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

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Goose Creek District Newsletter



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From Scoutmaster Clarke Green, Oct 22, 2014 http://scoutmastercg.com/the-authority-of-youth-leadership/#email_follow



The Authority of Youth Leadership

Compel

Force or oblige someone to do something.

Delegate

To give or commit (duties, powers, etc) to another as agent or representative.

Empowered

Give someone the authority or power to do something.

The authority of youth leadership is not based in compelling young people to do something.

The authority in youth leadership is not delegated (One abiding myth of Scouting is that the adults are the source of all authority and delegate responsibility to youth leadership.)

The authority of youth leadership is built into the fabric of Scouting, they are empowered to lead.

Youth leaders are not servants, employees, or soldiers but volunteer players in the purposeful game of Scouting.

Scouting is something that Scouts do for themselves and adults have the honor of observing, coaching and encouraging.

Adult oversight is cooperative; we are there to aid our youth leaders by doing only the things they, by reason of their age, cannot do.

Adult authority is provisional; we are there to assure things are safe, and that our youth leaders are playing within the bounds of the game.

Adult leadership is responsive and reciprocal to youth leadership: we provide assistance to developing leaders in the same way we teach someone to ride a bike, by letting go when they are ready to pedal on their own.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

Program Launch



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

Program Launch will be held in place of the usual May Roundtable, same place (Leesburg United Methodist Church), same time (May 13th, 7:30 - 9).

2015 Goose Creek Day and Twilight Camp



We are happy to announce the 2015 Goose Creek Day and Twilight Camp with the theme of *Take Flight!* Cub Scouts in grades 1 through 5 are eligible to attend camp – including newly registered (starting June 1, 2015) Tigers. Camp will be at the Loudoun County Fairgrounds (17558 Dry Mill Rd, Leesburg) and the dates are:

- **Day Camp**, June 29th – July 3rd (9 am - 4 pm M-Th, 9 am – 2 pm Friday)
 - **Register by May 15th, \$195**
 - Register after May 15th, \$215
- **Twilight Camp**, June 29th – July 2nd (6:30 pm – dusk)
 - **Register by May 15th, \$120**
 - Register after May 15th, \$140

It's time to schedule your Pack's Summer camp presentation.

A camp presentation is an excellent way to get your Scouting families excited about the wide variety of summer camps available to Goose Creek Cub Scouts. Just send Dave Carty (David.Carty@morganstanley.com), our Camp Director, a date, time, and location and he'll make sure your unit gets a great camp presentation.

The camp presenter arrives early and sets up display boards. He'll greet families as your unit gathers and discuss camp options. We then ask for 2-3 minutes, after your Pack opening, for the presenter to address the Pack. He'll not only talk about Day and Twilight camp, but the other excellent camps available – like Camp Snyder and Goshen Scout Reservations (Webelos Only.) After a quick Q&A session, the presenter will turn the meeting back over to the Cubmaster, but be available to answer specific family questions. The presenter will have handouts for your families and can tailor the presentation to your unit's desires. If you have already designed a Pack Camp Coordinator, the presenter would avail any time needed to address camp registration questions.

We are also looking for camp staff – young and old. An adult volunteering for the week at camp gets to send one child to camp for free. Youths over the age of 14 are entitled to a \$75.00 credit that can be applied at any NCAC Goshen Reservation Summer Camp. Youth under the age of 14 receive service hours to be used for school or rank advancement. We also welcome girls on staff so get the word out to those Venturing crews.

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2015 Spring Camporee



The Spring 2015 District Camporee was held last month thoroughly enjoyed by the 270 Scouter and Scouters from 14 troops that went. The activities include rafting, shooting, patrol activities, and tree top adventures.



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Newsletter Email Address



The Goose Creek Newsletter now has its own email address: Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org. If your unit has done something special (unique service project, camping trip, STEM event, ...) or will be an event that others are invited to just let us know and we will put it in the newsletter. We can even include pictures of the event.

