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

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# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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## Nostalgia, Tradition, and the Relevance of Scouting

Whenever two or three Scouters get together talk eventually turns to the relevance of Scouting in 'modern society'.

Some think we've diminished the ideals of 'manliness', traditional patriotism, bootstrap initiative, competitiveness and rigor in achievement but have they really examined what those ideas actually mean? Scouting does not consider that these things are scarce, unobtainable qualities, but that each individual Scout has vast potential to develop them.

We wrangle and argue over measurements; what is 'true' manliness, patriotism, achievement? Instead of a system of measurement Scouting sets a star to travel by: the full realization of each individual Scout's potential. Our principal aim is that individual ideal; interdependent, useful human beings who become active citizens and make the world a better place.

Detractors invoke creeping 'political correctness' and suggest that we have watered down our decisiveness and morality. This old chestnut of an argument was used to condemn innovation and change since the dawn of civilization; "Romans are so trendy and effete – what ever happened to good old Etruscans?" In their opinion all we have to do is reprint the original edition of the Scout handbook and return to our imagined ideal past that, of course, never existed. Nostalgia is pleasant, but it is not history. Our forebears had to muddle through the same sorts of flaws and pressures we encounter. They did their best and so can we.

Scouting has always been, and will always remain, something that principally happens when we are out-of-doors camping and trekking our way through the natural world. This is our tradition, but we don't follow tradition blindly.

We don't go camping as a romantic, aesthetic, throwback to the good old days. We go camping because it is the most useful way to achieve the aims of Scouting. We use patrols and engage youth in leadership not because it's a quaint, anachronistic, tradition but because that's how we achieve the aims of Scouting.

Most importantly we do these things because that is what our Scouts want to do! Despite a century of societal and cultural changes there's not much difference between present day Scouts and those few that camped out on Brownsea island at the dawn of the Scouting movement.

That's our past, present and future all rolled into one.

Our Scouts neither need, nor do they particularly want, big flashy programs and entertainments. We aren't trying to entertain, we want to engage our Scouts.

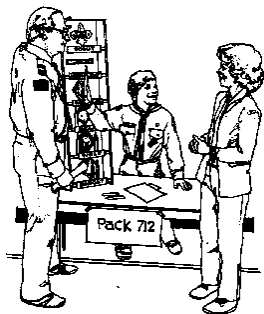
Scouting is relevant, and it will always be, so long as we don't make it into a historic re-enactment, blindly follow tradition, and resist the temptation to misdirect it's simple intentions.

Scouting is not about recreating the past, we are looking toward the future.

## District News

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

### Join Scouting Night 2014



Well it is getting close to that time of year and summer will be coming to a close. That means back to school and JSN Night.

JSN night this year will be held Wednesday, September 17, 2014.

In order to prepare your unit for this there are 3 trainings available. If you have any questions please contact Stacy Noll: [Stacey.Noll@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Stacey.Noll@GooseCreekDistrict.org).

Training sessions for JSN will be

- Wednesday, August 13, 2014 @ 6:30pm @ Leesburg United Methodist Church. This will be before Roundtable.
- Tuesday, August 19, 2014 @ 7:00pm @ Cascades Library
- Thursday, August 21, 2014 @ 7:00pm @ Ashburn Library.

Look forward to seeing you at one of the trainings.

### Webelos-o-ree 2014!



This fall (Oct 25-26) our District will be holding our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Webelos-o-ree, an overnight camping event, at Camp Snyder in Haymarket. This camping event is designed to introduce Webelos and their parents to the fun Scouting adventures ahead and to help make the transition into Boy Scouts exciting. Participation in the Webelos-o-ree is open to all those that will be fourth and fifth grade Webelos in September.

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

A full information/registration packet is posted on the District website. From the district Home page click 'Group Pages' to get a pop-up menu with a link to the Webelos-o-ree page. Requests for the packet can also be emailed to [Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org)

### Flag Retirements at Webelos-o-ree



At the Webelos-o-ree this year we would like to set up a flag retirement station and have the Webelos join in the ceremony. If anyone has, or know someone who has, a flag that is ready for retirement please contact Alan Steiner at [Alan.Steiner@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Alan.Steiner@GooseCreekDistrict.org) or bring them to one of the Roundtables.

## Troops 58 and 1158 – Patriot Cruise and Salute



Lead by **Nathan Brandt** and **Justin Logan**, 11 Scouts from Troops 58 and 1158 combined to salute and serve wounded warriors on Saturday, June 7. This is the sixth straight year that Scouts from 1158 have worked at the Patriot Cruise and Salute and the first year for Scouts from Ashburn's newest scout troop -- Troop 58 joined the activities.

The Scouts formed an honor guard as the wounded warriors exited buses that brought them to Prince William Marina for the all-day event. After the service members and their families were taken out on the water for a few hours of relaxation on boats skippered by captains who belong to the marina, they returned back where a picnic lunch was set up, a DJ got everyone moving and the Scouts helped entertain kids and family members.

The Scouts assisted the warriors and their families with dinner and generally helped out where they could. After the awarding of commemorative coins to the warriors, our Scouts were acknowledged by the event organizer to the applause of the entire crowd. When the warriors and their families left the festivities, the Scouts were a blur of activity breaking down the dining area.

The Patriot Cruise and Salute is an annual event for service members being treated for war wounds suffered in Iraq and Afghanistan at Washington-DC area veterans hospitals. For the first time, event organizers Ed and Christine Mason invited those who served in Vietnam, Korea and Desert Storm to this year's Patriot Cruise.

Multiple warriors and event volunteers expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the roles the Scouts played. Many have come back multiple years to the event, which is an all-day affair. Adults at the event included **Bob Whisenhut**, **Rich Dugdell**, **Wayne and Soledad Deer**, **Jeff Brandt** and **Ed Thiede**, who has organized the event for the Scouts for the past six years.



## Scouting for Food



Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

- Saturday, November 1st - Bag Drop-off
- Saturday, November 8th - Food Collection

As soon as the training dates/locations have been identified our Scouting for Food coordinator, Claudia Wolfson, will send out an email.

To ensure that we have the Goose Creek District territories covered, please respond directly to Claudia ([Claudia.Wolfson@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Claudia.Wolfson@GooseCreekDistrict.org)) with the POC for your unit. Please include the following information:

- Unit Type and Number (Pack, Troop, Crew)
- POC Name
- POC email
- POC Phone number
- Confirmation that your unit will be participating
- Any issues/questions about your territory

Let's all work together to ensure another successful year for this program.

## Report Those High Adventure Treks



If your troop had a crew or two do one of the BSA high adventure camps this summer we would like to post a photo of the crew in the newsletter. Just send a photo of the crew and tell us which trek they did to [GCProgram@verizon.net](mailto:GCProgram@verizon.net). This way everyone can see what great fun your Scouts are having and wonder why they aren't doing the same. Think of it as bragging rights.

LOL



### Top Ten Reasons Why I'm In Scouting

- 10 - My basement was empty and needed remodeling anyway.
- 9 - I get to wear a uniform.
- 8 - I like the smell of bug repellent.
- 7 - I enjoy going to the bathroom in the woods.
- 6 - I'm in it for the crafts.
- 5 - I'm allergic to house chores (needed something to fill the void).
- 4 - I get quality time with my son and 30 of his closest friends.
- 3 - It's a great way to collect coffee mugs.
- 2 - I needed a tax write off.
- 1 - It only takes an hour each week.





## “Cheerful Service Chatter”

Chapter News for our Arrowmen  
Lodge Website: [www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA](http://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 clothing 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](mailto:Scalesbobbie@yahoo.com)).

### What's the Scoop on a White-on-Red Order of the Arrow Sash?



As if you needed another reason to attend NOAC next summer.

You know the National Order of the Arrow Conference is the OA's signature event. You know 2015 is the Order of the Arrow's 100th Anniversary. Right there you've got two incredible reasons to attend on Aug. 3-8, 2015, at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.

Here's reason No. 3 (of about 10,000): Each NOAC participant will get a special-edition red sash. That's a sash with a white arrow on a red band— or the reverse of what Arrowmen typically wear.

The sash is only available to those who attend NOAC 2015. Full info on the red sash is available on this page.

Please also note that any images of sashes you may have seen online are prototypes. The National OA Committee is still determining whether to have all NOAC 2015 participants have the same sash or if there will be different sashes based on an individual Arrowmen's current honor.

The official decision will be made by the spring of 2015.

### 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.)

## “Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail

### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagle:

**Isaac Bowser** – Troop 1910  
**Christopher Sorin Bucsa** – Troop 1550  
**Cameron P Calpin** – Troop 1154  
**Brennan C DeBow** – Troop 2950  
**Christopher Elliott** – Troop 961  
**Nicolas W Freeman** – Troop 1154  
**Trent Anthony Manni** – Troop 997  
**Luke T Olzawski** – Troop 982  
**Philip John Van Der Hoek** – Troop 711  
**George S Walter** – Troop 2970  
**Dante Edward Webster** – Troop 1910  
**Erik H Wong** – Troop 2970

### Program Updates - 2014 and Beyond



The next three years promise to be exciting for Scouting as all three of our traditional programs will be updated based on several years of volunteer-led research and development. Venturing is first up in 2014 with a totally new program and recognition approach focusing on progressive development in adventure, leadership, and service to others and personal growth.

**Venturing:** New Venturing award requirements have been released. Drafts of Handbook for Venturers, Venturing Advisor Guidebook, and the Venturing Awards and Requirements Book were on display and are due in Scout shops soon.

**Boy Scouts:** Program changes coming in 2016

**Cub Scouts:** Samplers of new youth handbooks and den leader guides unveiling five of the 84 new adventures have been released. Other items of note include PDFs about progress-toward-rank recognition insignia; Ethan, our new Cub Scout guide; a transition guide, FAQs, and more!

The Program Updates page of Scouting.org will always have the most recent information on what is coming and when. Check out the files and opportunities at: [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx)

## Canoeing Merit Badge Requirement Changes



BSA has released a new set of requirements for the Canoeing Merit Badge. The new requirements were posted on [www.Scouting.org](http://www.Scouting.org), and are posted on [www.USScouts.org](http://www.USScouts.org), and [www.MeritBadge.org](http://www.MeritBadge.org).

In general, the changes involve more renumbering than content changes. Other than wording changes, here's how the old and new requirements compare:

- Old requirements 1, 2, and 4 were replaced by new requirements 1a - 1c.
- Old requirement 3 became requirement 2.
- Old requirements 5a-5k became requirements 3a-3c, 4a-4b, 5a-5b, 6, and 7a-7c.
- Old requirements 6a-6h became requirements 8a-8d and 9a-9d.
- Old requirement 7a-g became requirements 10a-g, and a new requirement 10h was added.
- Old requirement 8 became requirement 11.
- Old requirement 9 became requirement 12, the introduction was revised, and old requirement 9e was dropped.
- Old requirement 10a was replaced with requirements 13a and 13b, and 10b-10f became 13c-13g.

The details of all the changes can be seen at:

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/changes/mb033-14.asp>

## Life-to-Eagle Seminar (Training)



Yes indeed, as promised some time ago, the next installment of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) 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 encouraged to attend. The key goal is to get each of the unit Eagle Advisers up to speed on changes to the process, and some of the district-level mechanics of same. That way, they can help share the message to the Life Scouts in their units on a more frequent basis.

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 is one more L2E Conference; serving the central & western portions of our district.

- Saturday, October 18 ... TBD (but probably the Rust Library)

## To Parents at an Eagle Court of Honor

Reprinted from [www.scoutmastercg.com](http://www.scoutmastercg.com), July 9, 2014



Here's an idea of what can be said at an Eagle Court of Honor to help parents understand their role in Scouting.

This is a big day, and it all goes by fast. Before we go any further; mom and dad, take a moment to look at your Scout.

A Scout goes through uncertain times to get to a day like today.

Take a moment to think about every boy who becomes a Scout. As a crowd, they are predictable.

As individuals, well, you never quite know.

Who knows what they'll be thinking and doing today? They wake up in a new world every morning. Yesterday they may have been passionate about one thing; tomorrow they'll have their hearts set on another – who can tell?

Scouting thrives on all this uncertainty by setting surmountable obstacles, asking the right questions, and guiding them towards the right answers. Scouting provides a safe environment where failure has real consequences, and success has real rewards. As Scouts do all the things that Scouts do they learn to do for themselves and serve the interests of others.

Each one of them makes their own way; some Scouts make it to an Eagle Court of Honor.

I've been around long enough now to watch our Scouts go from a day like today to become college professors, army captains, engineers, teachers, television personalities, lawyers, executives, doctors, and tradesmen. While they follow different paths they all become decent, contributing, citizens with a sense of service, and decent human beings with a sense of compassion.

That's our measure of success in Scouting, that's our aim.

The Eagle Scouts we recognize today stand astride their futures. It will be some time before we know what they will become.

They approach their future knowing they have what it takes to achieve. The badge and medal we present today symbolize this vast potential.

I get to talk to many Scouts; it's the best part of my job as a Scoutmaster. Most have at least some idea how you get to a day like today; but they aren't exactly sure.

It takes three things to become an Eagle Scout, desire, drive, and a family's support and encouragement.

I'll tell you that drive comes from desire, not the other way around. Scouts have to want to reach a day like today; they can't be driven towards it, and we wouldn't want to drive them if we could.

We can't drive them, but we can look for that spark of desire, encourage it, and give it room to grow.

So, before we go any further, look at your Scout. What will he become? What does life hold in store?

You can help him reach a day like today; it's an opportunity waiting there for him. Let's all do our part to make it a reality.



## 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 have responded already.

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

Thank you,  
Advancement Committee Chair, [MSVA\\_Tenor@yahoo.com](mailto:MSVA_Tenor@yahoo.com)

## Yes, Summer Months Count Toward Advancement Time



Most Scouts are taking a break from school right now, but Scouting doesn't take summers off. Yet some troops don't do activities during this time and occasionally a Scoutmaster will say that summer months don't count toward Boy Scout advancement requirements. That means he doesn't count June, July or August as valid months required for Scouts needing four active months for Star or six active months for Life.

In response to this Mike Lo Vecchio of the BSA's Content Management Team states:

*A Scout who is currently registered and has not been removed from his unit because of disciplinary reasons should not be penalized because his unit is inactive during the summer months.*

*Requirements completed for merit badges and ranks must be counted.*

*If he holds a position of responsibility during the time his unit is not active, he cannot be penalized, and his time must be counted.*

*As with all service hours for Second Class, Star and Life, they must be approved by the unit leader.*

*If service hours are to be performed during the months the unit is not active, the unit leader should not disapprove otherwise valid service and prevent the Scout from completing his requirements.*

## Council / National News

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

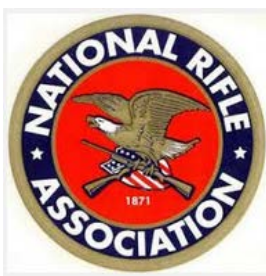
For additional help setting up your unit's profile, visit

<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](http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/Awards/JourneyToExcellence/unit_tips.aspx)

### Seeking Applications for 2014-2015 BSA/NRA Youth Ambassador Program



Each year, the Boy Scouts of America searches for two youth to represent the program as NRA Youth Ambassadors. The National Rifle Association and the Boy Scouts of America have had a partnership in shooting sports programs for youth for many years. This program started as a way for the BSA to have youth representation at the annual SHOT Show to thank our vendors and supporters for their involvement and support of our shooting sports programs at camps and councils around the country.

Years ago, the BSA saw value in selecting a couple of youth members to attend the shooting/hunting industry's trade show called the SHOT Show. It was so successful that the National Rifle Foundation's Youth Programs Committee decided to adopt the same program, now called the NRA Ambassador program. The NRA asks each youth-serving program it works with, such as the BSA, High School Rodeo Association, Royal Rangers, and others, to recruit youth ambassadors to represent their own organizations as well as the NRA youth programs at various events and to undertake special projects during their year of service.

We invite any Boy Scout, Venturer, or Sea Scout who will be at least 16 and not older than 20 during 2015 to apply for this most important position to represent Scouting. The application form and more detailed information about the program and its responsibilities are available at [www.scouting.org/filestore/doc/BSA-NRA\\_Ambassador\\_Application.doc](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/doc/BSA-NRA_Ambassador_Application.doc). Applications are due no later than August 15, 2014.

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

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

## Film Showcases the Power of Scouting But Doesn't Sugarcoat It



Meaning no disrespect to *Follow Me, Boys!*, an American classic. But that 1966 film doesn't speak to most of today's 30-something parents in need of a character-building organization for their son or daughter.

It especially doesn't resonate with those parents in America's inner cities who desperately want a way to steer their children away from violence and crime.

That's why anyone considering Scouting needs to see *Troop 491: The Adventures of the Muddy Lions*. It's available on DVD this month.

The film from Praphetic Productions is a work of fiction, but the premise is all too real:

A middle-schooler named Tristan lives in the inner city. His mom, wanting to keep him off the streets, signs him up for Scouting. Soon after, Tristan witnesses a murder, and the local thug demands his silence. He's left with the choice between Scouting's values and the code of the streets. He learns, with the help of his Scout friends, that doing the right thing isn't easy.

Watch the trailer, and you'll want to see this powerful film that encapsulates the power of Scouting but does so in a way that's gritty and avoids sentimentalism. Learn more and pre-order the DVD at the film's official website: [www.troop491-movie.com/](http://www.troop491-movie.com/)

The Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch, in its writeup about the movie, reveals that the film's writer and director grew up in Scouting in Richmond. He "attributes much of his core values to the time he spent with his troop: leadership, achieving goals and helping others," according to the story.

The Boy Scouts "is a counter to gang culture," Patrick Ricks told the newspaper. "The acute need for it is still there."

We should warn you that there is some strong language in the film — not unlike what actual Scout-age children would hear on the streets. We encourage you to watch it yourself before screening it for older Scouts.

### How the BSA is using *Troop 491*

The Boy Scouts of America is harnessing the power of *Troop 491* to recruit chartered organizations into Scouting.

As this Scout Wire post explains (<http://scout-wire.org/2014/06/05/the-adventures-of-the-muddy-lions-a-unique-approach-to-developing-new-units/>), the BSA is developing campaign materials for councils to use *Troop 491* to help "start conversations with churches about organizing a Cub Scout pack or Boy Scout troop as part of their ministry to youth."

Expect to see that campaign early next year.

In the meantime, watch the trailer and order the DVD here: [www.troop491-movie.com/#!/muddylions-store/csiu](http://www.troop491-movie.com/#!/muddylions-store/csiu)

## Scout Champions the Environment One Drop at a Time

*From the blog of the Chief Scout Executive, Wayne Brock [www.bsachief.com/?p=1017](http://www.bsachief.com/?p=1017)*



I am always fascinated by the mechanisms by which our Scouts serve their communities. We often see Scouts who have a love for the outdoors, enjoy helping the elderly, or are driven to gather food for the needy.

But it's not often that you find a Scout serving his community with barrels.

Scout Alex Sivak of Clarendon Hills, Illinois, is using rain barrels to take a unique approach to water conservation.

Alex Sivak, member of Boy Scout Troop 51, stands with one of his rain barrels at Sloan Triangle in Downtown Clarendon (photo not included in this reprint).

For his Eagle Scout project, Alex launched a convincing campaign to help businesses understand why rain barrels are so important to the environment. (For instance, did you know that a quarter inch of rain falling on an average roof yields more than 200 gallons of water?) Thanks to his efforts, business owners bought recycled barrels and set them out on their premises to capture rain water.

Alex has since acted to lobby local organizations and promote water conservation tactics, referring individuals to a website where they can buy rain barrels. He has also purchased six rain barrels and donated one to a different local school to help promote a barrel decorating contest in his community.

Remember the Chicago cows that suddenly appeared on Windy City streets in the summer of 1999? Think of this campaign as the Clarendon Hills barrels. It's really catching on – and much faster than Alex anticipated.

As much fun as Alex has had promoting his barrel campaign, he still thinks back to the adventures and life-changing experiences he's encountered since his first days as a Cub Scout – camping, cave exploration, even glassblowing. "Those are things that I never would've done if I never joined Scouting," he said.

Thanks to Alex's innovative thinking and his tremendous perseverance and leadership, his home community is really "barreling along" to conserve water. Way to go, Alex!

Conservation efforts are important to our future, so it's wonderful to see how innovation can create novel approaches to keeping our environment protected. What innovative thinking have you seen among the young people you work with to be stewards to the environment? Share your stories with me!

## The One Million Mark!

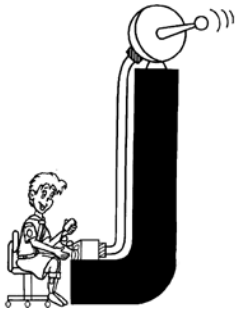


Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico has reached the one millionth camper mark!. That is a lot of Scouts! To commemorate this milestone a new patch has gone on sale at the Tooth Of Time Traders website at a cost of \$3:

[www.toothoftimetraders.com/2014-Adventure-Patch/PABAADJPFCJOEKNF/Product](http://www.toothoftimetraders.com/2014-Adventure-Patch/PABAADJPFCJOEKNF/Product)



## Best Online Resources for Learning Morse Code



Article from <http://scoutingrediscovered.com/not-categorized/best-online-resources-for-learning-morse-code/>

Ham Radio and Scouting have had a long and solid relationship. Back in 2012, I wrote an article of the Top 10 Reasons You Should Get a Ham Radio License. I also wrote a couple of articles about Jamboree On The Air – the annual Ham Radio event just for Scouts (<http://scoutingrediscovered.com/lifecraft/three-reasons-why-you-should-participate-in-jota-guest-post-on-amateurradio-com/> and <http://scoutingrediscovered.com/scoutcraft/my-experience-with-the-jamboree-on-the-air/>).

One of the ways Ham Radio and Scouting intersect is in the area of Morse Code. Morse code represents letters and numbers with a series of short pulses and long pulses (“dots and dashes” or “dits and dahs”).

Ham Radio operators use Morse to transmit and receive messages in situations where voice cannot. Similarly, Scouts have historically taught themselves Morse code for use in emergency communication. Today, it isn’t required for an Amateur Radio license, but it is still fun to learn and continues to serve in emergencies when other methods of communication fail.

I have scoured the internet for the best free online tools to help you master the code in short order. There are great smartphone apps and downloadable programs you can use as well, but for this list I have stuck with online apps only.

**Learn CW Online** – This website is hands-down one of the best free online courses for learning Morse Code (CW). You can create an account and keep track of your progress. It follows one of the most universally recommended methods for learning: The Koch method. <http://lcwo.net/>

**K6RAU Code Course** – This website offers a complete CW audio course available for mp3 download. It was first made and broadcast over the radio in the 1970’s for Boy Scouts who were learning. [www.pdarri.org/K6RAU/](http://www.pdarri.org/K6RAU/)

**The Ham Whisperer Morse Course** – This is a complete and well-done video based curriculum for learning Morse Code. It also gives exercises for practice. [www.hamwhisperer.com/p/morse-code-course.html](http://www.hamwhisperer.com/p/morse-code-course.html)

**AA9PW Morse Code Practice** – This website offers a helpful tool that generates Morse code using parameters you specify. It is helpful for practicing your receiving skills. <http://aa9pw.com/morsecode/>

**Morse on Kongregate** – Kongregate is an online platform where people can share games they created. One person created a fun little game for learning and practicing Morse code. It’s not perfect, but it’s the best online game I found and made me want to keep playing. [www.kongregate.com/games/dgreisen/morse](http://www.kongregate.com/games/dgreisen/morse)

**A Beginner’s Guide to Making CW Contacts** – While not a tool for learning Morse, this webpage provides a wealth of information on how CW contacts are made and the common practices and etiquette involved. [www.netwalk.com/~fsv/CWguide.htm](http://www.netwalk.com/~fsv/CWguide.htm)

## 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.

## 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 group and the group must

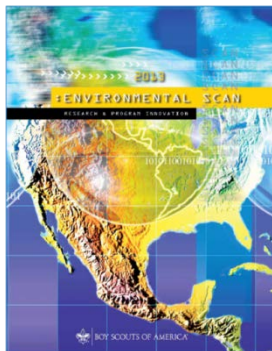
- (1) Register themselves and their members with the event,
- (2) Take responsibility for meeting youth protection and control requirements of their respective organizations and
- (3) Must have a dive professional attached to the group to take responsibility for their members diving activities.

## Scuba Diving Training Scholarships



The Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI) has a scholarship program that awards various levels of grants to individual Scouts/Venturers Troops/Venture Crews for PADI diver training courses. The scholarships applications must be submitted to BSA National Office no later than December 31, 2014. The forms are available at [www.NCACBSA.org/PADI](http://www.NCACBSA.org/PADI).

## 2014 Environmental Scan



The 2014 Environmental Scan is now available at [www.scouting.org/About/Research/environmental\\_scan.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/About/Research/environmental_scan.aspx). This report is compiled by the Research & Program Innovation department of the BSA and updated annually. It includes an indexed summary of social trends and facts affecting the Boy Scouts of America to help councils:

- Develop local council strategic plans
- Create marketing tools
- Recruit volunteers
- Improve fundraising effectiveness

This Environmental Scan provides the most up-to-date data available at the time of publication from government agencies and other sources.

## Calling All New BSA Lifeguards



If you or a member of your unit completed BSA Lifeguard, Swimming and Water Rescue, Paddle Craft Safety, or BSA Lifeguard Counselor courses at camp this summer, please send a note to Mike Meenehan ([mmmeenehan@cox.net](mailto:mmmeenehan@cox.net)) so we can ensure that the NCAC Aquatics Committee has documented your achievements. This is especially critical if you completed them outside NCAC.

## Why are SSN's Required on an Adult Application



An adult applicant's Social Security number is required on the adult application form in order for the National Council to conduct a criminal background check. This is done on every volunteer who applies for membership in the BSA. The applicant's date of birth and driver's license numbers are also used to help identify potential issues with a volunteer and screen out those who may not be appropriate in a position where they work with youth. The BSA will not accept an application unless the Social Security number is provided.

The BSA understands the importance of confidentiality in maintaining this personal information and encourages units and chartered organizations to do the same. Therefore, the SSN space is blocked out on the carbonless copies of the form (the unit, chartered organization and applicant copies) so this information cannot be seen or retained by the unit. While this does not stop a committee chair or chartered organization representative from seeing it on the form (these two individuals must sign their approval to all volunteers in the unit), A Scout is Trustworthy enough to not misuse this information.

All applications, upon acceptance by the council office, are scanned and sent to the national office in Irving, Texas for data entry. Background checks are conducted by the BSA's National Council in Irving, Texas as part of screening and registering all adult volunteers. These background checks are performed by LexisNexis, which also does background checks for state and local governments as well as other national volunteer organizations. (You could even use their services personally – when hiring a housekeeper or babysitter, for instance.) In almost all cases, processing goes smoothly and nothing further is heard. In the rare instance that a problem is discovered during the background check, the National Council will notify council and the chartered organization (but not the unit leader or other volunteers). The chartered organization would then have the responsibility to remove that particular volunteer from service.

We must realize that the interests of protecting the youth in our care take top priority, and this is the reason that the personal information is collected from each volunteer.



## United States Patent and Trademark Expo This Fall



The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will host the expo on Friday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday October 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the USPTO's headquarters in Alexandria (600 Dulany Street, Alexandria VA 22314).

The Expo is a free, family-friendly event designed to educate the public about trademarks which includes:

- Educational workshops and activities for children and adults
- Numerous exhibits featuring trademarks
- Display comparing counterfeit goods with authentic goods
- Customized characters and inflatables featuring trademarks
- Trademark activity guides
- Small giveaways featuring trademarks

At Children's workshops, there will be games, quizzes, and fun and informative presentations about what trademarks are, why trademarks matter, and what it means to "register" a trademark. Adult seminars include Trademarks 101, Counterfeiting and Piracy – Why Buy "Legit"?, and Trademark Basics: What Every Small Business Should Know. The workshops and seminars will run once an hour on Friday and Saturday.

Boy Scouts are welcome! If there are questions contact [Chrisie.King@uspto.gov](mailto:Chrisie.King@uspto.gov). More information is also available on the USPTO's website at [www.NCACBSA.org/USPTO](http://www.NCACBSA.org/USPTO)

## On-Line Resource of the Month



At [www.HikingBackpacksReview.com](http://www.HikingBackpacksReview.com), we gather together only accurate information and personal experience to lay the foundation of solid and balanced reviews. Finding the best hiking backpack is a demanding task, particularly because there are plenty of brands and models out there, but not all of them might be appropriate for your particular needs. Our opinions are honest and, above all, helpful, discussing all aspects that are necessarily involved in the decision-making process.

We structure all hiking backpack reviews in a simple and easy-to-follow style that conveys information in comprehensive terms. We know that some people might not be actually familiarized with the terminology, but since we aim to make everything clear to you and provide you with the necessary information to make a good choice, we always make sure to write reviews that are visual and offer information in a simple manner. We cover a wide array of brands, including Kelty and Osprey, along with all their models, so that you can form an idea pertaining their quality, durability and other advantages & disadvantages of buying a specific one. With us, you will always make wise decisions that will enhance your hiking trips, making them more pleasurable than ever before.

## Equipment / Gear

### How to Fit a Backpack



If you routinely experience back pain, shoulder pain, or hip pain when you carry a backpack, there's a good chance that your backpack doesn't fit you or that you're not wearing it properly. This is surprisingly common among backpackers, and one of the main reasons why people don't go hiking more often.

#### The Biggest Mistakes that People Make

The number #1 reason why backpacks don't fit is because people buy packs with the wrong torso size. Before you buy a pack, measure your torso (<http://bit.ly/VBiQbc>). Backpacks with adjustable torso lengths can ameliorate this problem, but they are heavier.

The number #2 reason why backpacks don't fit is because the hip belt is too big or too small. Many manufacturers only make hipbelts in one size for their backpacks, and that size might not fit you. Come to terms with this and find a backpack that fits your waist, as it is today. Some manufacturers also offer replaceable hipbelts that can be switched out on backpacks, ensuring a perfect fit.

Don't be tempted to buy a pack because it's on sale, unless it fits your torso and hip size. Doing that is a mistake and you'll suffer needlessly for it.

For more information check out:

- <http://sectionhiker.com/how-to-fit-a-backpack/>
- [www.ems.com/shop/index.jsp?categoryid=11668187](http://www.ems.com/shop/index.jsp?categoryid=11668187)

### Hydration Pack Reviews

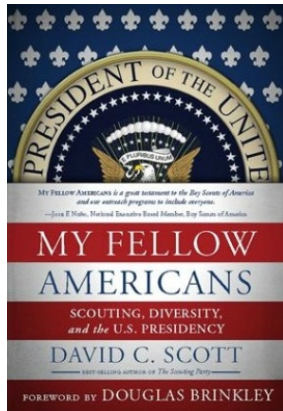


Ever since the first CamelBak arrived over a decade ago, options have changed a lot and there is now an overwhelming number of innovations and options. Which of these innovations is necessary and do you even need a dedicated hydration pack at all?

For a good hydration pack review - [www.outdoorgearlab.com/Hydration-Pack-Reviews](http://www.outdoorgearlab.com/Hydration-Pack-Reviews)

## Books

### *My Fellow Americans – Scouting and the Presidency*



In his new book, *My Fellow Americans: Scouting, Diversity, and the U.S. Presidency*, historian David Scott chronicles something we all know something of, but do not know enough about; the special relationship between Scouting and the presidency.

Though the image of the presidency is all too often skewed by charged political divisiveness fomented by a continuous steam of partisan rhetoric, Scott's work is a refreshingly clear and positive message of potential, and unity.

Scott parallels each chief executive's contribution to building the Scouting movement with evolving social policies aimed at racial and religious equality, appeals to selfless service, and fostering world peace through mutual understanding. The resulting narrative reveals how each president laid aside their partisan interests and challenged Scouts to exemplify good citizenship in serving others selflessly.

If pressed most of us could name the first president who had been a Scout (Kennedy) and which was an Eagle Scout (Ford), that every president since Teddy Roosevelt has been an honorary president of the B.S.A., and recall that there's a ceremonial annual report to the nation from B.S.A. youth representatives.

Scott's scholarship reveals a much, much richer history.

*My Fellow Americans* profiles each president's relationship with Scouting chronologically. A rich collection of speeches and correspondence describes how each chief executive valued and encouraged the ideals of Scouting in detail. Scott's work reveals the common thread woven through 19 presidencies, encouragement to rise above the minor things that divide us to our highest and best ambitions as Scouts and as citizens.

## Training Opportunities

### Unit Recharter Requires Trained Leaders



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

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

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

### Upcoming IOLS and OLSWL Training



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

**Prerequisites:** Youth Protection Training, (available online at [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org)).

**Date/Location:** Aug 8-9, Blue Ridge Regional Park, Blue Ridge Mountain Road, Bluemont, VA 20135. It starts at 4:00 PM Friday afternoon and ends 5:00 PM Saturday afternoon. There is a \$40 fee for this class.

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

Please register by going to: [http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/event\\_details.asp?id=461802&group=114098](http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=461802&group=114098)



## Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills



This course is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Explorer). This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders. All participants must have completed Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing or, Varsity or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course and be able to meet physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

The target audience is leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedown will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure.

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills is offered by the Council Training Committee as an optional follow-on to the basic course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

**Dates:** (Participants must attend both sessions to complete the training)

- Session 1: Saturday September 27, 2014, 8AM to 5PM
- Session 2: Saturday October 25, 2014 7:30AM to Sunday October 26, 2014 1:30PM.

**Cost:**

\$40

**Contact:**

Dominick Caridi:

[DscScouting@aol.com](mailto:DscScouting@aol.com)

Phone: 703-625-4196

**Online Registration:** (available until 9/22)

[www.ncacbsa.org/event/BCOLS2014#](http://www.ncacbsa.org/event/BCOLS2014#)

## Swimming and Water Rescue Training



Safe Swim Defense guidelines recommend that adult leaders have additional training to safely supervise aquatics activities. For activities that include swimming, Swimming and Water Rescue is the specific training needed.

BSA Lifeguard is no longer designed to meet the needs of unit leaders. Swimming and Water Rescue is the training that allows a unit leader to safely and confidently supervise swimming activities. The last Swimming and Water Rescue course for the year that includes the in-water component is September 6 and Camp Snyder. Passing the BSA swimmer classification test is a pre-requisite for the course.

Registration can be done at [www.NCACBSA.org/Aquatics](http://www.NCACBSA.org/Aquatics).

## Leave No Trace Trainer Course – BSA Outdoor Ethics



**What is the purpose of this class?** The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Trainers. Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have at least one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer. A Boy Scout must complete this course before he can serve in the Troop Leave No Trace Trainer position.

**Who should attend?** Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Boy Scouts aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

**What will I learn?** This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers. Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required.

**Location:** Izaak Walton League, Germantown MD

**Dates:** October 10, 2014 (5 pm) to October 12 (10 am)

**Cost:** \$38, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals are not included.

Registration deadline for this course is September 26, 2014.

Registration is via the NCAC website.

(Campsite location, equipment list, and other course details will be emailed to participants upon registration. Each participant will have an assignment to prepare for the training.)

For additional information, please contact course director Paul Schimke at

[paul@schimke.org](mailto:paul@schimke.org) or 301.906.0069

## Leave No Trace Master Educator Course



The Master Educator Course provides participants with a comprehensive training in Leave No Trace skills and ethics through practical application in a field-based setting. The first weekend is a mix of classroom and outdoor instruction, introducing the course and schedule, providing in-depth information on the overall Leave No Trace program as well as the Center, reviewing gear and packing. The second weekend is spent in the field on a short backcountry trip, learning and practicing Leave No Trace principles.

Each course is staffed with a minimum of two highly experienced outdoor professionals who are Master Educator instructors. Participants will learn Leave No Trace techniques through skits, discussions, and hands-on activities. To practice Leave No Trace teaching strategies in a supportive, educational environment, each participant will teach a short session focused on the seven Leave No Trace principles.

Every participant who completes a Master Educator course receives a one-year, complimentary membership to Leave No Trace. This membership gives new Master Educators better access to teaching resources, as well as closer contact with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics for education, training, and outreach questions.

**Who:** Any adult (18 yrs old and above) who wants to expand their LNT reach by learning how to train Leave No Trace trainers. Prerequisite: A Leave No Trace Trainer certificate or approval from your Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate

**When and Where:** Sept. 12-14, 2014, Camp Snyder, Haymarket, Va., and Sept. 25-28, 2014, Prince William Forest Park, Triangle, Va. Attendance at both weekends is required.

**Cost:** \$260, which includes meals for both weekends and a year's membership with LNT's Center for Outdoor Ethics.

Register via the NCAC website. Deadline: Friday, Aug. 22, 2014

Questions? Contact Mike Mercer at [advisor@jmsat.com](mailto:advisor@jmsat.com), by phone at 703-281-5816 (home) 703-403-4222 (iPhone), or at 888-438-3881 (pager). Or write to him at 506 Mashie Dr. SE, Vienna, VA 22180.

## Online Training



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

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

### Safe Swim Defense

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

### Safety Afloat

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

### Climb On Safely

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

### Trek Safely

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

### Weather Hazards

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





## Cub Leader Pow Wow



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

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

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

Pow Wow is Saturday, November 15, 2014. Doors open at 7:30 am. Walk-in registration and pre-registered pack pick-up starting at 8:00 am. Please, no early arrivals.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

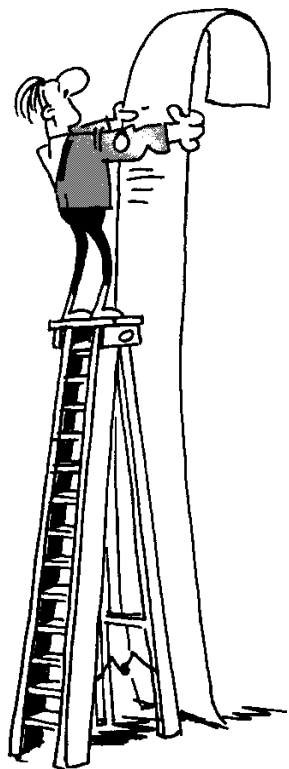
Last year pre-registration was \$35.

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

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

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

## District Calendar



### August 2014

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

### September 2014

- 1 Labor Day
- 1 First Day of School
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 Commissioner RT
- 17 Join Scouting Night
- 24 District Committee

### October 2014

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 8 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
- 12 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
- 14 Commissioner RT
- 20 MLK Jr. Day
- 28 District Committee
- 26 Moveable School Holiday
- 30 *Freeze-o-ree (TBD)*

### February 2015

- 1 *Freeze-o-ree (TBD)*
- 1 Scout Sunday
- 7 Scout Sabbath
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 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
- 11 Commissioner RT
- 25 District COH
- 30 Spring Break Starts

### April 2015

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

### May 2015

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

### June 2015

- 6 *Soda Bottle Rocket Derby*
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 Commissioner RT
- 16 Last Day of School
- 24 District Committee

### July 2015

- 4 Independence Day



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# 2014 "Loudoun Good Scout" Award Dinner

**Tuesday, September 9, 2014**

6:30 PM - Reception

7:15 PM - Program & Dinner

## National Conference Center

18980 Upper Belmont Pl.

Lansdowne, VA 20176

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Seating for 6, quarter-page program advertisement and program listing and presentation at event
- ☐ **\$1,250 - Bronze Sponsor**  
Seating for 4, presentation at event and listing
- ☐ **\$500 - Friend Sponsor**  
Two tickets and program listing
- ☐ **\$300 - Scout Sponsor**  
Sponsor a Scout in Scouting for 1 year in Dr. Hatrick's name
- ☐ Please reserve seats for \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s) at \$200 each.
- ☐ Though I cannot attend, I am pleased to enclose a \$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution to the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

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☐ **I intend to use \_\_\_\_\_ seats**

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*Local Scouts will receive seating at each table in addition to those allocated based on your sponsorship.*

*Note: A portion of your contribution may not be tax deductible per IRS regulations.*

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