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

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Dreams and Decisions

I had a dream once.

It was to make my Troop the perfect Scout Troop. I just joined Scouting and I was excited about the whole thing. I knew if I worked hard enough, I could become a leader and iron out all the wrinkles that I observed around me.

Six crazy years later, I still have that dream, and it is still just a dream.

I've learned a lot through Scouting so far, but this is one thing that strikes me as particularly important and applicable to all other areas of life: no one can simply decide to make a dream a reality. No one can wake up in the morning and decide to have a good Scout Troop or a bad one. We cannot choose our destination – we can only choose the next place we're going to place our foot.

Think about a Troop you've seen that runs a very poor Scouting program. None of the youth leaders or Scoutmasters of that Troop got up in the morning and said to themselves, "I'm going to ditch all the traditional principles of Scouting." or "I'm going to drop expectations as low as I can.". They didn't choose their destination, but they did choose all those little steps which led up to it. Maybe it was just more convenient at the time or maybe someone gave them bad advice.

Dreams are wonderful things! They give us hope; they inspire us; they guide our decisions... but unless all the little decisions are made right, then we won't ever get closer to that dream.

When I was a Patrol Leader, I dreamed of having the perfect Patrol. Now, as an adult leader, I still dream of having the perfect Troop. I wouldn't trade that dream for anything! Sometimes, though, I got so caught up in the dream that I forgot how important the little decisions were.

I can now add another item to the long list of life lessons Scouting has helped teach me: the little things matter; they are the real decisions! When a sledge hammer comes down and shatters a dream into thousands of little pieces, we can look closer and see that it was only made up of thousands of little decisions.

Little decisions - Are they strong? Are they right? I try to make mine better every day!

The newsletter staff is taking the month of July off, the next district newsletter will be August 2014. Enjoy summer camp!

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

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: \$10 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 or 571-242-9591

Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem Seminar



Mr George Birsic, Goose Creek's member of the Arlington Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting and Campfire, will be guiding an Ad Altare Dei religious emblem seminar starting next October. The seminar is designed for 13- to 14-year-old scouts. Scouts must be a registered Boy Scout of the Catholic faith, be an active member of their troop for at least six months, have completed the sixth grade, and regularly participate in Sunday worship. The recommended method to buy the required activity book will be explained to participants.

An application (found in the activity workbook) must be signed by the scout, parent, counselor, scoutmaster, and pastor prior to the start of the seminar. Requirements include work outside the seminar sessions, presentations, attending a retreat or day of recollection, service project, et. al. After completing the requirements, the scout must conclude with a Diocesan Ad Altare Dei Board of Review.

In order to determine the appropriate place to conduct the seminar, Mr Birsic would like to know how many scouts are interested in participating. Please email him at goosecreek.ccosc@gmail.com.

Spring Camporee Patches



The patches for the spring Camporee have come in and can be picked up at the June Roundtable. If you cannot make it to Roundtable please email GCProgram@verizon.net to arrange for a pickup.

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Den Earns the National Capital Area Council Scouting Challenge Award



Pride. That's what was behind the smiles of 5 Scouts of Pack 910, Den 7 in South Riding, VA on the night of May 15, 2014 when they were awarded the National Capital Area Council Scouting Challenge Award....the first ever to receive this honor in the Goose Creek District. **Reece Caton, Samuel Cal Keller, John Kleinsmith, Hunter Leonard and Mason Taylor** finished a year long journey that involved hard work, determination, dedication and fun. They successfully completed all four challenges of the award (I'm Connected, I'm Eco Friendly, I'm Fit, and I'm Prepared). Watching the Scouts realize what they had achieved as they received their certificates, patches and coveted neck medal was priceless for their Den Leader **Jeff Kleinsmith** and his Assistant, **James Caton**.

What is the Scouting Challenge Award, you ask? It is just that.....a challenge. One that follows the Scout values of building character, improving physical fitness, teaching practical skills and developing a spirit of community service. This opportunity for Scouts (Tiger Cub, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing) and Scouters consists of four separate challenges: Each challenge can be tackled by a unit as a group or as an individual Scout and the criteria for each varies with the age group of the Scouts.

Before the Scouts of Den 7 crossed the bridge to advance to the Bear level, they had completed over 60 Wolf electives, 19 belt loops, 13 pins, as well as the Outdoor Activity Award, Leave No Trace Award, World Conservation Award, Conservation Good Turn Award and the SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge. They did it! They completed the NCAC Challenge! Five Wolf Cubs, one goal, lots of growing, and tons of fun!

As Den Leader Jeff Kleinsmith reflected on the journey, what amazed him the most was how hard the Den worked together towards a common goal. The Scouts persevered through many hours of learning and physical feats while putting forth their best efforts. They made a commitment, made sacrifices, encouraged each other and followed through. Just like the motto says, his Scouts "did their best" and so can yours. He urges you to sign up and take the challenge. You too can watch your Scouts come together, work hard, have fun and grow to the next level.

Pictured from left to right -

Front row: Samuel Cal Keller, John Kleinsmith, Mason Taylor, Reece Caton, Hunter Leonard

Back row: Assistant Den Leader James Caton, Den Leader Jeff Kleinsmith



If you'd like more information about the NCAC Scouting Challenge, check out the Council's website for same at

www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=118945&id=271466

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Well They Have Done It Again!



Troop 1941, this new Boy Scout Troop in Ashburn, VA has placed a focus on being a "troop of excellence." The boys have adopted a troop motto of "Where I Choose.." (promoting the fact that the boys plan and run the troop, with adult guidance.)

Last December the boys decided that every December they will focus on a "Service/Award" theme and they did so by delivering 100 lunch bags to the homeless in DC. They had a great time and learned a lot from the experience. At that time they challenged themselves to deliver 400 bags in the Spring.

So, with 400 sandwich bags made with a sandwich, water, chips and a garbage bag (all prepared on Friday night) they headed to DC Saturday late morning. Six vehicles filled with scouts, leaders, bags and water made the trip to one of the local parks for distribution. The park residents immediately knew what they boys had for them and lined up quickly. To every one's surprise there were more than half of the bags left after everyone at the park had one (some even a couple). So, they packed back into the vehicles and headed to the next location.

A handful of the boys decided to hand deliver bags to a group of people who didn't approach the vehicles. Not sure of their reasoning for not coming over yet they were happy to receive. The boys wanted to make sure that everyone that wanted, received.

The boys distributed a bunch more then were able to drop the final bags off at a local shelter to be distributed to those who were inside and those who would come later.

The boys are already asking to do the same number for their next December distribution.

I hope this article encourages your troops to find their special giving niche and to not be afraid to "shake it up, a bit".



Unit Commissioners



Do you know who your Unit Commissioner is? If not we've attached a listing of our current Commissioner staff to the end of this newsletter (just beyond the calendar). As you'll probably notice there are a lot of vacancies in the staff that need to be filled.

What Does A Unit Commissioner Do?

1. The commissioner is a friend of the unit. He or she is an advocate of unit needs.
2. The commissioner is a representative. The commissioner helps represent the ideals, the principles, and the policies of the Scouting movement.
3. The commissioner is a unit "doctor." When problems arise, and they will even in the best unit, they act quickly. They observe symptoms, diagnose the real ailment, prescribe a remedy, and follow up on the patient.
4. The commissioner is a teacher. They teach not just in an academic environment, but where it counts most—as an immediate response to a need to know.
5. The commissioner is a counselor. As a Scouting counselor, they will help units solve their own problems.

If you are an experience Scouter who is looking to help other units maintain a quality program please give our District Commissioner or one of the area Assistant District Commissioners a call.



"Cheerful Service Chatter"

Chapter News for our Arrowmen

Lodge Website: www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA

OA Chapter Needs Animal Skins



The Goose Creek Order of the Arrow Chapter needs animal skins for making authentic Native American costumes for its ceremonies team. The ceremonies team uses these costumes for the ceremonies for Order of the Arrow induction and public ceremonies such as the those at the Webelos-o-ree or the Arrow of Light. The costumes are replicas of the garb worn by Native Americans in Virginia, as illustrated in Captain John Smith's journals.

If you have or know a source of deer hides or other animal skins, please contact Mrs. Bobbie Scales (Scalesbobbie@yahoo.com).

Spring Fellowship



Spring Fellowship is here. To register for the Fellowship, June 6-8 at Camp Snyder, go to <http://www.ncacbsa.org/oa> and click on the information on Fellowship link. Registration closes on June 1. For those that did their Ordeal more than 10 months ago, this is an opportunity to strengthen your ties in the OA by getting your Brotherhood. Food and fun is to be had by all.

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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), and request access.)

"Onward and Upward"

On the Advancement Trail

New Eagles



Jacob Braden Blycher – Troop 1910

Kyle Chong – Troop 956

William C Dotson – Troop 998

Jordan Esatto – Troop 39

Caleb Christian Fowler – Troop 39

George Charles Hammond – Troop 711

Bryan C Leete – Troop 1910

Matthew James Turner – Troop 1910

Eagle Project Opportunities – POCs



Last fall, after developing the district's Advancements & Recognition Committee webpage, we indicated that one of the planned enhancements to same would be an area dedicated to Eagle candidates, offering them (and their unit Life-to-Eagle Coordinators) a list of places and points of contact for potential Eagle projects. You may have noticed that this enhancement hasn't been developed, and wondered why. The reason is simple; we've only received two inputs. So, we could still really use your help in building that page. If you know of (or are) the right person for a Life Scout to contact for Eagle project ideas for a camp, park or other non-profit group in the area, please let us know by sending the following information to the district Advancements Chair ASAP. Thank you to those who did respond last time.

- Organization Name (& city/town)
- Point of Contact Full Name
- POC email
- POC preferred phone number

Thank you,

Advancement Committee Chair, MSVA_Tenor@yahoo.com

Swimming Merit Badge Revised in Time for Summer Camp



Swimming merit badge, that Eagle-required summer camp staple, has been upgraded and revised just in time for the 2014 summer camp season.

The new requirements focus more on teaching Scouts correct stroke mechanics while continuing to emphasize basic water skills along with surface and elementary diving. Previous requirements like snorkeling, competitive swimming and CPR (which Scouts learn more fully in other merit badges anyway) have been removed.

With the new requirements, the goal is to teach Scouts to swim with greater ease and efficiency, as well as keep them safe in and around the water.

Scouts may use either the old or new requirements in 2014 — it's their choice. On Jan. 1, 2015, they'll become official, and only Scouts who have already started working with the old requirements may use the old ones.

As you know, Swimming's an important merit badge because to earn the Eagle Scout Award, a Scout must earn either Swimming, Cycling or Hiking MB.

A revised Swimming merit badge pamphlet, with new color illustrations, will be available soon for purchase at local Scout Shops and through ScoutStuff.org.

Most summer camps will want to use the latest requirements for Swimming merit badge this summer. So the BSA decided to release those new requirements early.

Life-to-Eagle Seminar (Training)



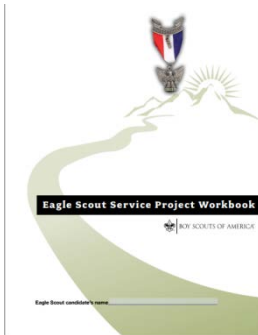
Yes indeed, as promised some time ago, the next installment of the Life-to-Eagle Training for Goose Creek is coming soon. These training conferences are primarily targeted for the Life-to-Eagle Advisers & Coordinators at the unit level – but are by no means limited to same. Life Scouts and their parents are invited 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.

Also, if you ARE a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit, and have not attended one of these within Goose Creek within the last 2 years, you really should make an attempt to do so. Lots of things have changed over the years, and even the long-standing and experienced L2E Advisers will learn something new.

Planned thus far for the remainder of 2014 are two more L2E Conferences; serving the eastern & western portions of our district.

- Saturday, June 21 ... Cascades Library, Room A
1:30am - 3:45pm
21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls
Room will be set up for ~100 people.
- Saturday, October 18 ... TBD (but probably the Rust Library)
TBD ... pending confirmation of availability; roughly 60d before event.

New-n-Improved Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (ESSP WB)



Wait, did I read that right, another update to the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook? Yep, but don't panic; if you've already started working on the current (Feb 2013) version, you're good-to-go. National's transition plan for phasing out the current ESSP WB has not been communicated yet, but we do know that the newest (May 2014) version can be used now if any Eagle candidate would like. Please note, that the only acceptable versions of the ESSP WB (BSA National Pub # 512-927) to be used at this time are the Feb 2013 & May 2014 versions.

Why change it?

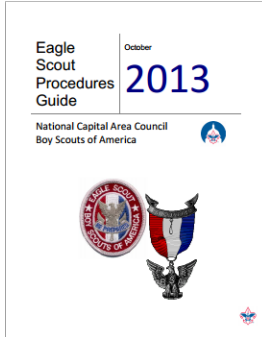
The BSA National Advancement Team didn't offer anything on this other than to hint that they continue to look for ways to improve the workbook's utility to the Scouts. So, that's our understanding at this time, and we're sticking to it ☺. If you can think of any other things that will enhance the Scout's experience with the form, please let them know by sending them an email to advancement.team@scouting.org.

So what has changed?

A complete answer to that – even in summary form – would take a few pages, so the (very) high-points are offered below. A more thorough run-through of the changes will be provided at the Life-to-Eagle Training in June.

- Cover Page – Updated to be consistent with Eagle Scout Rank Application by having Scout insert full legal name, and a name for their project. Once name is entered, it appears on the bottom of each page in the proposal, final plan, fundraising and project report sections.
- Change in page numbering methodology from Section # - Page # (e.g., 2-1, 4-2) to just Page 3, Proposal Page C, Final Plan Page A, etc. When enough text is added to move a block to a new page, the new page is labeled Proposal Page C-2, Final Plan Page A-2, etc.
- Text boxes – Some text boxes were made larger to encourage additional content or make use of available space on the page.
- Date Field controls – When a cursor is in a date field, a drop down box, indicated by an arrow, now appears on the right side of the field for selecting a date; thus ensuring consistent use of a single date format.
- Proposal – New pages added (previously outside the proposal section) describing the five tests of an acceptable Eagle Scout Service Project, advice on working with the project beneficiary, developing the final plan, and beginning work on the project; as well as the page with all of the contact information for the project.
- Proposal Approval/Signature Page – Several not-so-subtle changes here:
 - Candidate's Promise - reminder added to not begin work on the project, or raise money, or obtain materials until after proposal approval.
 - When enough text is added to 'force' another page, the entire set of signature blocks moves to the next page.
 - Name (Printed) blocks added below each Signed block in the approval section.
 - Check box added in Beneficiary Approval block to indicate whether the "Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project, Information for Project Beneficiaries" flier was provided to the beneficiary. (This flier is now provided at the end of the workbook.)
- Final Plan – Several changes to this section enhancing WB utility relative to attachments, safety, logistics & tools.
- Final Report – Several changes to this section enhancing WB utility relative to picture attachments, funding and 'observations'.
- "Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project; Information for Project Beneficiaries" – This separate two page flier was added to the workbook.

Update to the NCAC Eagle Scout Procedures Guide (ESPG)



With the recent update made by National to the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (ESSP WB), there will need to be some minor updates to the NCAC Eagle Scout Procedures Guide (ESPG). The details of those changes are still being determined and incorporated, so there is nothing new to share now ... however, we just wanted you to let you know to keep an eye out for it; possibly by mid/late summer.

Please recall, that while available to anyone and loaded with very helpful information for the Eagle candidate himself the ESPG is primarily targeted for/to Life-to-Eagle coordinators (district & unit) and the unit-level leaders mentoring the Eagle Candidates. By having those people properly familiar with the ESPG and how it implements National's guidelines relative to the Life-to-Eagle process, better counsel can be provided to the boys themselves.

Once the ESPG is updated, we'll announce that as well, and then simply update the link to same accordingly ... which can always be found on our Goose Creek webpage, or here ...

http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.ncacbsa.org/resource/group/dabf2b2b-f7f6-48ee-a27c-9cc7e1a94a55/Documents/Eagle_Scout_Procedures_Guide.pdf.

Now There's a New, Third Way to Wear Eagle Scout Palms



Eagle Scout's the highest rank in Scouting, but it's not the end of the road.

An Eagle Scout who earns five merit badges beyond the minimum amount (and meets other requirements) will receive a Bronze Palm. He'll get a Gold Palm for 10 extra merit badges and a Silver Palm for 15. He can wear multiple palms if he gets to 20, 25, 30, etc.

Until January, there were two places he could wear these palms: on the ribbon of the Eagle medal and on the Eagle square knot, which is only worn by adults.

Now there's a third.

After the Awards and Insignia Committee's approval in January 2014, Eagle Scouts may now wear palms directly on the Eagle Scout badge itself.

That means the three approved methods for wearing Eagle palms are:

1. On the Eagle Scout square knot, which is worn by adult Scouters.
2. Attached to the ribbon of the Eagle Scout medal, which is worn on special occasions by youth and adults.
3. On the Eagle Scout rank emblem (patch), which is sewn on the youth field uniform.

As for where to attach the palms on the badge itself, the committee made no specific stipulations, so anywhere is fine. Perhaps somewhere in the red, white and blue field behind the eagle would allow the palm or palms to be seen better.

Looping You in on the Cub Scout 2015 Updates



Let's get this out of the way first: Belt loops and pins aren't going anywhere when Cub Scouting gets an exciting refresh in May 2015.

In fact, belt loops — now called adventure loops — and pins (adventure pins) will get even better than before with the new updates.

Scouts will receive an adventure loop for their Cub Scout belt for completing adventures at the Tiger, Wolf and Bear level. Scouts working on Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks will receive adventure pins when each adventure is completed. The pins have been redesigned for the new program.

And good news for Scouters and Scouts who liked the soon-to-depart Academics and Sports program belt loops: Many of the activities that were popular in that program were integrated into the new Cub Scout adventure program.

What are the requirements? Who wrote them? How do I transition my den and pack into the new program? Your source for that kind of information is the Program Updates page at www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx. The team has been very diligent about keeping that page updated and current, so it deserves a spot on your bookmarks bar.

There you'll find:

- Samplers of new youth handbooks
- Samplers of the den leader guides for adult Scouters
- FAQs answered by the program developers
- Adventure requirements and insignia
- An introduction to Ethan, the new cartoon character that will guide Cub Scouts through the program
- A transition guide

Tiger Cub Becomes Just Tiger and Gets New Image Next Year



Amid all the excitement around the new adventure loops and adventure pins, you might have missed a smaller but still significant change to Cub Scouting for next year.

When the new Cub Scout program becomes official on May 2015, Tiger Cubs becomes simply Tiger and gets a new tiger image to go along with it.

Why? Parents felt the current Tiger Cub image was infantile. And adding the word "Cubs" to the name, parents told the BSA, made Tiger Cubs feel like a lesser rank than Wolf or Bear. (We don't call those Wolf Cubs or Bear Cubs, after all.)

Besides, switching to a single name puts Tiger in line with the other single-name animals: Wolf and Bear.

Also changing is the Tiger image. The new emblem incorporates a more mature-looking Tiger, again bringing the rank in line with Wolf and Bear.

Here are the Requirements for the New Venturing Awards



Heads up, Venturers and Venturing advisors. It's the moment you've been waiting for. The requirements for the Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder and Summit Awards were just released at the 2014 National Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

Venturers may begin earning them June 1, 2014. They have until the end of the year to finish up work on the rarely earned and soon-to-be-retired Bronze, Gold and Silver awards.

The new awards blend adventure, leadership, personal development and service to give Venturers a structure for developing their own personal vision into manageable goals. Each award has a focus. For the Venturing award, it's joining; for Discovery, it's participation; for Pathfinder, it's leadership; and for the Summit award, it's mentoring.

The requirements have been posted on the Program Updates page on [scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) (<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx>). Venturers and Venturing Advisors will want to bookmark that page to keep up with this and other changes to their program. For a direct link to the PDF including the requirements, go to http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/220-855_LowRes2.pdf

Many Venturers and advisors have wondered how the transition from the Bronze, Gold and Silver awards will work. Here's what you need to know:

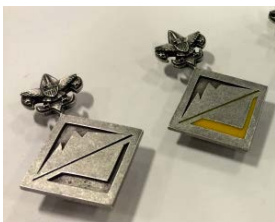
Current Awards: Bronze, Gold and Silver

- Venturers may continue working on these until Dec. 31, 2014
- Current Venturers may convert to the new awards beginning June 1, 2014. They must begin with the Discovery award, regardless of whether they earned Bronze, Gold and Silver. That's because the award requirements have very little overlap.
- Venturers must use the new awards after Dec. 31, 2014

New Awards: Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder and Summit

- Venturers may convert to the new awards on June 1, 2014:
- Current Venturers: Begin by working on the Discovery award
- New Venturers: Begin by working on the Venturing award
- All Venturers must use the new awards after Dec. 31, 2014

Leave Your Feedback on These Venturing Award Prototypes



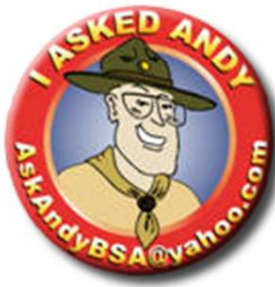
Now that the requirements for the new Venturing awards have been released, attention turns to what the awards themselves will look like. Will they be medals? Badges? A combination of the two?

Turns out you and other Venturers or Venturing advisors can have a say in the final decision. But you need to leave your feedback soon.

Go to <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/05/23/leave-your-feedback-on-these-venturing-award-prototypes/> to see the prototypes and leave your comments.

“Approval” for a Scout to Work on a Merit Badge

From Ask Andy, May 20 2014., <http://netcommissioner.com/askandy/2014/05/issue-397-may-20-2014/>



Andy,

We have an 11 year-old Scout who just recently crossed over into our troop. While starting work on his Tenderfoot fitness requirement (10a), he couldn't do a single pull-up. After 30 days (for 10b) he still couldn't do a single one. Neither can most of the other new Scouts.

In my opinion, improvement over “zero” is one. This Scout's father is a new troop volunteer and a personal friend. He says his son can't do a pull-up and will never be able to do a pull-up, period! Surprisingly, his son is a football player. In his dad's opinion, improvement from zero can be as little as an inch movement. I've never heard of one thirty-sixth of a pull-up, or just lifting your chest barely off the ground counting as a push-up. But if I'm taking this the wrong way, please let me know. Thanks!

Thanks for taking the time to write about an important issue...one that's arisen before on several occasions. Rather than my offering an “opinion,” I've taken the time to consult with the BSA's National Advancement Team Leader (he and I have done this before, on other advancement-related issues, and his viewpoint is not only impeccable, it's official). Here's what he has to say (with some slight paraphrasing by me)...

Tenderfoot req. 10a-b has been debated at the national level over a considerable period of time; the requirement language has been retained intentionally. Here's why...

When the BSA writes requirements—especially for the first three Boy Scout ranks—we take into consideration not just what we're trying to accomplish with an individual requirement and its sub-parts, but also the effect of the requirement language on sustaining boys for Scouting's long-haul.

For all youth members, the BSA's primary goal is general personal growth, with physical fitness a part of this goal. To achieve well-rounded personal growth, we need to keep youth involved for the long term. If our Tenderfoot physical fitness requirement drives boys away early in their Boy Scouting experience, we not only end up with no contributions to fitness, but zero accomplishment toward our overall goal.

Tenderfoot req. 10a-b has two parts. The first is 'practice;' the second, 'improvement.' This requirement says, '...practicing for 30 days.' If the Scout doesn't practice, then he hasn't fulfilled the requirement. The second part says, 'improvement;' however, it purposefully doesn't specify how much improvement. Any level of improvement is acceptable, so long as it occurs as a result of having practiced for at least the specified time.

So yes, this means that, a partial pull-up, so long as the Scout has been trying and practicing for at least 30 days, is considered improvement. So is a partial sit-up or push-up. The idea is practice to improve, and so long as both of these have happened, it's okay.

A Word on Special Needs Scouting



Section 10 of the Guide to Advancement (GTA) contains an abundance of important information and can be very helpful for any leader of Scouts with special needs.

For Scouts with special needs to get the most out of the program, a partnership must exist between the unit leaders, the parents, qualified medical professionals, and, as appropriate, the Scout's educational providers. Working together, all parties can gain an understanding not only of the disability and abilities involved, but also of the processes covered in the GTA, which begin with topic 10.2.0.0.

Clearly, the ability to satisfy requirements is vastly different in Cub Scouting than in Boy Scouting. For Cub Scouts, the standard measurement is, "Has he done his best?" For those working on Boy Scout advancement, the young man is "expected to meet the requirements – no more and no less – and he is to do exactly what is stated." That quote from the GTA should not make one think that advancement in Boy Scouting is not possible for those with special needs, but it does mean leaders need to do some planning to develop an understanding of how alternative requirements can be approved and used.

Like BSA National, we want to ensure that every person who joins Scouting can participate in the advancement program. Section 10 of the GTA is a great resource to help you find the answers that will make the program for special needs youth an enjoyable process for all involved.

To that end, the NCAC Advancements & Recognition Committee has had a Leader for Special Needs Scouting for over two years who works with those points of contact at the district level. Accordingly, we in Goose Creek have had our own Special Needs Scouting point of contact (Claudia Wolfson) for almost as long. Of late, she has been heavily engaged in assisting young men (and their leaders and parents) with navigating the advancement path, with one young man being given the opportunity to reach First Class, by arriving at an alternative to the swimming requirement. Similarly, another request has been submitted to Council for a young man to be Registered Beyond the Age of Eligibility – basically opening the door for him to continue his pursuit of Eagle for as long as he remains registered in Scouting.

The most important take-aways from this are that any deviations from the stated requirements must be requested/processed in the proper manner, working with Claudia, who in turn will work with the Goose Creek Advancement Chair and NCAC's Special Needs Scouting representative ... ensuring that the Scout is afforded the opportunities he deserves, while truly earning the ranks and accomplishments that are called for by BSA National. (To reach Claudia, find her name on our Goose Creek Advancements & Recognition website here ... http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=114098&id=272523)

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), and can always be downloaded from the 'Publications' area on the National website as well.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org

Report your Unit's Service Hours and Achieve JTE Points



Scouting was founded on the premise of doing a Good Turn daily. Community service is very important in the character-building process and, as Scouts, we have made the commitment to give back to our communities. National BSA has provided a website to make it easy for us to report and keep track of Service Projects we perform in our local communities and council.

Completion of a certain number of service hours is a requirement for your unit's Journey to Excellence score. This website will help to keep track of service projects and hours spent executing them. Setting up your unit's Profile on the Service Hours website is simple. Just follow the three steps shown below!

To sign up, you will need to know your 4-digit Unit Number (use zeros to make up digits if needed. Example: Troop 98 would use Troop 0098) as well as your Unit ID#, (This is the same # you use for online advancement) If you don't have this, you can get it from your District Executive.

For additional help setting up your unit's profile, visit
<https://servicehours.scouting.org/includes/files/popHelp.htm>

For additional information and Service Project examples, visit:
http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/Awards/JourneyToExcellence/unit_tips.aspx

New BSA President Gates: 'Time for blunt talk' in Scouting



Robert M. Gates, the former defense secretary, will prioritize transparency, marketing, retention and recruitment, and continued program innovation during his two-year term as the 35th president of the Boy Scouts of America.

In his first speech to Scouters and Scouts since the 2010 jamboree, the Distinguished Eagle Scout and past president of the National Eagle Scout Association also expressed his support for last year's membership vote.

Furthermore, he said he'll oppose any effort to reopen debate on the issue during his term.

During his 27-minute speech at the BSA's National Annual Meeting in Nashville, Tenn., Gates outlined his vision for the movement. A movement, he said, that has improved dramatically in the eight years since Gates was last involved as a volunteer.

To read the transcript and watch the video of Gates' full speech go to <http://scoutingnewsroom.org/dr-robert-m-gates-begins-role-national-president-boy-scouts-america/>

Say 'Hey' To Ethan, Your Boys' New Guide Through Cub Scouting



Next year, your Cub Scout pack will grow in size by one cool kid.

Ethan, the newest member of the Cub Scout team, will be a part of each adventure in your boys' new Cub Scout handbooks.

He'll always be a year older and one rank ahead of your Cub Scout readers, meaning he'll speak to them like a friend. He'll share encouragement, tips, anecdotes and even a few mistakes he made along the way — along with what he learned, of course.

When the volunteer-led Cub Adventure Team solicited illustration samples for Ethan, one submission stood out above the others. His uniform was perfect with everything in the right place. It's almost as if the illustrator had Scouting experience.

He does. He's an Eagle Scout.

Watch for Ethan as a Wolf in the Tiger handbook, a Bear in the Wolf handbook, and a Webelos Scout in the Bear handbook. As your boys work toward their Webelos and Arrow of Light ranks, Ethan, now a Boy Scout, will give them glimpses of the fun awaiting them as they transition to Boy Scouts.

Find more details, including some samplers of the new handbooks and den leader guides, at the scouting.org Program Updates page:

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx.

Become a Pilot Family Day and Aviation Display at Udvar-Hazy



Explore dozens of vintage, recreational, commercial, and home-built aircraft on display for one day only. Meet the aviators who fly these planes and find out what it takes to become a pilot on **Saturday, June 14, 10 am – 3 pm** at the **National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center**.

- Explore the cockpits of many of the airplanes on display (weather permitting).
- Enjoy demonstrations of indoor and outdoor kite flying.
- Participate in hands-on educational activities, demonstrations, and story times.
- Test your piloting skills in a flight simulator.
- Soar through the skies in a variety of aircraft on the Airbus IMAX Theater's five-story screen.
- Meet with the Museum's Archives staff and see how they use historical documents to help with the restoration of artifacts.

Admission is free. Parking costs \$15 per vehicle.

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 (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 group 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.

Two Things You (probably) Didn't Think About Taking to Summer Camp

Excerpted from Scoutmaster Clarke Green, May 28 2014., <http://scoutmastercg.com/>

Two humble things find a number of uses at summer camp; clothespins and index cards.

I usually have a pocket full of index cards, and use them all day long to take notes, leave messages, and post reminders or notices for youth leaders. With clothespins or thumbtacks I can clip them to a tent flap, a branch, or pin them to our bulletin board.



Here's some ideas that you may find useful and fun:

1. Simple "where is" board.

Someone is usually trying to find me at camp, or I am looking for someone else. A simple "where is" note can help folks figure out where to look first.

2. Summer Camp Chore Chart

Here's one idea your Senior Patrol Leader can use to assign patrol tasks for the day.



3. Notes and Notices

I can be reasonably sure a Scout will find a note clipped to his tent flap. I can use the same method to distribute mail from home or other information a particular Scout or youth leader needs.

4. Clothespin Obstacle Course

Two Scouts use 5 clothespins to attach themselves together and follow an obstacle course. The team who completes the course with the most pins still attached wins.

5. Clothespin Endurance Champion

Each Scout holds a clothespin pinched open between two fingers with their arm fully extended and elbow straight at shoulder level. The last Scout to hold this position wins.

6. Clothespin Hunt

A number of marked or colored clothespins are hidden around the campsite. The patrol who finds the most in a given time wins.

7. Clothespin Challenge

Which Scout or Patrol, in the opinion of their fellow Scouts, can create the best animal, gadget, or inventive use for clothespins by the end of the week? Whittling, a couple of Popsicle sticks from the trading post, some glue, lashings or the addition of other found objects – amazing things can be made from clothespins.

8. Hanging Clothes

Goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway.



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.



Scoutmaster: The only way to acquire a new skill is to start at the bottom.

Tenderfoot: But I want to learn to swim!

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: \$235 – after Jun 15
Session 2: July 17-20	
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: \$235 – after Jun 15
Session 2: July 14-17	
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: \$270 – after June 1
Session 2: Aug 10-15	
	\$50 – adults

"The Tribute to Light" Patch



This May President Obama officially dedicated the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. Two years ago the Greater New York Councils created a special-edition council shoulder patch to remember the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the 3,000 who died that day. This patch, called "A Tribute in Light," is still available for purchase.

It depicts the real-life Sept. 11 memorial displayed in New York each year. The twin beams of light shine from dusk on Sept. 11 through dawn the next day and can be seen for 60 miles.

Scouters across the country were understandably shaken by the tragedy of 9/11, and many were interested in adding this patch to their collection. If you'd like one for your collection, read on to learn how to buy your own.

How to order

First, know that there are two versions of the patch.

The one seen below sells for \$7 (shipping included). Then there's another with the words "Never Forget" in ghosted script at the bottom. That one is \$15 (shipping included).

To order, download the PDF order form

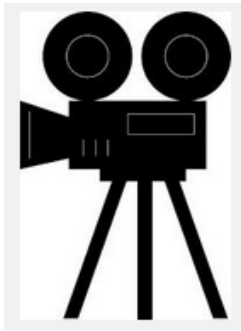
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How Do You Decide Which Movies Are Appropriate For Your Scouts, Venturers?



Parents decide which movies are OK for their children and which contain too much violence, bad language or sexual content.

But what happens when that guardianship temporarily transfers to you, the Scout leader? How do you decide whether it's OK to watch that PG movie on a Cub Scout overnight or a PG-13 movie with your Venturers?

That becomes even more complicated when you realize that 12 parents may have a dozen different definitions of inappropriate movie content.

Side note: Watching movies isn't a common Scouting activity, of course. We Scouts and Scouters prefer to have most of our fun outside. But there are times during camporees, summer camps, training courses or unit trips when they're perfectly fine.

For moviegoing Scouters, trouble starts when you try to interpret those MPAA ratings. For a time, the Motion Picture Association of America only provided the rating: G, PG, PG-13, R, NC-17. And those ratings included some head-scratchers: Did you know Jaws was rated PG?

These days, we get a rating along with a few descriptions of why the movie received that rating. Helpful stuff.

For example, you might be OK taking Scouts to a movie that's PG-13 for "Intense Sci-Fi Action" but leery of one that's PG-13 for "Crude Humor."

Resources to help you:

Check out **Kids-In-Mind** (www.kids-in-mind.com/) and **Common Sense Media** (www.common Sense Media.org/movie-reviews) for some easy-to-interpret guidance on a movie's appropriateness. They give the facts and let you decide.

Kids-In-Mind rates movies from 1 to 10 in three categories: sex/nudity, violence/gore and profanity. Ratings range from 1 for almost none to 10 for an obscene amount. They get really specific, even bothering to count the number of obscenities used.

Common Sense Media gives a recommended minimum age for a movie — very helpful for a Scout leader. It also uses categories but includes both positive and negative ones: Positive messages, Positive role models, Violence, Sex, Language, Consumerism and Drinking, drugs, & smoking.

34th 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 or email Denise Dolan at denise.dolan@scouting.org

Preparing Parents for Summer Camp



by Clarke Green on June 15, 2012 in <http://scoutmastercg.com/category/scout-parents/>

Parents are usually less prepared for summer camp than their sons.

Parents concentrate on preparing children for summer camp but may be unaware how much they will miss and worry about their child.

They may feel uncomfortable turning over full-time care to people they have just gotten to know. They worry about what kind of food he'll be eating, who will be looking after daily concerns like clean clothes and taking a shower, if the other boys will tease him.

What happens if he just doesn't like camp? Can he call home or can his parents call him?

I can see this anxiety in parents of Scouts headed to camp for the first time. Many of them find the experience more difficult than their sons ever will. They usually don't find a whole lot of solace in the first letter home either; it may sound pretty miserable.

How can Scout leaders help parents prepare for how they are going to feel once they have dropped their sons off and return home for a very quiet week?

Being separated from a child for this length of time is a new challenge for every parent even though many others have gone through it before. Acknowledge that this causes most parents at least some distress; it's a normal part of growing up, it's temporary and you will feel better.

Most Scouts will encounter some homesickness and some ups and downs. Understand that his fellow Scouts, adult leaders and camp staff are all working hard to make this a positive experience. It is a measured challenge that Scouts overcome year after year.

We expect some homesickness and other difficulties and are prepared to deal with them. They are part of a healthy process of growing up that all Scouts encounter in one way or another.

As you prepare your Scout for camp prepare yourself too:

- Think positively. Scouts typically thrive at summer camp and return home happy.
- Instead of discussing your worries or how much you will miss him talk about the new experiences your Scout will have.
- Ask all the questions you like; there are no silly questions (really!). It is always better to ask than to worry.
- Understand and respect the way we will be communicating with home while we are at camp.
- Understand and respect the rules and times for dropping off, picking up and visiting camp.
- Plan something interesting or special to do while your son is at camp.

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.

On-Line Resource of the Month



Admit it: You like to be the first to know what's new in the Boy Scouts of America.

So go to the **Scouting Newsroom** (<http://scoutingnewsroom.org>), the new, official site for BSA news, updates and information. The public-facing site has news releases, fact sheets, and an overview of topics important to Scouts, Scouters, the public, and the news media.

There's even an "Email Updates" box where you can enter your email address and receive a message every time a new entry is posted.

Scouting Newsroom, like the official news sites of other major organizations, is your best bet for reading news directly from the source. It's the BSA's exact message, unfiltered.

Equipment / Gear

Sleeping Bags 101



Scoutmaster Clarke Green (<http://scoutmastercg.com/sleeping-bags-101/>) has a one page PDF infographic on sleeping bag information that's ideal for beginners. He also has a listing of the sleeping bags he recommends for Scouts: <http://scoutmastercg.com/gear-guide-scouts-sleeping-bags-pads/>

There are about 40 other one page infographics that Clarke Green has developed, ranging from fire building to training to how to do a Blue card, that you might find useful: <http://scoutmastercg.com/scoutmastercg-pdf-package/>

Books

Eagles' Call, the Official Magazine for Eagle Scouts, Now Available for Anyone



Now you don't have to be an Eagle Scout to read about the cool things Eagle Scouts are doing. For the first time ever, *Eagles' Call*, the quarterly magazine from the National Eagle Scout Association, is available to anyone, not just those who have earned Scouting's highest honor.

All active NESA members automatically receive *Eagles' Call* magazine as a perk of membership. That's not changing. What's new is that non-Eagles can subscribe.

The price: \$10 a year (four issues). But wait! Byran on Scouting (<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/>) has secured a special discount code for readers that lets you subscribe for half price. Use the promo code EGCBLG14 to get *Eagles' Call* for \$5 a year (four issues).

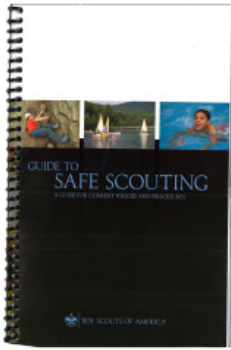
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Mike Goldman, editorial director for *Eagles' Call* (as well as *Boys' Life* and *Scouting* magazines), was instrumental in the move to open *Eagles' Call* to everyone.

"We like to think of *Eagles' Call* as an aspirational tool, a magazine that can help strengthen the values of the BSA and instill a greater sense of purpose to, for example, Life Scouts and their parents," he says. "If by opening up *Eagles' Call* to new subscribers we help one boy attain the Eagle rank, then we have done our job."

The Guide to Safe Scouting You Know, Only More Portable



Glove compartment, daypack, purse or troop trailer: It's easy to find a place to store the new, more-compact *Guide to Safe Scouting*.

The Guide, which includes policies and guidelines established to help keep you and your Scouts safe, is now available in a form that's smaller and more durable.

Grab one to ensure you're never left without the answer to a safety-related question no matter where Scouting takes you.

The online version is still available for free and will continue to be updated quarterly. Find it at www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx.

There are Scouters who like to download that PDF version to their smartphone or tablet, making the document easily searchable by keyword.

But others prefer a hard copy, which is where the new, smaller, spiral-bound version really shines. It's available soon for the same fair price of the previous version: \$6. Find it at your local Scout Shops and at www.scoutstuff.org.

Training Opportunities

Wilderness and Remote First Aid Course



This American Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid course offered by Troop 1154 is a 16-hour course designed to teach you how to handle situations when help is not readily available. This course fulfills the first aid requirement for BSA High Adventure bases and activities as well as the Venturing Core Requirement for First Aid.

When: Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, 2014

Cost: \$80

Time: 9:00am to 6:00pm

Prerequisites for Wilderness First Aid:

- You have a valid Adult CPR w/ AED Certification
- Minimum 14 years of age, be physically fit enough to take this course, and have a current BSA Health Form (Part A) on file with your home unit
- Adults have appropriate Youth Protection Training (www.myscouting.org)

Courses will be held in the Ashburn, VA area, but the location is TBD at this time.

Class size is limited and registration is on a first request basis.

If you are interested in this class email brianlaws65@gmail.com

No Refund for Cancellations or No Shows

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

District Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/NCAC-Goose-Creek-District/150234058338739

Roundtable Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/Goose-Creek-District-Cub-Scout-Roundtable/122441441115224

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.

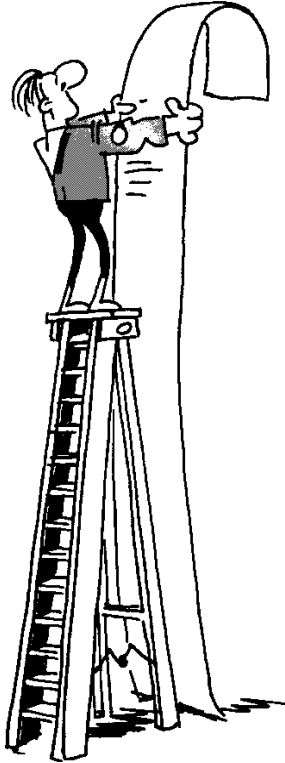
Powder Horn is based on the requirements for the prestigious Venturing Ranger Award. This award requires demonstrated proficiency in a challenging set of core and elective topics. During the course, presentations on Ranger topics are made by knowledgeable consultants with demonstrated skills and certifications, 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



District Calendar



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
- 25-26 **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

May 2015

- 13 **Program Launch**
- 25 Memorial Day
- 27 District Committee



Goose Creek Commissioners

Position	Scouter	Phone	email
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