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

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- Nov 8 – SFF Bag Pickup
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- Dec 5 – Training - COR
- Dec 10 – Roundtable
- Dec 17 – Annual District business Meeting
- Jan 14 – Roundtable
- Jan 30 – Freeze-o-ree

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

Goose Creek District Newsletter



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By Michael Tances Jr., Scoutmaster, <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/09/17/one-scoutmasters-thoughts-will-inspire/>



Why We Do This: One Scoutmaster's Thoughts

After spending a week at Summer Camp, sleeping in a tent and enduring all types of weather, here are a few things I observed:

I saw 16- to 17-year-old Scouts take a shy, quiet Scout who was new to our troop under their wings and make sure he felt welcome.

I saw a Scout that had never been "Up North" tube and canoe down the Rifle River, laughing and in awe of everything he was seeing.

I saw a young lady Venturer, new to the Scouting program, take to it like a duck to water, and it was amazing how she could get the other Venturers to work with her.

I saw young boys who have never been away from home making breakfast for 25 people and smiling while we guided them through it.

I saw young Scouts playing an actual board game — no controller needed — imagine that for a second!

I saw Scouts sit through hours of rain and not complain.

I saw young Scouts who thought they could do it all by themselves figure out that it's better to work as a team.

I saw a Scout who was in tears last year when he couldn't make it three feet up the climbing tower climb like he'd been doing it for years while the troop cheered him on — a moment I will never forget.

I saw a young Scout whose feet could barely touch the water when he was in his tube never give up in the relay race, even though he didn't make it more than 10 feet from shore. His troop rallied around him, praising him from not giving up.

I saw Scouts who didn't understand why they were asked to do things (but did them anyway) stand tall when their troop's number was called to stand and receive their Honor Troop Award — some of them may have even pumped up their chests a bit!

Through it all, I saw nothing but smiles, and that, folks, is why we do it! When it's all said and done, it's not about me or the other adult leaders in camp.

It's about the Scouts, and I'm proud to be their Scoutmaster..

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

Welcome to New Leaders



We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the adults who have volunteered to be leaders in their unit, whether working with the Scouts or as members of the committee. You have a lot of work ahead of you but there are several things that will make your job much easier:

1. **Training.** This will not only help you understand what your new position requires but it will give you many practical tools and resources on how to do the job easier. We know it takes a time commitment up front, but the time it will save you in your position weekly/monthly will more than make up for it.
2. **Roundtable.** This is a meeting open to all leaders (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and committee members) that is held on the second Wednesday of every month (except July), at 7:30 PM in the Leesburg United Methodist Church. Besides covering district, council, and national announcements there are separate breakout sessions for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts where upcoming monthly Cub themes or Scout topics are covered. Its great for not only learning what is happening in Scouting but also to meet other leaders and to hear how they deal with problems.
3. **Email distribution lists.** Subscribing to the district email list will get you important notifications about upcoming events and you'll also get this great newsletter sent directly to you monthly. All you have to do is to send an email to Communications@GooseCreekDistrict.org and specify whether you want to be on the Pack, Troop, or Crew distribution list (or any combination of them).

Day Camp 2015



With school ending later this year the date for our District's Day Camp has been set for June 22-26. Council has also informed us that after keeping prices the same for three years that this year they will have to increase the cost to attend by \$10. For 2015 the prices will be:

- On or Before April 17th \$175
- After April 17th but before May 15th \$195
- After May 15th \$215

Did You Notice Something Interesting on the Council Website?



Has anyone checked out the scrolling banners that appear on the Council's home page?

- Did you see one of our prominent Scouters on the PowWow banner, someone who's there at every Roundtable?
- See which Goose Creek Pack had won 1st place in last year's Kudo Yard Sign Contest?

District Committee Nominations



Are you looking for ways to serve the Scouts in the Goose Creek District or know an individual that would be great in a leadership role? There are several areas in which to serve and your skills might be just what the District needs. The Nominating Committee is requesting recommendations of candidates for consideration for possible inclusion on the District slate of Officers and Members-at-Large to be presented at the District Annual Meeting on December 17 (7:30 pm at the Leesburg United Methodist Church).

The slate includes nominees for:

- DISTRICT CHAIR
- VICE CHAIR - MEMBERSHIP
- VICE CHAIR - FINANCE
- VICE CHAIR - PROGRAM
- MEMBERS-AT-LARGE
- DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (subject to Council Executive Board Approval)

In addition to the slate of nominees, we are seeking potential candidates for the following:

- Camping Chair
- Boy Scout Training Coordinator
- Cub Scout Training Coordinator
- Venturing Training Coordinator
- Webelos to Scout Transition Coordinator
- Join Scouting Night Coordinator
- Community Friends of Scouting Coordinator
- Endowment

Nominations can be submitted by the DECEMBER 1, 2014 DEADLINE to Nominating Committee Chair, Bob Wertz, in person or by email to bob.wertz@goosecreekdistrict.org When submitting a name for consideration, please include the candidate's phone number and email address, and recommended position. To provide a fair and orderly nominating process, nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the time of election. You may contact Bob with any questions at 703 728-3610.

Troop 1941 Open House



Troop 1941 is inviting all Webelos and their families to visit their Open House on December 1 to learn what it is like to be a Boy Scout and see what exciting adventures the troop has planned for next year.

Date: December 1, 2014

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Farmwell Station Middle School
44281 Gloucester Pkwy, Ashburn, VA

Rechartering!!!!



Hopefully everyone has been communicating with your unit commissioners for any help you may require for your 2015 unit rechartering task. Remember that 31 December is going to be a hard stop. **If you do not have your recharter packet turned in to your Unit Commissioner by 31 December, on 1 January 2015, your unit will be dropped from the active unit lists.** You will have to go through the actions of chartering a new unit. And, during the period that the unit is not active, **NO youth advancement can be recognized or recorded**, since all advancements have the implicit requirement of the youth being an active registered Scout. So, **for the sake of the Scouts**, please submit your rechartering materials on time!

Please don't let problems or issues sit around and fester. They will not get better with age. Contact your unit commissioner, your Assistant District Commissioner, the District Commissioner (Kurt Struder), or our District Director (Peggy Durbin) for any help you may require. Don't hesitate to call!

By now you should have:

- Contacted your rechartering organization's Executive Head (not the Charter Rep) to see when he/she will be available to sign your recharter when it is completed. It doesn't any good to have everything ready and then find out the person who has to sign it is away for the holidays.
- Logged into the electronic rechartering site to ensure 1) that you can do it and 2) so see who is not listed in the current unit list and will need a full application.
- Checked to see who needs their Youth Protection Training (YPT) updated. Adults cannot recharter without this.

Leave No Trace Awareness



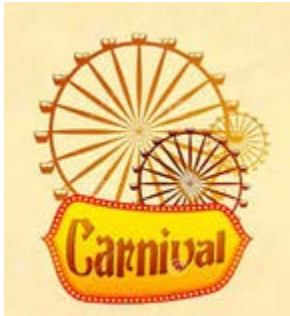
Requirement #4 for the Cub Scout Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award says to "participate in an outdoor ethics activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master."

Requirement #5 for the Boy Scout Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award says to "Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop, or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master."

The person who can facilitate the outdoor ethics activity is any person who is any of the following: a Leave No Trace Master Educator or Trainer, a Tread Lightly! Master Tread Trainer or Tread Trainer, a person who has completed either the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course (not yet available, but in beta testing) or the BSA Leave No Trace 101 course, or any person who has earned the BSA Leave No Trace Awareness Card. It's also allowable for any individual designated by a council outdoor ethics advocate or, in the absence of an advocate, the Scout executive or his or her designee, to facilitate the "outdoor ethics activity."