Advancement Committee



We are sad to announce that Brad Scales the head of the District's advancement committee is having to move out of the area and will no longer be able to manage our advancement records in the marvelous way he has been doing. He has turned over the reins of the committee to Alan Steiner who will try to keep things running as smoothly as Brad has. He can be reached at Alan.Steiner@GooseCreekDistrict.org

Scouting for Bricks™



Troop 39 of Purcellville invites you to join them for their 3rd Annual Scouting for (LEGO) Bricks event! 100 exhibitors, 20 vendors selling many unique LEGO-related items, photo ops with real, life-sized Star Wars Stormtroopers, the Washington Area LEGO train club, Mindstorms LEGO Robotics clubs and much MORE!

If you are aged 10-adult and interested in exhibiting your LEGO MOCs (my own creations) please check out the exhibitor tab on the website and sign-up to display with them: www.scoutingforbricks.com/to-exhibit

When: May 30-31, 2015 ~ 11 - 5 (Note: this is not the Memorial Day weekend)

Where: Heritage High School ~ Leesburg, VA

Cost: \$5 admission

Website: www.scoutingforbricks.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/scouting4bricks

Twitter: www.twitter.com/scouting4bricks

Contact Us: Email: ScoutingForBricks@gmail.com or phone 571-293-1975

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“Cheerful Service Chatter”

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

ArrowTour



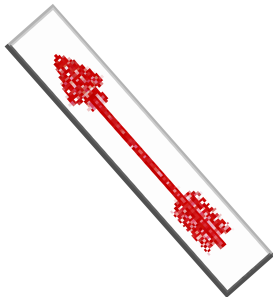
ArrowTour is an interactive event for Scouts, volunteers, and Scouting alumni that will travel throughout the country during the summer of. The tour will make a stop on July 26th at Camp Snyder, Haymarket.

The purpose of the tour is to commemorate the Order of the Arrow's 100th anniversary. During the event, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the Order of the Arrow, its story, and its future. Some of the program highlights include interactive exhibits, activities such as silk-screening and branding, and challenge games. Participants will have a chance to meet some of the Order's national leaders, and alumni can learn about the Scouting Alumni Association and local alumni efforts to supporting Scouting in our area. An exclusive ArrowTour Trading Post will carry ArrowTour and OA centennial merchandise.

The program will conclude with a special show that recognizes the Order's rich history and empowers participants to help shape the organization's future. The Order of the Arrow is creating a truly unique and interactive experience for all Scouts, volunteers, and Scouting alumni.

You can find more information about the ArrowTour routes and program on the web at <http://arrowtour.oa-bsa.org>. You can also keep up with the tour as it makes its way around the country by following @ArrowTour on Twitter.

Goose Creek Chapter Spring Ordeal



The Goose Creek Chapter of the Order of the Arrow conducted its Ordeal at the Loudoun County Izaak Walton League facility on the weekend of April 24-26. This was a very busy weekend for the Brothers and Ceremonialists of our Chapter. We inducted 76 new Ordeal members into our Order and 22 members completed their Brotherhood Conversion.

In total, the Ceremony team held seven ceremonies which is amazing, but even more amazing is that three of the ceremonies included rain, sleet, and hail! Following a sumptuous evening feast, the Chapter held an orientation for the new members, an adult forum, and the election of Chapter officers for the upcoming year. The newly elected officers will be sworn in at the next Chapter Meeting. Welcome to our new Brothers and we hope to see all of you at the next Chapter Meeting on May 13.

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Spring Fellowship



The Amangamek-Wipit Lodge will be holding its Spring Fellowship at Camp William B. Snyder on the weekend of June 5-7. The weekend will be filled with fellowship, OA ceremony competition, games, training, demonstrations, a Saturday night show, and much more. Ordeal members who have given cheerful service for over 10 months will be able to do their Brotherhood Conversion at the Fellowship. Information about registering for this event will be posted on the Goose Creek District OA web page as soon as it is released by the Lodge.

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“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail

New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Thomas Paul Crowson – Troop 1666

Thomas H Garber – Troop 711

Duncan A Keefe – Troop 2010

Dalton Cole Lewis – Troop 966

Thomas Jordan Wetherell – Troop 982

BSA Acquires Scoutbook, the Popular Advancement Tracking Web App



With a tap on your phone you can deposit a check, update your family grocery list or share a photo. Shouldn't keeping track of a Scout's advancement be just as easy? The Boy Scouts of America thinks so. That's why the BSA has acquired Scoutbook, the revolutionary web app that makes tracking advancement easier, faster and more fun. That means more time for you and your Scouts to enjoy those life-changing experiences they can't get anywhere but Scouting.

Imagine updating your Boy Scouts' progress toward a rank or a merit badge with a couple of taps or clicks. Or letting Scouts input and provide proof for their own advancement progress. Or seeing at a glance which adventures your Cub Scouts lack for the next rank. Or knowing which of your unit leaders still need to complete BSA training. Or getting an automatically generated shopping list to make your trip to the Scout Shop a breeze. Or never again wondering whether you're using the most up-to-date BSA requirements.

And imagine doing it all wherever you are and on the devices you use every day. Scoutbook is an app, but it's a web app. That means you'll be able to use it if you have an iPhone, Android phone, Windows Phone, BlackBerry — or even (gasp!) your PC or tablet.

There's nothing to download. You'll just type the URL, www.Scoutbook.com, into your browser on a smartphone, tablet or computer. The secure website knows which device you're using, so it'll load in a format that looks great on screens big and small.

Scoutbook currently is designed for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing units. Is it free, no (or at least not yet, there is a good deal of talk about this replacing Internet Advancement now that it is officially owned by BSA). There are several pricing options starting at \$10 a year. Full pricing information is available at Scoutbook.com.

The BSA expects to integrate Scoutbook seamlessly into the BSA's membership system, ScoutNet, later this year.

For more information about this app plus other Scouter's comments (if you read them carefully you'll find a 10% off code) see *Bryan on Scouting's* blog at <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/04/08/bsa-acquires-scoutbook/>

To see one troop's tutorial on how they have set up Scoutbook go to:
<http://www.boyscouttroop36.org/?p=25938>

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2015 Guide to Advancement



The 2015 *Guide to Advancement*, your official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs, is now available. To view or download the PDF go to: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf

Every Scouter should be at least familiar with the *Guide to Advancement* and how to use it to answer our questions on the wide-ranging method in our programs. Only the very fastidious will read every word, but we should all be able to find our way around in it.

Besides revisions for the new Cub Scout and Venturing advancement programs, there are several significant changes and clarifications, and most of the changes pertain to the Boy Scout program. Many of the new sections are the result of frequently asked questions that the Advancement team is answering through new policies. Here's a summary:

- There's a clarification that merit badge worksheets and other written work are not to be substituted for the active requirements such as "show", "demonstrate" and "tell". Worksheets may be fine for a Scout to organize his material, but when meeting with the counselor, the requirements must be met as stated. (Section 4.2.0.1)
- A Scoutmaster conference must be held face-to-face, not via an online meeting system such as Skype or FaceTime. These teleconference systems weaken the method of Adult Association and could make youth protection and privacy standards harder to enforce. (Section 4.2.3.5)
- Lists of merit badge counselors are not intended to be provided directly to Scouts, and the Advancement Team is emphasizing that this includes online access to lists. A Scout should be referred to one or more counselors by his Scoutmaster during the discussion that accompanies the issuance of the blue card. (Section 7.0.2.3)
- Merit badge instruction is not to be provided in large sessions but rather one-on-one with the Scout, and preferably with a Scout buddy, or in certain circumstances in small groups where the instructor can personally interact with each Scout. (Section 7.0.3.0)
- There's a clarification on merit badges which contain prerequisites, such as earning another badge as one of the requirements. It's made clear that the prerequisite does not need to be satisfied before work on the merit badge begins. The example given is the case of the Emergency Preparedness merit badge, which requires the First Aid merit badge to also be completed. It need not be earned prior to starting work on Emergency Preparedness. (Section 7.0.4.11)
- Not that it happens often, but it's made clear that other youth observers besides the candidate are not allowed at boards of review. The unit leader can be there to introduce the candidate and explain anything the board asks, but the board has the right to exclude any and all other observers including the unit leader. (Section 8.0.1.0) But 8.0.1.0 states that parents of the Scout must be allowed to observe if they absolutely insist, and Section 10.2.2.0 provides for assistance for special-needs Scouts.
- Even though Scoutmaster conferences are intended to be held in person, there's new guidance for holding boards of review by videoconferencing mechanisms, such as when a Scout is away at college and a timely board of review must be held. (Section 8.0.1.6)
- The official Eagle Scout rank application is the only form permitted to be used. This is to prevent possible use of obsolete online forms or local council versions of the national form. (Section 9.0.1.3)
- A section is added on "crowdfunding" for Eagle Scout service projects. This involves use of such services as Indiegogo or Kickstarter. The language makes clear that traditional fundraising methods are preferred (if fundraising is even necessary) and includes a caution that the terms and conditions of the crowdfunding service may be at odds with BSA policies. (Section 9.0.2.10)

Is your Scout a Complete Angler?



If a Boy Scout you know loves fishing, here's his chance to prove it.

The BSA Complete Angler Recognition honors Boy Scouts who earn all three fishing-related merit badges: Fishing, Fly-Fishing and Fish and Wildlife Management.

The recognition was developed by the BSA National Fishing Task Force and replaces the Certified Angler Award. Unlike that previous award, the Complete Angler Recognition doesn't require an online test. Once a boy earns the three merit badges, he's eligible to receive the patch.

The program is supported by the BSA Supply Group, which will deliver the newly designed, controlled-access patch to Scout Shops. (Controlled-access means you can't buy it online because you'll need to prove a boy is eligible to earn it.)

Adults, there's a new fishing patch for you, too. The BSA Certified Angling Instructor courses help you deliver a fishing experience Scouts won't forget.

For more about the badge and program go to:

www.scouting.org/Home/OutdoorProgram/Fishing.aspx or see Bryan on Scouting's article about it:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/04/03/complete-angler-and-certified-angling-instructor/>

Cub Scout Awards Getting Updated to Match New Cub Scout Program



The countdown continues to the debut of the new Cub Scout program on June 1, 2015. News about the update seems to show up weekly as we get closer to go time.

The most recent announcement: The requirements for the National Den Award, National Summertime Pack Award, Cub Scout World Conservation Award and Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award have been revised to reflect the new program.

You can find the information at the always-helpful Scouting Wire

(<http://scoutingwire.org/updated-requirements-for-cub-scout-awards/>) or see this *Bryan on Scouting* blog:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/04/09/cub-scout-awards-getting-updated-match-new-cub-scout-program/>

Hosting a Cub Scout Geocaching Event



If your pack would like to host a geocaching event, and if you look at the new Cub Scout program coming you'll see that geocaching is part of it, the we suggest you look at GeoCaching.com's guidebook which can be found at:

http://cubscoutideas.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Adventure_Kit_Boy_Scouts.pdf.

You might also like to check the article at

<http://cubscoutideas.com/1913/how-to-host-a-cub-scout-geocaching-event/>

SCOUTStrong Healthy Unit Award gets Updated



Is snacking smart, drinking right and moving more a priority in your Scout unit? It should be. And it's time to get the patch to prove it.

The Boy Scouts of America, in collaboration with Healthy Kids Out of School, has launched a new edition of the SCOUTStrong Healthy Unit Award. Originally a pilot program in the northeast, it is now available nationwide in a new edition.

Who can earn it?

The patch is for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers. You can earn it as a den, troop, pack or crew.

How do you earn it?

Practice three healthy principles during your meetings and/or gatherings, creating a new norm. Just follow the 3-6-9 plan:

- Snack Smart: Eat fruits and vegetables for snacks when snacks are provided at three meetings
- Drink Right: Have water over sugary beverages at six meetings
- Move More: Enjoy 15 minutes of physical activity at nine meetings

Best part is, the three healthy meeting practices align with many existing Scout requirements and awards. For example, the Cooking merit badge. A Boy Scout could provide his troop with a healthy snack that he prepared and mark off that requirement while also helping his troop earn the award.

What resources are available?

There's a ton of great content available on the SCOUTStrong Healthy Unit Award page (www.scouting.org/ScoutStrongHealthyUnit.aspx). Such as:

- Customized tracker for each level of Scouting (Tigers through Boy Scouts), in order to track your unit's progress toward earning the patch.
- Ideas for active games, healthy snacks and activities to get Scouts on board with the healthy practices.
- Resources for Scout parents or volunteers that introduce the patch and provide ideas for easy and healthy snacks to bring to meetings.

What's new about this award?

The new version of this award has two big differences:

- The patch has been redesigned.
- Instead of sending your completed tracking form to the Healthy Kids Out of School team, you're now on the honor system. After completing the requirements, you may print the certificate yourself and buy the patches yourself.

What do I do once my unit earns the award?

1. Print the certificate. www.scouting.org/filestore/ScoutStrong/pdf/220-801.pdf
2. Purchase the patches for you and your Scouts. www.scoutstuff.org/emb-pala-healthy-unit.html#.VTBMj45Vikp

FEMA Mobile Application



FEMA has added a new feature to its free app that will enable users to receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations across the nation. This new feature allows users to receive alerts on severe weather happening anywhere they select in the country, even if the phone is not located in the area, making it easy to follow severe weather that may be threatening family and friends.

The new weather alert feature adds to the app's existing features to help Americans through emergencies. In addition to this upgrade, the app also provides a customizable checklist of emergency supplies, maps of open shelters and Disaster Recovery Centers, and tips on how to survive natural and manmade disasters. The FEMA app also offers a "Disaster Reporter" feature, where users can upload and share photos of disaster damage.

Some other key features of the app include:

- Safety Tips: Tips on how to stay safe before, during, and after over 20 types of hazards, including floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes
- Disaster Reporter: Users can upload and share photos of damage and recovery efforts
- Maps of Disaster Resources: Users can locate and receive driving directions to open shelters and disaster recovery centers
- Apply for Assistance: The app provides easy access to apply for federal disaster assistance

The latest version of the FEMA app is available for free in the App Store for Apple devices and Google Play for Android devices. Users who already have the app downloaded on their device should download the latest update for the weather alerts feature to take effect. The new weather alerts feature in the FEMA app does not replace Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) function available on many new smartphones. WEAs have a special tone and vibration and are sent for emergencies such as extreme weather, AMBER alerts, or Presidential Alerts.

To learn more about the FEMA app, visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxBdhLtNuxM&feature=youtu.be>

18th Annual Sully District Golf Classic



The Sully District (Chantilly, Centreville, and Clifton VA) golf classic will be held at the beautiful Chantilly National Golf & Country Club, in Centreville, VA on September 14, 2015.

Enjoy a great day of golf, friendship and giving as they raise money to ensure the continued success of this 105 year old program for youth in our community. (Newsletter Editor's Note: the money goes to NCAC, not to the district).

All golfers go home as winners as we end the day with a banquet and awards ceremony.

Sign up as an individual player (\$200), or bring a foursome of your friends (\$750). Businesses can sign up to sponsor a hole and bring business colleagues to enjoy a day of golf.

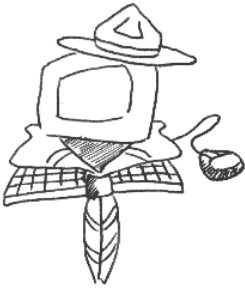
For more information or to register go to www.NCACBSA.org/SullyGolf

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The 'No One-On-One Contact' Provision Applies to Digital Contact, Too



The BSA's Youth Protection guidelines prohibit one-on-one contact between adults and youth members. That much you know. But in a world where an increasing number of our communications are digital, how does that rule apply?

The policy of two-deep leadership extends into cyberspace. There should be no one-on-one online or digital activities (games, social media, etc.) or electronic communications. Leaders should include or copy a parent or another leader in all online communications, ensuring no one-on-one contact exists in text, social media or other forms of online or digital communication.

Our partners at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) NetSmartz Workshop program advise us child predators are knowledgeable about BSA's policies regarding two-deep leadership and no one-on-one contact. As a result, they seek interactions with youth in cyberspace where youth interact with each other and are usually unsupervised by parents (i.e., gaming, chat rooms, etc.)

As a safety precaution to protect youth and leaders, we require all interactions (e.g., texting, email, instant messaging, etc.) to be copied to a parent or other registered leader. While we understand that this may present a challenge to some, we feel that safe interactions are of prime concern.

As a reminder, all leaders should be providing the Cyber Chip program to Scouting youth so that they may be better able to recognize, respond to and report inappropriate activity to the CyberTipline (1-800-THE-LOST (843-5678)) and local Scout executive. To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the BSA introduced the Cyber Chip.

We also recommend that Eagle Scout coaches who are selected by units become registered. By registering these key leaders in the growth of our Scouts, they would then be properly vetted through background checks and would be required to take Youth Protection training. What better way to ensure the safety of all our youth, than by asking all adults involved with the advancement of these Scouts to be a part of our safety programs?

NCMEC suggests that leaders and parents of Scouts check out the following NetSmartz website and tip sheet that provide helpful information on safe cell phone usage:

<http://www.netsmartz.org/CellPhones>

http://cdn.netsmartz.org/tipsheets/smartphone_safety.pdf

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Murphy's Laws of Camping

- Average temperature increases with the amount of clothing brought.
- Given a chance, matches will find a way to get wet.
- When planning to take time off of work/school for your camping trip, always add an extra week, because when you get home from your "vacation" you'll be too tired to go back to work for a week after.

Here's How Cub Scouts Will Earn Nova Awards under the New Program



How will Cub Scouts earn Nova Awards once the Academics and Sports belt loops go away? Richard Stone, the education and training leader of the STEM/Nova Committee, has the answer.

Effective June 1, 2015, the rank requirements for Cub Scouts are changing. Cub Scouts currently working on any of the Nova awards or one of the Supernova awards have two options:

1. *Complete the award not later than Dec. 31, 2015, using the requirements as published in the current Cub Scout Nova Awards Guidebook (No. 34032).* These "old" requirements include the earning of the soon-to-be retired activity pins and belt loops. Cub Scouts may still earn those awards after their retirement from the advancement requirements on June 1 and may receive the pin or belt loop while they are still in stock at your local Scout Shop (Goose Creek Editor Note: Most likely these will not be available from our Scout Shops). The retired awards may not be applied to the new Cub Scout advancement requirements, of course.

Or complete the award using the requirements published in the new Cub Scout Nova Awards Guidebook. Look for the updated Cub Scout Nova award and Supernova Award requirements at this page www.scouting.org/stem/Awards.aspx and in the updated guidebooks available at your Scout Shop this summer.

2014 Eagle Scout Yearbook



The 2014 Eagle Scout Yearbook, which will showcase the 51,820-member 2014 Eagle Scout class. If you or someone you know is a member of the 2014 Eagle Scout class, here are the details you need.

Like any school or university yearbook, the 2014 Eagle Scout Yearbook will feature names and pictures of members of the 2014 class. But like any class yearbook, it's only as good as the information provided.

2014 Eagle Scouts will receive a postcard, email and/or phone call from PCI, the company producing the yearbook for NESAs. Eagle Scouts will be asked to submit a photo and answer questions like, "Whom do you most admire?" "What was your toughest merit badge?" "What does the Scout Law mean to you?" They'll also describe their Eagle project. The yearbook will be available for purchase when providing this information. Eagle Scouts who do not participate will have only their first name and last initial and troop number included.

Proceeds from the yearbook help fund the NESAs scholarship endowment. Over the past seven years, the NESAs scholarship fund has increased from 75 scholarships valued at \$250,000 to more than 250 scholarships valued at \$650,000 through projects like the Eagle Scout Yearbook.

Eagle Scouts who submit a photo for the yearbook get a patch like the one seen to the left of this article. You don't have to buy a yearbook to get your name and photo in the yearbook or get a patch.

Summit Bechtel Reserve is Seeking Photos of You as a Scout



Crack open the photo albums and grab that shoebox full of images.

The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia is seeking portraits of Scouts for a new exhibit at the Scott Visitor Center. These Scout portraits — spanning the years from 1910 to today — will form a permanent display at the new building, scheduled to open this October.

About 75 photos will be selected to represent Scouting's past and its present, and one of them could be of you.

The team mostly needs photos from before the 1990s — aka the time you might have been a youth in Scouting.

Here are the details on how to submit:

Photo requirements

- It should be a close-up portrait of a single individual, preferably from the torso up. In other words, not an action shot.
- The Scout in the photo should be in uniform.
- It should be from before 1990, but more recent photos will be considered.
- You may send a lower-resolution image initially, but the photo should be available at a very high resolution.
- If your photo is selected, the team will ask for a high-resolution image and may ask to borrow the original photo in order to make a scan of it. (Scanned photos will be returned.)
- Photos should be submitted by May 5, 2015.

How to submit

Submit your images to svcphtosubmission@gmail.com and include the following information:

- Name
- Email address
- Date of photo
- City and state
- Troop number

Note: Because of the volume of images expected, the SBR team can't respond to everyone. Those who are selected will be contacted in the next few weeks.

JOTA/JOTI



The 57th Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) and Jamboree-on-the-Internet (JOTI) are set for October 16-18. Make plans now to link up now with the global Scouting community via ham radio, computers and tablets. Info at www.Scouting.org/JOTA

Let's Stop the Practice of Having Scouts Sing for a Lost Item



Let's say a Scout loses something — perhaps his Boy Scout Handbook, troop cap or camp chair — and you find it.

Do you:

- A. Return the item to him right away, with a quick, discreet (but in full view of others) reminder that he should keep a better eye on his stuff?
- B. Give the item to his patrol leader or senior patrol leader and let one of them return it to the Scout with the same friendly, discreet reminder?
- C. Keep the item until he can "sing for it" in front of the whole unit, thereby shaming him into never making the mistake again?

The right answers are A or B.

If you said C — singing for the lost item — Dr. Jim Wilson, none other than the national chairman of the BSA's Youth Protection Committee, asks you to rethink that practice.

Singling out a Scout in front of other Scouts is inappropriate and can be damaging to that Scout. I would suggest following up with the Scout to see if he is OK. Also, the Scout's parents should be informed, if they haven't been already.

This practice is actually promoting an environment of harassment and bullying. It can put the Scout at greater risk of being bullied, encourage other Scouts to single out and bully others, and create a cycle of bullying (in which even those who were bullied start bullying others).

In fact, it is recommended even in bullying situations not to single out anyone publicly, including the person who engaged in bullying behavior. It's better to address the situation after everyone has had time to cool off.

I suggest you check out the information sheets available in the "Bullying Awareness" section of the Youth Protection website (www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection/bullying.aspx).

Also, we draw upon information and materials available from www.StopBullying.gov, which has additional bullying-prevention resources that may be helpful for you.

Camp Snyder Events



Saturday May 9, 10 noon to 4pm come for previews of summer camp, STEM programs, summer activities and more. The cost is \$5 for Family Campers and \$10 for Scouts in uniform.

Saturday June 13, watch a movie while floating in the pool. Gates open 730pm and the movie starts at dusk. Concessions will be available. The cost is \$5 for Scouts and \$10 for non-Scouts.

Information on these events and more may be found online at www.GoToSnyder.org

What is STEM SCOUTS?



STEM Scouts is a national pilot program from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), focused on fun ways for girls and boys, grades 3 - 12, to learn more about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Using hands-on activities, STEM Scouts also encourages young minds' natural curiosity and helps build interest in the STEM-related careers that are so crucial to our future economy.

STEM Scouts offers a scouting experience with less emphasis on the outdoors. STEM Scouts follow the Scout oath and law with the goal of producing young men and women who are leaders, display confidence, realize their skills and limitations, are respectful of others' opinions, are problem solvers in all aspects of life, look for opportunities to serve others, are good citizens and demonstrate integrity in all phases of life.

The BSA launched the STEM Scouts pilot program in 2014 in Knoxville, Tennessee, giving youth – both boys and girls – a new way to learn about STEM outside of the classroom. After successfully piloting the program, the BSA's National Executive Board approved a plan to expand the STEM Scouts pilot to 12 additional councils (NCAC is not on this list).

STEM Scouts at a Glance

- 10-30 boys and girls, 2 or more leaders per unit (called a Laboratory, usually shorted to Lab)
- Units grouped by elementary, middle and high school ages
- Weekly after-school meetings, monthly field trips
- 4- to 6-week learning modules
- There are no ranks or badges, but youth receive participation awards for weekly activities and achievement awards for completing Individual Learning Modules
- Lessons created & vetted by STEM educators
- Leadership and mentoring opportunities
- Development of new skills

Some example modules from the pilot:

- Mad About Gravity (elementary school): How does gravity work? Learn how a parachute slows down a falling egg. Create a real-life "Angry Birds" game, participate in an egg drop challenge and launch your own designed rocket.
- Robot Race (middle school): Using Lego Mindstorms NXT 2.0, design, build and program a robot that can pick up and move ping pong balls. Compete against your fellow STEM Scouts to see whose robot gets the job done fastest.
- Forensic Science (high school): Solve a murder mystery by applying forensic science techniques. Conduct gel electrophoresis as you explore DNA and how it applies to forensic science. Investigate blood typing activities using simulated blood. Learn how to lift fingerprints and take casts of footprints.

Pre Camp Swim Tests



This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA swim classification check done under the supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel at the Camp William B. Snyder pool.

When: June 6. 30 min blocks starting at 1pm, last session starting at 4:30pm. Up to 20 tests per 30 minute session

Where: Camp William B. Snyder

Cost: \$2 per participant

Note: Although these swim tests are being conducted prior to summer camp, the camp aquatics director is expected to review or retest any Scout or leader whose skills appear to be inconsistent with his classification. Additionally, the camp aquatics program director is authorized to retest any Scout or group of Scouts at his discretion. Goshen Scout Reservation waterfronts require swim classification tests be conducted at Goshen in Lake Merriweather.

A unit swim classification record will be issued by NCAC Aquatics personnel to each unit showing the swim classification (swimmer, beginner, and non-swimmer) of each participant.

This event is open to all NCAC units.

Registration: www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=524091#

2015 Fredericksburg National Cemetery Luminaria



More than 15,300 candles will light the Fredericksburg National Cemetery for the twentieth annual luminaria honoring those who have given their lives for their country.

This commemoration will take place Saturday May 23, 2015 (rain date, Sunday, May 24). The program extends from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm in the cemetery. It will remain open until the luminaria lights are out.

The program includes a historical walking tour to view the thousands of lighted candles. Each honors one of the soldiers buried in the cemetery, situated atop the battlefield landmark known during and after the Civil War as Marye's Heights. Taps will be played every 30 minutes.

Due to limited parking, a free shuttle service will operate from the University of Mary Washington parking-lot on the corner of William Street and Sunken Road. Handicapped parking will be available in the parking lot behind the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitor Center, with another shuttle operating between that point and the cemetery.

Please note that the National Park does not allow pets in the cemetery.

BSA & American Red Cross Lifeguard Training



Do you need training for your Lifeguarding job for the summer? NCAC is holding a lifeguard course starting this May.

This course will use the Red Cross blended learning option that requires approximately 7 1/2 hours of online study before May 30. This allows us to reduce the amount of time needed for the pool-side classes. You will earn the following certifications by successfully completing this course:

- American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED
- BSA Lifeguard

Dates/Times: (5 sessions)

- May 17 – 3-6 pm, Freedom Aquatic Center, Manassas VA - Prerequisite swim test and orientation
- May 30 – 9am-5pm, Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket VA
- May 31 – 9am-5pm, Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket VA
- June 6 – 9am-5pm, Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket VA
- June 7 – 9am-5pm, Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket VA

Note: You must attend ALL sessions to complete the course

What are the requirements:

- You must be at least 15 years old
- You must demonstrate the following at the prerequisite swim test: swim continuously for 550 yards, including at least 100 yards of each of the following strokes in good form: front crawl, breaststroke, elementary backstroke, and sidestroke. Immediately following the swim you must tread water for two minutes using no hands (your hands must be under your armpits).
- You must be able to, starting in the water, swim 20 yards using a front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7-10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, surface, swim with the object 20 yards back to the starting point, and exit the water, all within 1 minute, 40 seconds.

What do you need to bring:

- You must supply a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form signed by a physician. You must be approved for swimming activities
- You will need to furnish a swim mask, snorkel and fins (all other equipment is provided)
- You will need to bring a bag lunch for each day of the weekend sessions.

Cost: \$120

Registration: www.ncacbsa.org/events/Sessions.aspx?id=524114. Register early since the course is limited to the first 16 participants. Online registration closes on May 11.

Contact: Mike Meenehan
mmmeenehan@cox.net
 Phone: 703-400-2176

Scuba Certification and Scuba Diving Merit Badge



What: PADI open water scuba certification and the BSA Scuba Diving merit badge.

Who: This course is for Scouts and Adults least 11 years old.

- Participants younger than 15 years old will receive PADI Junior Open Water Diver Certification.
- 15 years and older receive PADI Open Water Diver Certification.

Where: Camp Snyder (orientation, classroom, pool session) local quarry (open water training dives)

Required form: Each participant must complete a PADI Medical questionnaire available at: www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/padi.pdf

When:

- (Day 1) Orientation – Jul 26 1-3pm;
- (Day 2 and 3) class/pool sessions – