – Sept 1

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

**Registration:** Youth must be 11-20 years of age. All participants must be registered with a participating groups and the group must (1) register themselves and their members with the event, (2) take responsibility for meeting youth protection and control requirements of their respective organizations and (3) must have a dive professional attached to the group to take responsibility for their members diving activities.

## On-Line Resource of the Month



Scouts can join scientific collaborations in nearly any field of study through an amazing number of citizen science opportunities. Citizen science projects can make for engaging patrol or troop activities, and may even tie into merit badges Scouts are working on individually (they should make their counselor aware of these opportunities).

[www.SciStarter.com](http://www.SciStarter.com) is a great place to begin:

SciStarter will bring together the millions of citizen scientists in the world; the thousands of potential projects offered by researchers, organizations, and companies; and the resources, products, and services that enable citizens to pursue and enjoy these activities.

We aim to:

- Enable and encourage people to learn about, participate in, and contribute to science through both informal recreational activities and formal research efforts.
- Inspire greater appreciation and promote a better understanding of science and technology among the general public.
- Create a shared space where scientists can talk with citizens interested in working on or learning about their research projects.
- Satisfy the popular urge to tinker, build, and explore by making it simple and fun for people—singles, parents, grandparents, kids—to jump in and get their hands dirty with science.

The dozens of different participatory activities for hikes listed on SciStarter.com are just a few examples of a staggering number of opportunities for Scouts.

## Equipment / Gear

### SansBug Popup Shelter



Excerpt from <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/blog/1085.asp>

How bad will the mosquitos be at camp this summer? When was the last time that bunkhouse mattress was cleaned? Are there mice running around these floors at night?

Whenever a night is spent at scout camp, these sorts of questions might keep you awake. I've stayed in some pretty nasty places where I would have liked a little protection between me and the insects and vermin sharing the wilds with me. I know of a few young scouts just starting out that missed some great campouts because they were scared of the bugs.

A tent works fine, with mesh screen and floor, to keep the blood suckers at bay but most scout tents are 2, 3, or 4-person varieties. They take up a lot of space, weigh quite a bit, and are cumbersome. I know of a better idea for many situations.

I've just received a SansBug shelter to try out. It's a very cool automatic pop-up bug-free zone so campers can sleep in comfort! Besides being a small, light solution to the "can't sleep worrying about creepy crawlies" problem, it is a ton of fun to set up. All you do is Let Go - it pops itself open and you crawl right in.

The fine mesh of the SansBug lets breezes blow through but prevents bites, disease, and general pestering from all flying and crawling insects - that's mosquitos, spiders, ticks, bedbugs, and all their little friends. Not to mention snakes, scorpions, and lizards.

SansBug can be set up on a floor, tent platform, bunkbed, cot, or inflatable pad - wherever the scouts are spending the night. If your scouts stay in canvas tents at summer camp, the SansBug is a perfect replacement for the hanging mosquito netting you use now. Even if you are sleeping indoors, the SansBug keeps your tender skin completely isolated from whatever's out there.

At less than 2.5 pounds and folding into a flat 20-inch disc, it's very easy to pack - even one for every scout. People have used SansBug shelters in Thailand, Afghanistan, Haiti, and even Scout Camp! A church took 30 SansBug tents to sleep in on their mission trip to West Africa, for example.

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Available from Amazon for around \$60, has 4.4 out of 5 stars with 76 reviews in.



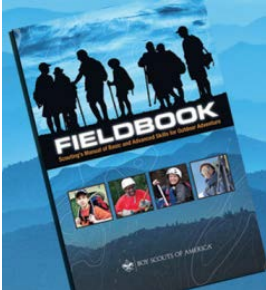
You might have been a Scouter too long when:

- You have something on your shoe...and you're sure it's only mud.
- Your "family vacation" includes 30 kids your wife/husband doesn't know.
- Your pots and pans are all black.



## Books

### 2014 Boy Scout Fieldbook



Here's one owner's manual that's actually worth reading.

It isn't for your car, smartphone or new camp stove. The 2014 *Fieldbook* is a user's guide for the entire outdoors, and it's a must-own for everyone who spends time outside.

The fifth-edition *Fieldbook: Scouting's Manual of Basic and Advanced Skills for Outdoor Adventure* is published by the Boy Scouts of America. It covers hiking, camping, canoeing, mountain travel, ultralight backpacking, wilderness navigation, whitewater kayaking and much more.

While Scouts and Scouters will find it indispensable before and during every outing, it's a great tool for non-Scouts, as well.

"For more than a century, our organization has focused on teaching outdoor skills and leadership and providing opportunities for adventure and life-changing experiences," said Wayne Brock, chief Scout executive of the BSA. "The *Fieldbook* isn't just for our Scouts — we want to share these important lessons with anyone who seeks to explore, experience adventure and appreciate nature."

Are you new to the outdoors? The *Fieldbook* has step-by-step guides to get you started. Or maybe you're more of a seasoned outdoor adventurer? The *Fieldbook* will enhance your skill-set by helping you get farther, higher and deeper into the backcountry.

You can buy the 2014 *Fieldbook* today in your local Scout Shop or at [www.ScoutStuff.org](http://www.ScoutStuff.org) for \$20 for the perfect-bound version or \$27 for one that's coil-bound.

Or, for the first time ever, you can buy it digitally. It's available via Amazon for \$20, and you can download it to read on a Kindle or any device that uses the Kindle app, including Androids, iPads and iPhones.



## Training Opportunities

### Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders



This is a reminder to all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Varsity Coaches, and Venturing Advisors that need to complete training.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders Training is presented by Goose Creek District Training at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve on May 17-18, 2014

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, 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.

All Leaders should wear their 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.

There is a \$40 fee for this class.

Please Register online.

[http://www.ncacbsa.org/events/event\\_details.asp?id=427967&group=114098](http://www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=427967&group=114098)

If you need additional information, please email  
[walt.johnson@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:walt.johnson@goosecreekdistrict.org)

## Wilderness First Aid Classes



Beginning in 2014, BSA High Adventure crews attending Philmont Scout Ranch are required to have two members currently certified in Wilderness First Aid (WFA). The requirement for the other Bases (Northern Tier, Sea Base and The Summit) remains at one crew member currently WFA-trained, but two are strongly suggested since the crew would have to end their trip if the one trained person was injured. Also new in 2014 is the requirement that any unit undertaking a back country trip of their own have at least one WFA-trained participant.

For a list of NCAC High Adventure Committee-endorsed classes, see [http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/ncacbsa.site-ym.com/resource/group/95d23063-d63f-4ee8-858c-9c43c002b826/high\\_adventure/hac\\_2014-2013\\_wfa\\_courses.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/ncacbsa.site-ym.com/resource/group/95d23063-d63f-4ee8-858c-9c43c002b826/high_adventure/hac_2014-2013_wfa_courses.pdf).

BSA Venturing Crew 80, Alexandria, VA also offers Wilderness First Aid classes at a reduced rate. For more information, see <http://www.w3bsa.org/WFABPlan.htm> or contact Demi Pulas at [demetrios.pulas@ferc.gov](mailto:demetrios.pulas@ferc.gov) or 202-502-8676

## NCAC Powder Horn 2014



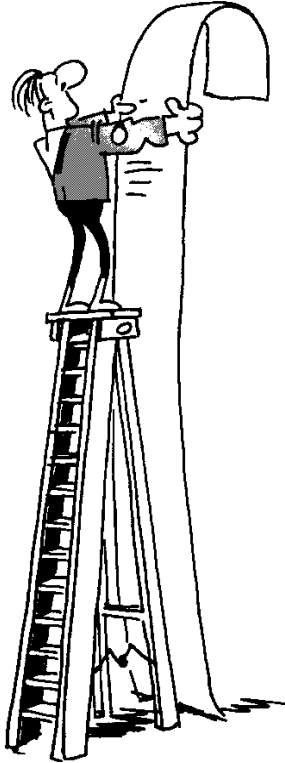
Scouting leaders want to provide challenging and fun outdoor programs to meet the needs of their older youth members, but may lack the knowledge and/or resources to do so. Powder Horn responds to this problem with an exciting training opportunity that exposes Venturing, Boy Scout, and Varsity adult leaders 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.

The course is 4-days long, August 21-24, 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 Dave Post at [NCACPowderhorn2014@gmail.com](mailto:NCACPowderhorn2014@gmail.com)

# District Calendar



## May 2014

- 2 **OA Spring Ordeal**
- 14 **Program Launch**
- 17-18 **Training – Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)**
- 26 Memorial Day
- 28 District Committee

## June 2014

- 7 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Commissioner RT
- 13 Last Day of School
- 16-20 Day/Twilight Camp
- 21 **Training – Life to Eagle**
- 25 District Committee

## July 2014

- 4 Independence Day

## August 2014

- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner RT
- 27 District Committee

## September 2014

- 1 Labor Day
- 1 First Day of School
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 24 District Committee

## October 2014

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 13 Columbus Day
- 18 **Training – Life to Eagle**
- 22 District Committee
- 22-26 **Webelos-o-ree**

## November 2014

- 1 **Scouting for Food Bag Distribution**
- 3-4 Student Holiday
- 8 **Scouting for Food Bag Pickup**
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 19 District Committee
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Break

## December 2014

- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 17 Annual District Business Meeting
- 22 Winter Break Starts

## January 2015

- 2 Winter Break Ends
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Commissioner RT
- 20 MLK Jr. Day
- 28 District Committee
- 26 Moveable School Holiday

## February 2015

- 1 Scout Sunday
- 7 Scout Sabbath
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner RT
- 16 President's Day
- 25 District Committee

## March 2015

- 5 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**
- 7 **District Pinewood Derby**
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner RT
- 25 District COH
- 30 Spring Break Starts

## April 2015

- 3 Spring Break Ends
- 6 Student Holiday
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 14-18 Spring Break
- 22 District Committee