If you would like to facilitate the outdoor ethics activity for your pack or troop, but don't have a LNT Awareness Card, please email George Birsic (LNT Master Educator, Goose Creek Rep, NCAC Outdoor Ethics Committee) at goosecreek.ccosc@gmail.com. If there is enough interest, he will schedule an LNT Awareness seminar.

A Night Out With Loudoun County Scouts



To help raise the necessary funds for our district, the district's Finance Committee, with the help of Troop 1941, has arranged two special events.

The first consists of agreements with several of the county's restaurants that if you eat there on a certain night and present the coupon at the end of this newsletter to them, they will reimburse the district with a part of the check. Thus, you get to eat out one or more nights and it benefits the district. And it isn't just for Scout families; anyone can use do it so please pass on the coupon page to friends, family, and co-workers.

The restaurants and dates are:

- Nov 15th (Saturday)
 - Panera Bread, Ashburn (4 PM – 6 PM)
- Nov 16th (Sunday)
 - Bertucci's, Ashburn (Dine-in and Carry Out)
- Nov 17th (Monday)
 - Buffalo Wild Wings, Dulles & Leesburg
 - Coaches Corner, Purcellville
 - Manhattan Pizzeria & Luv'n Berry, Ashburn & South Riding
- Nov 18th (Tuesday)
 - Papa John's, All Loudoun Locations (All Day & Includes Delivery)
- Nov 19th (Wednesday)
 - Not Your Average Joe's, Leesburg
 - Buffalo Wing Factory, Ashburn, Reston, & Sterling (5 PM – 10 PM)
- Nov 20th (Thursday)
 - Fuddrucker's, Ashburn (5 PM – 9 PM)
 - Red Hot & Blue, Sterling
 - Red Robin, Ashburn
 - Primo Hoagies, Leesburg
- Nov 21st (Friday)
 - The Green Turtle, Dulles & Leesburg
- Nov 22nd (Saturday)
 - China Taste, Ashburn

The second event is even more fun, it's an 'Old Town Carnival' that will be held Friday Nov 14th, 6 – 9 PM, at One Loudoun, located at Route 7 and the Loudoun County Parkway (www.oneloudoun.com/). Besides the games and music there will be food, raffles, and a Silent Auction. So come one, come all, and have a great fun evening.

Webelos-o-ree 2014!



On Oct 25-26 the District held our 10th annual Webelos-o-ree, an overnight camping event for Webelos, at Camp Snyder in Haymarket. Once again, thanks to the meticulous planning by the event staff, the weather was just about perfect (i.e., we got lucky again! But we were never really worried; after all, everyone knows it never rains on Scout functions). Attending the Webelos-o-ree were 270 Webelos and their parents from 28 different packs, plus a visiting pack from Arlington.

The day started off with an opening ceremony where we raised the American, state, and our special event flag (that everyone had a chance to sign later in the day). After the opening it was time for the activities that this year included: Archery, BB shooting, slingshots, Dutch oven cooking, rockets, first aid, map & compass, fire building, a monkey bridge, and how to do a flag retirement ceremony. Each activity was run by a different Boy Scout troop and some of the best compliments we received from parents were on how impressed they were to see the activities being run by the Scouts and not the adult leaders.

When the activities sites closed for the day the second year Webelos and parents were invited to attend a Webelos to Scout Orientation run by members of the Order of the Arrow while first year Webelos and parents attended an Introduction to Webelos orientation done by Brian Kale, our district's Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner. If anyone would like an electronic copy of the handouts from either presentation please send an email to GCProgram@verizon.net.

Following the orientations was the closing ceremony and supper. Supper was foil dinners that everyone put together and cooked over a fire in their campsites. Getting the cooking fires ready and all food preparation (peeling, slicing, dicing, and distribution) were done by the hosting Boy Scout troops.

When the sun set and dinner was completed everyone joined in at the campfire run by the Order of the Arrow with skits and songs by the Webelos, Boy Scouts, and event staff. Once again the staff did their traditional 'Pie in the Face' skit, which many people have called the "funniest skit I've ever seen."

Event patches have now been ordered and we will be sending out emails to the unit contacts when they come in.

Loudoun County High School's Fall Musical – Reserved Seating for Scout Groups



Loudoun County High School will be doing a presentation of **You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown** with reserved block seating for Scout groups (minimum of 10 people, \$8 per person). Shows will be Thurs., Fri., Sat. Dec. 4 - 6 @ 7p.m. ~ Matinee Sat., Dec. 6 @ 2:30.

The flyer for this event, along with the contact information, is listed on the District's website home page.

Silver Beaver Nominations



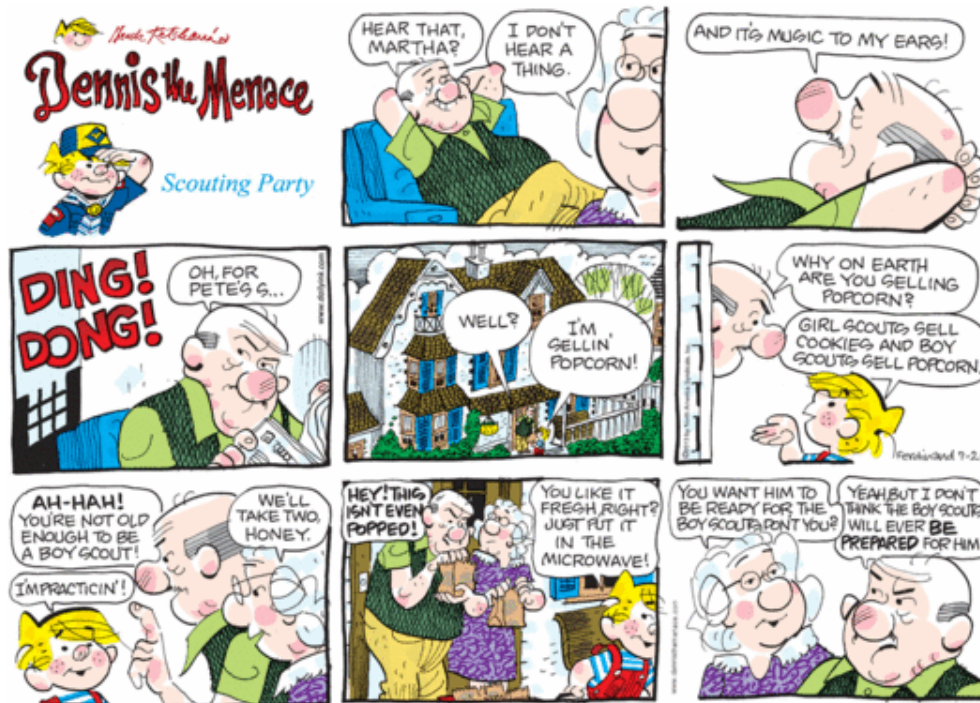
This national award is the highest form of recognition that a local council can bestow on an adult volunteer. Established in 1931, the Silver Beaver Award is presented for distinguished service to people within a BSA local council. A recipient must be a registered adult volunteer member of the BSA and show significant service and leadership in three areas: Boy Scouts, youth programs other than Boy Scouts, and the community.

It is extremely important that the nomination form includes information about all three of the service and leadership areas. The Council review committee can base their decision only on the submitted documentation and missing or ambiguous information often means that a deserving person does not get the award.

In order to ensure that all Goose Creek nominations have the best information before they are sent in to Council the District has set up a Goose Creek Silver Beaver Review committee. The purpose of this committee is not to decide which nominations to send in, but to review the nominations and to identify where additional information or clarification should be included. All members of the committee are previous Silver Beaver recipients.

The nomination form is available at: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-103_WB.pdf and should be provided to the District Committee no later than November 15.

Note from the District Committee: If you are submitting a nomination for a person who is a great Scouter that you think deserves recognition for their Scout involvement the chances of them receiving the award is minimal. If you are submitting it for a person who is not only a great Scouter but who is also involved in other youth programs (preferably as a leader), and does work in the community then you've found the person the Council committee is looking for.



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“Cheerful Service Chatter”

Chapter News for our Arrowmen
Lodge Website: www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA

Order of the Arrow Elections Guide



The OA Election season is upon us. Each unit is allowed to have one election during that time. In order to be put on the ballot, the youth must be at least First Class, have 15 nights of camping in the last 2 years with 5 of those nights being a long term camp (think summer camp), and must have the Scoutmaster's approval. Adults may be nominated by the committee. You may nominate 1 adult per 3 Scouts elected. The adults have the same camping requirements as the youth.

To schedule an election, the Scoutmaster must email our Vice Chief, Tyler Wintermute, at theknotmaster@gmail.com, with at least two dates. Please do this at least three weeks in advance of your earliest date so that we can have enough time to get an election team together and you have enough time to fill out the forms that we will email you. You must use the OA forms that are sent. National will no longer accept anything from TroopMaster or troop forms used in previous years. Please make sure to have the forms filled out completely before the election team arrives and that you have checked with the Scouts to ensure that they want to join the OA. If you are not ready for the election when the team arrives we might have to reschedule your election. If you are nominating an adult, please make sure that the form is filled out completely as well. If it isn't, it won't be accepted.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact either our Vice Chief – Tyler Wintermute, or our Chapter Advisor – Bobbie Scales (ScalesBobbie@yahoo.com) for answers. Thank you for your time, and we look forward to seeing you at your unit's election.

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail

New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Jeremy Fournier Ainey – Troop 2970

Chase S Bontemps – Troop 1550

Kyle S Czech – Troop 2970

Jerome Delgaudio – Troop 2970

Samuel I Fabboli – Troop 1910

Kenton Geyer – Troop 711

Royce E Lindengren – Troop 2950

James Frederick Mullen – Troop 1910

Michael Christopher O'Mara – Troop 711

Samuel Patrick Rankin – Troop 2970

Alexander Jonathan Stuck – Troop 1941

Thomas Morris Terral – Troop 1910

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New District Merit Badge Dean



Goose Creek would like everyone to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of the District Committee, Tom Hill, as our new Merit Badge Dean. Tom will, over the next few months, try to make a clear and easy to follow path through the current morass of lost, old, and incomplete merit badge counselor applications so that everyone knows who is authorized to counsel on which merit badges.

Tom has already published a new list of Merit Badge Counselors (MBC) on our website, which can be found here:

http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=114098&id=272523. Only those counselors who said they wanted to work with scouts outside of a specific troop are listed. Specific troop-only MBCs are expected to work through that troop to contact scouts.

Merit Badge Counselor Training, recommended for all MBCs, has been set for November 3rd 7:30-9PM, at Harmony United Methodist Church, 380 E. Colonial Hwy, Hamilton, VA. More dates are coming, so check the Goose Creek calendar frequently!

For those who want to be a new MBC please email the following four items to MeritBadgeDean@GooseCreekDistrict.org:

- A Youth Protection Training Certificate, the newer the better
- A BSA Adult Application with position 42 selected. This is necessary even if you're already a volunteer for your troop because Merit Badge Counselors are volunteers for the District
- Page 1 of the BSA Adult Application with the signature authorizing an investigation
- An MBC application, http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=118945&id=271432, listing the merit badges they're interested in.

And if you are currently registered as a MBC you will automatically be reregistered for 2015 **UNLESS YOUR YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING HAS ELAPSED!!!** If it has, you will be dropped as a MBC and have to go through the entire application process again. So if your YPT has expired, or will expire before Dec 31, then do the online training now and not wait till the end of December since the notification of your course completion may take a few days to get into the Council's database.

The Next New Merit Badge is....Signs, Signals, and Codes



Estimated release: December 2014 or January 2015

Requirements: TBD

Description: American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most used language in the United States. The Signs, Signals, and Codes merit badge will cover Morse code, ASL, Braille, signaling, trail markings, and other nonverbal communications. Did you know that some of these have even saved people's lives?

Top 10 Life Skills Merit Badges



To reach the Eagle rank, each Scout needs to earn the Eagle required merit badge set. After that, it's up to him to choose merit badges that interest him. All too often, the badges are done because they are being offered at troop meetings, or at summer camp, or a merit badge fair, rather than because they sound interesting to the Scout. It's better for the Scout to review the topics and choose those he wants.

If we could recommend merit badges with the most useful skills that will most likely help the Scout as he leaves home, lives on his own, and starts a family, this would be our list:

- **Astronomy** - gets the Scout in touch with his universe. A little knowledge of constellations, planets, moon, and sun helps with seasons, time, and direction.
- **Automotive Maintenance** - knowing more than where to stick the gas pump nozzle and the key can save hundreds of dollars and keep a car running many more years. The Scout might also recognize and troubleshoot roadside problems.
- **Electricity** - with electric power in every home, understanding how it works and what might go wrong is good stuff.
- **Genealogy** - as a young person goes out on their own, a strong tie to family provides support. By recognizing your place in your family's history, and being aware of that history, a sense of belonging helps when loneliness sets in.
- **Home Repairs** - this one is obvious! No Scout should ever need to call on a Handyman service to make small repairs around his home or apartment.
- **Pets** - provides practice in caring for helpless beings that rely completely on you for life. Many Scouts will have pets when they are adults, and it's good practice for kids as well.
- **Plumbing** - have you seen the price of plumbing repairs? Everyone will have broken pipes, replaced hot water heater, or leaking faucets, sinks, or toilets at some point. This also gets the Scout more aware of how a house works.
- **Sustainability** - Yes, it's an optional Eagle-required badge but, if the Scout does Environmental Science, he should do this one as well. Energy conservation and sustainable practices will only continue to become more important and more commonplace. An awareness of ways to reduce, reuse, recycle, and sustain the planet is expected of everyone.
- **Traffic Safety** - Too many youth still die in vehicles. Since most Scouts drive, there's no reason they shouldn't complete this badge. It's yet another review of being a safe driver, and every review helps.
- **Weather** - Awareness of developing weather can be a life-saving skill as well as protecting property from damage.

Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project Information for Project Beneficiaries



The B.S.A. has published a helpful guide – *Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project Information for Project Beneficiaries*

(www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/510-025.pdf) – that defines the way an Eagle Project works from the perspective of the benefiting organization.

Key elements of the process are explained:

- The Eagle Scout Rank and the Service Project
- Typical Projects
- Project Restrictions and Limitations
- Approving the Project Proposal and Project Scheduling
- Approving Final Plans
- Permits, Permissions, and Authorizations
- Supervision
- Project Completion and Approval

Much needless confusion and difficulty over the Eagle project can be avoided if everyone involved takes the time to read and understand resources about the whole process of proposing, approving and reviewing an Eagle project.

If you are a Life Scout about to embark on your Eagle Scout Service Project (ESSP), you may have noticed that the new (May 2014) version of the ESSP workbook actually includes this 'Navigating' document at the very end of the file, as the last two pages of the workbook. Make sure to provide it to your beneficiary representative, since his/her signature block on your Proposal includes a check-mark where they acknowledge receipt of that document.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org

The 2015 Summit Program Catalog Is Here!



Ready to plan? The latest Summit program catalog delivers the goods on everything going on in 2015 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. This catalog is divided into three sections for your convenience:

- Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base:
<http://summitbsa.org/programs/national-high-adventure-base/>
- James C. Justice National Scout Camp:
<http://summitbsa.org/programs/scout-camp/>
- Summit Bechtel Reserve National Training Center:
<http://summitbsa.org/programs/training/>

With comprehensive program descriptions, the catalog will help you decide which Summit program best fits your group. Once you've chosen a program, you can register online at <http://summitbsa.org/registration/>

To download the 2015 program catalog:

<http://summitbsa.org/files/summit%202015-Download.pdf>

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Planning for the Blue and Gold Banquet



The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, so most packs celebrate our anniversary in February with the Blue and Gold Banquet. According to the BSA website, "the purpose of the blue and gold banquet is to celebrate the pack's anniversary, thank pack leaders and other adults who have helped the pack, and inspire the leaders, Scouts, and parents."

There are almost as many kinds of Blue and Gold Banquets as there are packs. Some groups have a full catered meal while others have a potluck dinner and others only serve cake or have an ice cream sundae bar. Regardless of how your pack celebrates, there is some planning involved.

To help in your planning and to see 6 good planning guides that may help you as you prepare go to <http://cubscoutideas.com/2149/blue-and-gold-banquet-planning-guides/>

Yet some blue and gold banquets last longer than *Gone with the Wind*, testing the endurance of boys and parents alike. So check out <http://scoutingmagazine.org/2011/01/make-your-blue-and-gold-banquet-enjoyable/> on how to get everything accomplished and still get the boys in bed on time.

For some colorful dinner invitations that look like Cub Scout Neckerchiefs go to <http://akelascouncil.blogspot.com/2012/12/cub-scout-blue-gold-invitation-ideas.html>

General Scholarship Advice



The U.S. News and World Report had a post (Sept 2012) called "Start Your Scholarship Search Here" that is helpful in starting scholarship searches (www.usnews.com/education/blogs/the-scholarship-coach/2012/09/20/start-your-scholarship-search-here). It includes scholarship search engines, scholarship resource sites, and even recommends some people to follow on Twitter to help you track down scholarships.

The post may not be directly targeted at Eagle Scouts, but we can argue that any Eagle Scout (or recipient of the Venturing Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster award) has an instant leg up on his/her competition for scholarships.

Seeing one (or more) of those awards on an application signals to a scholarship committee that this young man or woman is prepared for college and prepared for whatever comes after.

NCAC 10th Annual Scout Orienteering Meet



NCAC's annual Scout Orienteering Meet will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. It will be held at Prince William Forest in Dumfries, VA. For information about this event contact James Chaplin, jhchaplin@comcast.net, (703) 380-9631

NESA's Eagle Scout Scholarship Window Opens



Eagle Scouts, start your mouses. The window for 2015 National Eagle Scout Association scholarships is now open with a deadline of Dec. 31, 2014. Winners will be contacted by July 15, 2015. Last year, NESA awarded more than \$650,000 in scholarships to deserving Eagle Scouts. NESA offers two types of scholarships: academic and merit.

Academic scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts who are graduating high school and entering college in 2015.

Exception: Scouts whose Eagle Scout boards of review are held the same year of their high school graduation may apply in that calendar year. For example: a Scout who earned Eagle in February 2014 and graduated high school in May 2014 wasn't eligible to apply for 2014 scholarships. So he should apply for 2015 scholarships.

Academic scholarships require a minimum 1800 SAT or 28 ACT score to apply. (Editor's note: For 2014-2015 the SAT will still be in three parts, the essay portion will not be made optional until 2016.)

You may receive a scholarship one time only.

Merit scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts graduating high school or undergraduate college students no farther than completion of the junior year. Recipients may receive the scholarship one time only.

Here's what else you need to know:

- As with past years, there is no paper submission form. You can only apply online (www.nesa.org/2015_scholarships.html), a move that saves NESA about \$15,000 a year in printing, postage and other costs.
- Paper copies from previous years are out of date and will not be accepted. If you see a paper application online, don't use it. Applying with that may make you ineligible.
- Applicants must be NESA members. To apply for a NESA scholarship, you must be a NESA member. It makes sense. You can join NESA at this link (www.nesa.org/membership.html) and then apply once you're a member. NESA staffers will verify that each recipient is a NESA member using the official NESA database. NESA membership is based on the date and time the membership application is received by NESA.
- No wiggle room on the deadline. When the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve, the application window is closed. So get it in early. NESA does not grant extensions for any reason.
- Also, the application requires references. So, be courteous and give the individuals who are writing references on your behalf plenty of time to get their reference letter in before the deadline.

Have questions? Most of your questions are likely answered on the NESA scholarships page (www.nesa.org/2015_scholarships.html).

Note: Scouts who graduate from high school but then defer college for a period of time to participate in a mission experience, such as LDS scouts who now have the option of going at age 18, need to apply during their graduation year and NESA will defer the award until they return.

Bill of Rights Institute Essay Contest



The Boy Scouts of America, the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence form a terrific trio.

So it's no surprise, really, that the nonprofit Bill of Rights Institute holds an essay contest each year that's just for Scouts. Well, and former Scouts.

Current and former Scouts, age 14 to 19, can write a short essay (800 words or fewer) for a chance to win \$1,000 for themselves and \$500 for their Scout unit.

Who's eligible: The contest is open to U.S. citizens or legal residents who are current or former Boy Scouts at least 14 years old but no older than 19.

How to enter: Answer one short essay question on the ideas of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

Deadline: Jan. 30, 2015

Prizes: The Bill of Rights Institute will award three prizes:

- One Grand Prize: \$1,000 for the Scout and \$500 for his Scout unit
- Two Honorable Mentions: \$500 for the Scout and \$250 for his Scout unit

Apply online and get more details: <http://billofrightsinstitute.org/programs-events/students-programs-events/boyscout/>

Vote Boys' Life in Adweek readers' poll



Finally, a vote over which there is no debate. Well, in Scouting circles at least.

Boys' Life, the magazine that covers everything in a boy's life, is up for an Adweek Hot List Readers' Choice Award. And like any proper election, the power's in your hands to decide the winner and this one lets you vote as often as you'd like.

Adweek is a well-known advertising trade publication, and it has selected BL as a finalist in the "Hottest Kids/Teen Magazine" category.

Go here (http://www.adweek.com/news/press/whats-your-favorite-magazine-159815#PDL_container8275163) and vote as many times as you want through Dec. 1. Let's help propel BL to victory.

Veteran's Day Memorial Wreaths



On November 9th come and help salute our veterans in the placing of wreaths at our nation's memorials. Please wear full uniforms and comfortable walking shoes. All ages are welcome, but be prepared to hike for miles. We will meet at the BSA Memorial on the east side of The Ellipse at 1 p.m. RSVP to Bruce Andersen. BGAndersen@gmail.com.

BSA's Cyber Chip, Partnership with NCMEC Hailed as Successes



Some successes just can't be quantified. Like this one: We'll never know just how many Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers have avoided online harm because of lessons learned while earning the Cyber Chip. That's because in those cases the Cyber Chip helped young people end potentially harmful situations before they could begin. Thank goodness.

The Cyber Chip, introduced in 2012, joins the Totin' Chip and Whittling Chip as important safety tools your Scouts should earn and carry with them. Requirements for the Cyber Chip are separated into four groups — grades 1-3, grades 4-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12 — meaning young men and young women get content that's appropriate for them.

Two years into its life, the Cyber Chip is being hailed as a great success. The team that volunteer Scott Berger and BSA professional Janice Downey led two years ago, plus their partnership with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and its NetSmartz website, have paid off.

And though we don't know the number of harmful situations avoided because of the Cyber Chip, there is something we can quantify. Jim Wilson, chairman of the BSA's National Youth Protection Committee, recently stated that the NetSmartz website (<http://www.netsmartz.org/scouting>) gets more of its traffic from scouting.org than any other site out there. In fact, scouting.org sites are responsible for more than twice as much referral traffic as the next closest site.

What's the takeaway? "Our folks are getting the message that we are teamed with a great source of materials," Wilson says.

He's absolutely right. We're lucky to have NCMEC as a partner, especially when looking at their online Scouting portal (<http://www.netsmartz.org/scouting>) that showcases Cyber Chip resources, including grade-specific videos.

Greet WWII Veterans at the WWII Memorial



Honor Flight, an organization that provides WWII veterans with a day of honor, is organizing a greeting at the WWII Memorial on Saturday, November 8, for a group of local WWII veterans. The veterans will be arriving at 10:00am, and veterans from Honor Flight Indy will be arriving at 10:30am. There will be a third Honor Flight group departing the WWII Memorial at 10:30am. All together they will have 200+ WWII veterans entering/leaving the WWII Memorial between 10:00 - 10:30am. They are asking for some Scout troops that would help them in honoring our Greatest Generation. This is a great way for the Scouts to thank many WWII veterans for their service. Scouts will need to be at the Memorial by 9:45am.

Greeting WWII veterans at the Memorial is easy: you can simply shake hands with the veterans and say 'thank you'. Homemade signs are also a nice touch.

For additional information contact Michael Garceau, 312-714-4337.

Getting a Flag Flown Over the U.S. Capitol



For the Eagle Scout in your family or retiring Scoutmaster/Cubmaster, a great gift is a US Flag that has flown over the Capitol Building in Washington DC. The flag is certified by the Architect of the Capitol, and can be flown on a specific date. To top it off, the flags are not expensive. Here's how to get a special American flag for that special someone.

Instructions

1. Contact Your Senator or Representative in Congress - The request to have an American flag flown over the US Capitol building should be made through your Congressional representative. At the website, look for the link for "Flag Request" or something similar.
 - Senator Mark Warner - www.warner.senate.gov/public/ (look under Services)
 - Senator Timothy Kane - www.kaine.senate.gov/ (look under Constituent Services)
 - Congressman Frank Wolf (10th District - Virginia) - the Congressman is retiring and is no longer taking flag requests
2. Fill out the form - The form will offer several types of flags, in different sizes and fabrics (usually, either cotton or nylon). Flags are typically 3 x 5 feet, or 5 x 8 feet, though larger sizes are sometimes available. Prices generally run in the \$10-25 range, depending on the specific items ordered.
 The form will also ask for details such as the name of the person being honored by the flag, and the date you wish to have the flag flown (for instance, it can be flown on a person's birthday, or a special anniversary). You can also indicate the type of special occasion being honored. The information will be included on a Certificate that accompanies the flag.
3. Follow Submission Instructions - Each Congressional website has its own set of particular instructions for submitting the request, and payment. Some may allow web submissions, while others will ask that you print out the form and mail it in, with appropriate payment.

For flags flown over the Pentagon go to: www.pfpa.mil/services/flagpnt.html

For flags flown over the Virginia Capitol go to: <https://store.dgs.virginia.gov/>

Dreaming of Philmont? 2016 Reservations Begin Soon!



An exciting summer of activities may have just wrapped up at the BSA's four high-adventure bases, but it's never too soon to start planning for future treks! Philmont will begin accepting **2016** reservation entries this fall—learn how you can start planning now (www.philmontscoutranch.org/reserve.aspx)! If you or a member of your unit completed.

From Wednesday, October 29 thru Wednesday, November 19, 2014, reservation requests will be accepted online for 12-day and 7-day Expeditions. This is strictly a random draw and an entry on October 29, 2014 will be treated equally as an entry on November 19, 2014.

Sign Up for 2016 Florida Sea Base Lottery



The lottery for 2016 trips is open from Jan. 15 to Feb. 16, 2015. A few facts to keep in mind while preparing for Sea Base's lottery for 2016 trips are:

- You don't improve your chances in the lottery by entering right when the window opens. Any entries received during the month long opening count the same.
- You do improve your chances in the lottery if you're flexible in two areas: the type of adventure you want to take and the dates you're available to go. Of course, don't put down any dates you aren't actually available (check those school calendars now).
- Access to the Sea Base lottery is through the Sea Base website, <http://bsaseabase.org/>.
- A Scout unit must create an account to access the reservation site. If the unit already has an account, another one cannot be created.
- You can prioritize your requests to increase the chances that you'll get one of your top choices. Requests can be added, deleted or reprioritized as much as you want during the lottery period.
- Units will be notified of the lottery results by March 1, 2015. At that point, you'll have 30 days to send a \$100-per-person deposit to secure your spot.
- After that, all remaining vacancies will be made available on the reservation site on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more registration tips (and at least one pirate-themed joke), check out Capt. Billy's FAQs: <https://scoutnet.scouting.org/seabase/popup/popHelp.aspx>

For a brochure about Sea Base see

www.bsaseabase.org/filestore/seabase/pdf/FSBBrochure.pdf

Lose Yourself (And Find Yourself) in the Philmont Photo Archive



Want to go back to Philmont? Step into the time machine. Philmont Scout Ranch has opened its vast archive of participant and staff photos to the public.

That means if you've participated in a Philmont program in the past quarter-century — cavalcade, traditional crew expedition, individual trek, Philmont Training Center or Philmont staff — your photo's on there.

Viewing watermarked photos in the Philmont photo archive is free; buying a print or a high-res digital version will cost you \$10 or \$15, respectively. The Philmont photo archive includes 2014 photos and goes back to 1988. Philmont says it's working backward at a rate of about five summers per year.

So if you went to Philmont any time between 1965 (the year Philmont began saving participant and staff photo negatives) and 1987, be patient. Your photo will show up soon.

Philmont, which went all-digital with its participant and staff photos beginning in 2007, has scanned more than 100,000 photo negatives so far.

To find yours, check out the Philmont photo archive:

<http://philmontscoutranch.org/Museums/PhotoArchive.aspx>

Camp Snyder Christmas Trees



Camp Snyder is selling Christmas Trees this year. All trees are No. 1 grade Fraser Firs grown locally in Virginia! Preorders must be made by November 24, 2014. Payment is due at the time of purchase. Pre-ordered trees can be picked up at Camp William B. Snyder, December 1-7 and 11-14, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the sale go towards the improvement of Camp Snyder for use by the community. Only a limited number will be available, so reserve your family's tree today!

PREORDER SPECIAL – Go to www.NCACBSA.org/Trees to reserve your piece of Camp Spirit at these special prices:

- 7-8 ft. — \$45
- 9-10 ft. — \$55
- 11-12 ft. — \$75
- Wreath (18") — \$25

CAMP PRICE – There will be a limited number of trees available for purchase at Camp Snyder at the regular rates:

- 7-8 ft. — \$55
- 9-10 ft. — \$65
- 11-12 ft. — \$85
- Wreath (18") — \$35

Troop Historian Class



Learn how to keep your troop memorabilia and record in good shape for years to come by joining this introduction level course aimed to educate participants with the knowledge and skills of basic archiving and record keeping.

Registration is open to anyone 13 years of age or older and the class will be held Tuesday, November 18, 6-9 p.m. at the Marriott Scout Service Center (MSSC). The course is limited to 20 participants and you must call 301-214-9153 to reserve your space. A fee of \$6.00 is payable at the start of class, which covers archiving materials.

James E. West Hike Registration Now Open



The History of Scouting Trail (HOST) has gone national: registration is now open for the 2015 James E. West Hike. As the last installment of the HOST hikes, this hike will kickoff on Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25, 2015, with the special inaugural launch on Saturday, for the oldest troops in the council.

Don't miss your opportunity to hike alongside Scouts from around the country, learning about Native American culture as the Order of the Arrow History celebrates its 100th anniversary and more. Visit www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=125566&id=298522 to register today.

Troubleshooting the Patrol Method



This is a self assessment tool, developed by Scoutmaster Clarke Green (www.scoutmastercg.com) to help gauge how well a troop applies the patrol method. It may be a good idea to have several adults and youth troop members complete the assessment and discuss the results. This is not very scientific but it will at least give you an idea of where you are. Here's a PDF version you can download: www.scoutmastercg.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/patrol-system-self-assesment-tool.pdf

Chose only one option for each pair of statements

PATROL SYSTEM	ALWAYS	MOST TIMES	SOME TIMES	ALWAYS	NO PATROL SYSTEM
PATROL STRUCTURE					
Patrol membership is stable	+10	+5	-5	-10	Patrol membership is reshuffled
Patrol Leaders are elected by patrol members	+10	+5	-5	-10	Patrol Leaders are not elected by patrol members
Patrols participate as a 'natural' patrol	+10	+5	-5	-10	Patrols often formed provisionally or combined
Patrol has APL, Scribe, Quartermaster	+10	+5	-5	-10	Patrols do not have APL, Scribe, Quartermaster
Patrols have eight to ten members	+10	+5	-5	-10	Patrols have less than eight members
PATROL LEADER'S COUNCIL					
PLC meets with Scoutmaster observing	+10	+5	-5	-10	Adults actively participate in PLC meetings
PLC plans meeting/outings	+10	+5	-5	-10	Adults plan meetings/outings
Senior Patrol Leader is elected by Scouts	+10	+5	-5	-10	Senior Patrol Leader is appointed by Adults
Youth leaders trained in on-going process	+10	+5	-5	-10	Youth leaders trained only at training events
Patrol Leader's Council meets regularly	+10	+5	-5	-10	Patrol Leader's Council meets sporadically.
PROGRAM					
Lots of time for Patrols at Troop meeting.	+10	+5	-5	-10	Little time is for Patrols at Troop meeting.
Regular inter/Patrol games and competitions	+10	+5	-5	-10	No inter/Patrol games and competitions
Patrols plan, purchase and prepare their meals.	+10	+5	-5	-10	Patrols don't plan, purchase and prepare meals.
Patrols camp in their own campsite/area	+10	+5	-5	-10	Patrols don't camp in their own campsite/area
Patrols have independent meetings/activities	+10	+5	-5	-10	No independent Patrol meetings/activities
ADULT INVOLVEMENT					
Scouts are mostly instructed by other Scouts	+10	+5	-5	-10	Scouts are mostly instructed by adults
Adults rarely direct Scouts	+10	+5	-5	-10	Adults often direct Scouts
Adults rarely involved at Troop meetings	+10	+5	-5	-10	Adults often involved in Troop meetings
Adults rarely 'veto' or alter Scout's plans	+10	+5	-5	-10	Adults often 'veto' or alter Scout's plans
Adults are trained	+10	+5	-5	-10	Adults are untrained

150 -200 – GOOD GOING!

100 – 150 – KEEP GOING!

100 OR LESS – GET GOING

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Download Paddle Ready, a Free App Just for Paddlers



Here's one time when water and smartphones do, in fact, mix.

Paddle Ready, a new app available now for iPhone and Android, helps Scouters improve their unit's safety on the water.

The app comes from the American Canoe Association, but don't be fooled by that name. The agency offers great resources for kayaking, rafting and stand-up paddleboarding, in addition to canoeing.

The Boy Scouts of America and the ACA are partner agencies and work closely together on paddlesports programs. ACA serves on the BSA's Aquatics Task Force, and the BSA serves on ACA's paddlesports committee. ACA help BSA establish standards, improve training and develop programs.

The Paddle Ready app is the latest in a long list of great moments in the partnership. Paddle Ready allows users to:

- Complete a float plan and email it to friends.
- Find an ACA instructor or course near you.
- Get real-time environmental coverage plus weather conditions for various paddling environments, and save your favorite paddling routes for quick reference.
- Search for boating organizations and offices by state.
- Have paddle safety checklists for various paddling environments at your fingertips.
- Use the safety and rescue how-to videos to keep your knowledge current.

iPhone: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/paddle-ready/id905966259?mt=8>

Android:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.americancanoe.paddler.eady>

Reserve Your Spot Now for 2015 Season at the Summit Bechtel Reserve



Register now for the 2015 season at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve! From leadership training to high-adventure, find the program that's right for you and your Scouts: <http://summitbsa.org/registration/>

Registration varies from program to program. Please take a moment to find which program or event best suits you and then read through the registration process carefully.

NOTE: Please be sure to use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox to access the registration site. Other browsers, especially Internet Explorer, may not be compatible with this system.

Debunking Myths About Wearing Camouflage In Scouting



Scouting supports the men and women of our nation's armed forces, but the BSA isn't a military organization. That's why some adult volunteers object to Boy Scouts of America members wearing camouflage clothing.

If you search the Internet long enough, you'll even find official-looking declarations on the subject of wearing camo in Scouting. The truth is that wearing camo with the button-up shirt of the BSA field uniform is in violation of our rules. But there's nothing that prohibits a Scout from wearing camouflage clothing in a nonuniform setting.

The expert's answer: This comes from Peter Self, team leader in Member Experience Innovation.

We often receive questions about whether wearing camouflage clothing in conjunction with Scouting activities is appropriate. Like most questions there is the simple answer, and then there are the grey areas, which take a bit more discernment and common sense.

According to Article X, Section 4 Clause 4(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, alterations and/or additions to any of Scouting's official uniforms is not permitted. Since none of our official Scouting uniforms contain any article which incorporates a camouflage pattern, wearing anything like this as a part of the uniform — such as camouflage pants with the official Boy Scout Field Shirt — would be in violation of our rules.

In addition, Article X, Section 4, Clause 4(b) states that, under our Congressional Charter, any Scouting uniform which imitates the uniforms of the U.S. Army, Navy or Marine Corps, is also prohibited.

OK, so wearing camouflage as a part of the official uniform is not in harmony with our rules and regulations, but what about when a Scout isn't in uniform? Let's face it: most of our Scouts don't wear their field uniforms when camping. Would it be OK to wear camouflage then?

There is nothing which prohibits a Scout from wearing camouflage clothing in a nonuniform setting.

However, it might be prudent to ask yourself how doing so might look to the outside observer. Would they look at you as Scouts or as a group trying to imitate the military? Perhaps this would be a discussion to have around your next campfire. Who knows what great insights would be shared and gained?

LDS-BSA Relationships Newsletter Covers Philmont Summer Conference



The latest issue of the LDS-BSA Relationships newsletter has been published and is available online: <http://www.ldsbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/August-2014-LDS-BSA-Newsletter.pdf>

In this issue, you can read more about the Priesthood Leadership Conference on Scouting held at Philmont each summer, excerpts from the Scouting Handbook for Church Units, and more.

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Preparing for Next Year's Journey to Excellence



The Journey to Excellence quality-check program has been with us for a few years now, and we have become accustomed to minor tweaks from year to year. For 2015, however, the changes are a bit more sweeping, though nearly all active units will be able to qualify for at least the Bronze level recognition.

First, you should review your pack's or troop's performance using the 2014 Journey to Excellence scorecard

(www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence/scorecards/2014.aspx). If you find you fall short in some areas, it might be possible to make some changes now to ensure that you meet the 2014 requirements.

The 2015 JTE scorecards

(www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence/scorecards/2015.aspx) are out now, and as always, there are some changes. The national team that developed and periodically revises the Journey to Excellence program has explained that they intend to make changes from time to time in order to refine the effectiveness of the measurement program as well as to allow the items being measured to reflect a practicable level of performance.

The biggest change you'll notice when comparing this year's requirements with 2015's is that the items have been rearranged. Previously, they were listed in approximate order of importance, but for 2015, they are listed in functional groupings: Planning and Budget, Membership, Program, and Volunteer Leadership, so as to place related requirements next to each other. Other changes are the reduction of the total number of line items:

The Fitness program requirements have been dropped as a JTE measurement item (they are no less important, however)

The Charter Renewal item has also been dropped. This was usually a "gimme" because an active unit automatically qualified. You are now asked to check the box stating that you are rechartering on time; there's no loss of points for not doing so, but again, its importance is not diminished by its removal.

Now is a good time to look ahead at next year's requirements and do some long-range planning to give your unit a good chance of achieving Gold status.

To see the changes for Cub Scouts go to this article:

<http://bobwhiteblather.com/preparing-for-next-years-journey/>

For changes for Boy Scouts: <http://bobwhiteblather.com/preparing-for-next-years-journey-troops/>

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.

Cub/Webelos STEM NOVA Award - Geology



When: Nov. 22-23, 2014, Sessions begin at 10 AM

Where: George Mason University, The HUB / 3rd floor classrooms
Po River Lane and Nottoway River Lane
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Cubs can earn their Cub Scout Geology Belt Loop or Webelos their Geology Academic Pin. All can work on their STEM NOVA Science Everywhere Award. As part of meeting the STEM NOVA Award requirements, this event will include guided tours of the GMU Geology and Paleontology labs.

This STEM Program consists of 3 hour sessions, starting every ½ hour, Saturday 10am to 3pm and Sunday 10am to 1pm.

Class sizes are limited to 16 Cub Scouts per session (to see the sessions go to www.ncacbsa.org/events/Sessions.aspx?id=491166), and four Adult Den Walkers. You must register accordingly (one Den walker for every four Scouts).

There is a \$5 Fee per Cub Scout. Adult Den walkers are free. Pre-registration is required and may be done online at www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.aspx?id=491166.

This event is open to Cubs/Webelos. It is not open to Tigers, as they may not earn the STEM NOVA Awards.

Contact: Tony Petruzzi
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Phone: 703-577-7037

BSA's First Sustainability Report Creates Roadmap for Future Efforts



The Boy Scouts of America has created its first-ever Sustainability Report as part of an effort to define what this important topic means to our organization. The interactive online report features thoughts from Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock, as well as a timeline of the BSA's sustainable efforts over the years and a glimpse at a few success stories from our local councils.

As part of a range of new online resources, the report is designed to start a dialogue about the meaning of sustainability for the BSA: Is it all about ecology? Does it go beyond recycling and energy efficiency? How does it apply to youth-serving organizations like Scouting?

As the Sustainability Merit Badge pamphlet states, "It's a big word with many aspects. But when you break it down, it goes hand in hand with being a good Scout. Sustainability means the ability to endure. Conserving the land, forests, air, water, wildlife, and limited resources we all share is everyone's responsibility." Today, we are taking those words to heart and developing a comprehensive, multiyear strategy to adopt principles of sustainability at every level of the BSA. Rather than create another program, initiative, or emphasis, however, we are working toward adopting a sustainability mindset that will guide everything we do as an organization.

To read the report and other BSA sustainability resources, head to <http://greentodeeppgreen.org>.

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Rumor control: No, Cub Scout Uniforms Aren't Changing



By now you've heard about the big, exciting changes coming to Cub Scouting in 2015: www.scouting.org/scoutsource/programupdates.aspx)

But one change you may have heard about just isn't true. In fact, we need your help quashing this rumor wherever it rears its head: roundtables, Scout meetings or online.

There seems to be a rumor out there that all Cub Scouts will begin wearing the tan Boy Scout uniform shirt. This is absolutely false. Tigers through Bears will continue to wear their blue uniform shirt. Webelos Scouts will continue to have the choice of wearing either the blue shirt or the tan uniform shirt with blue shoulder loops. In other words: Nothing's changing.

On-Line Resource of the Month



www.Trails.com is made up of a team of outdoor enthusiasts with backgrounds in web development, project management, outdoor retail, digital content, and information technology. Our team has traveled and explored the outdoors all over North America and internationally in Europe, Asia, South America, and Africa. They have thoroughly explored the outdoors in their native regions of New England, the Rocky Mountains, Canada, and the Pacific Northwest. We have members of outdoor non-profit organizations including the Appalachian Mountain Club and The Mountaineers. Our loyal employees are passionate about the outdoors and frequently participate in outdoor activities that include hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, mountaineering, trail running, and sea kayaking.

This trip planning site helps you avoid outdoor snafus with a great assortment of trail maps, topographic maps, campsite and off-trail activities, guidebooks, and even a My Trails folder which keeps track of where you've been or plan to go.

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Are you a Wood Badger?

Some people have great difficulty in determining if they are a Wood Badger, the following should help.

- If you've ever received a speeding ticket because you were running late and you were afraid you might miss THE SONG ...You Might Be A Wood Badger!
- If you don't understand why tuxedos don't come with neckerchiefs and knee socks ...You Might Be A Wood Badger!
- If you think campfire building should be an Olympic sport ...You Might Be A Wood Badger!

Equipment / Gear

Electric Lanterns



The classic light for campground camping has long been a gas-powered lantern with glass windows. Though these put out a bright, warm light that seems to last forever they are bulky, hot to the touch and noisy, and need ample ventilation. There is also the issue of disposing of the propane cylinders.

You can still get these reliable lanterns, but recent advances in LED lighting now provide you many electric lantern choices that are light, bright and compact enough even for backpacking. Virtually all battery-powered lanterns these days use LED (light emitting diode) technology. LED lamps offer numerous advantages:

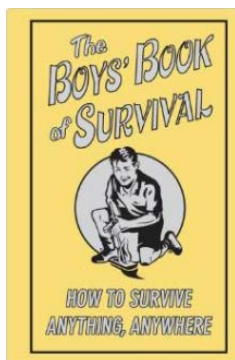
- Long battery life
- Very good light output
- Can handle rugged use
- Quiet and exhaust-free
- Safe around kids (LEDs generate no heat)

Their only real downsides: battery usage and disposal. With electric lanterns, or any battery-powered light, do not attempt to use lithium or lithium-ion batteries unless manufacturer instructions state that the specific light is designed to operate with lithium batteries. If not, you run the risk of damaging, even ruining, a light by mismatching it with lithium batteries.

Alkaline batteries lose power quickly in temperatures below 20°F. (Lithium batteries, on the other hand, perform well in the cold.) To extend the life of alkaline batteries in the cold, carry them under clothing during the day and sleep with them inside a sleeping bag at night.

Books

The Boys' Book of Survival (How To Survive Anything, Anywhere)



Living up to the Boy Scout motto "Be prepared," this title covers everything from pimples to zombie invasions. This nod to yesteryear has plenty of practical pointers and humorous advice, with passages on how to put someone in the recovery position or carry someone with a foot or ankle injury, but most of the chapters have a basis in orienteering (How to Make a Compass Using the Sun), just-in-case scenarios (How to Escape from Quicksand), and the fantastical (zombies, anyone?). Campbell presents his instructions in clearly written and easy-to-read lists. Of course all this valuable information comes after a giant disclaimer, emphasizing common sense.

Available from Amazon (\$7 hardcover) this book has a rating of 4.5 stars with 117 customer reviews.

Training Opportunities

Cub Leader Pow Wow – Registration is Now Open!



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 at Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, Virginia. 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?

Pre-registration is \$33, walk-in is \$45. Pre-registration can be done either online, open until midnight Nov 11, or by mail in (postmarked by Nov 10).

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!

To register, see which classes are offered, or see the FAQs go to:

http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=118944&id=249887

Wood Badge



Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters, in all leadership positions for the BSA. The Wood Badge course incorporates the traditions of over 80 years of Wood Badge, while adding the management and leadership training necessary to become a successful leader in the 21st Century.

Wood Badge is more than a classroom; it's entertaining, fun games, hands-on projects, team building, and inspirational events. You will come away with an appreciation of Scouting's heritage, as well as a vision of the role you will play in its future, and the impact you will make on the youth in your own unit, the district and our council. Participation in this course will provide skills to help you achieve success in other aspects of your life or in your career! The course starts with a 2-weekend, fun-filled practical training period where the Scouter lives as a member of a team progressing through Scouting, and learning the skills of leadership. The outdoor experience is followed by a period of up to eighteen months during which the Scouter applies the skills learned during the practical experience in his or her Scouting position – at the unit, district, or council level. Through this period, each Scouter is assigned a counselor who acts as a resource, evaluator, and Scouting mentor to assist the participant in putting into action those points discussed during the course. This is demonstrated by the process known as "working your ticket."

Prerequisite Training for Wood Badge:

Complete the basic training courses for your primary Scouting position. Cub Leaders must have completed New Leader Essentials and the position specific training for their position. Boy Scout and Varsity leaders must have completed New Leader Essentials, their position specific training as well as Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Venture advisors must complete New Leader Essentials, their position specific training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. Other unit, district, and council leaders must complete New Leader Essentials, plus their position specific training (e.g. Committee, Commissioners, District Chairs, or Council Chairs)

Spring 2015:

Session 1: March 20-22, 2015

Session 2: April 17-19, 2015

Summer 2015 (Sunday Friendly):

Session 1: April 30-May 2, 2015

Session 2: May 28-30, 2015

Fall 2015:

Session 1: September 11-3, 2015

Session 2: October 10-12, 2015

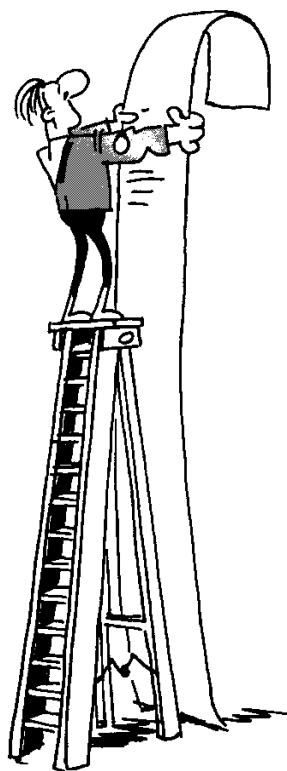
Location: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Cost: Total cost for Spring & Fall courses is \$300.00 (participants sleep in tents). All registration fees are due at NCAC 30 days prior to the start of each course.

For more Information: check Programs → Training on the Council website

To register: call Margee Egan, 301-214-9197 (NCAC Service Center)

District Calendar



November 2014

- 1 **SFF Bag Distribution**
- 3-4 Student Holiday
- 8 **SFF Food 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
- 5 **Training – COR (Charter Organization Rep)**
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner RT
- 20 MLK Jr. Day
- 28 District Committee
- 26 Moveable School Holiday
- 30 **Freeze-o-ree**

February 2015

- 1 **Freeze-o-ree**
- 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 Court of Honor**
- 30 Spring Break Starts

April 2015

- 3 Spring Break Ends
- 6 Student Holiday
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 8 Commissioner RT
- 10-12 **Spring Camporee**
- 22 District Committee

May 2015

- 1-3 **OA Spring Ordeal (TBD)**
- 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
- 22-26 **Day Camp**
- 24 District Committee

July 2015

- 4 Independence Day

August 2015

- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner RT
- 26 District Committee

September 2015

- 7 Labor Day
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 23 District Committee

October 2015

- 12 Columbus Day
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner RT
- 28 District Committee

Boy Scouts

Old Time Carnival

Friday 14
November 2014
6 PM - 9 PM

Fun

ENTERTAINMENT,
GAMES, MUSIC
FOOD, RAFFLES,
and **PRIZES**



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Bring the Kids and enjoy an evening of Games, Raffles, Food, Silent Auctions, and Live Music!



Raffles & Silent Auction:

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- Woody's Fun Packages
- \$100 Hobby Hanger
- \$100 Clyde's
- REI Outdoor Gift Pack
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Please show coupons here when visiting each "Dine & Donate" supporter, mention "Boy Scouts," and a portion of your check will automatically be donated to local Goose Creek Boy Scouts... Thank You !!!

November Dine & Donate ...to Scouting



Saturday 15th

Bertucci's
Ashburn
Dine-in & Carry Out



Wednesday 19th

Not Your Average Joe's
Leesburg



Sunday 16th

Panera Bread
Ashburn
4 PM to 8 PM



Buffalo Wing Factory
Ashburn, Reston, Sterling
5PM to 10PM



Thursday 20th

Buffalo Wild Wings
Dulles, Leesburg



Fuddrucker's
Ashburn
5PM to 9PM



Coaches Corner
Purcellville



Red Hot & Blue
Sterling



Manhattan Pizzeria &
Luv'n Berry
Ashburn & South Riding



Red Robin
Ashburn



Primot Hoagies
Italian Specialty Sandwiches

Primo Hoagies
Leesburg

Tuesday 18th

Papa John's
All Loudoun County Locations
ALL Day & Includes Delivery



Friday 21st



The Green Turtle
Dulles & Leesburg

Saturday 22nd

China Taste

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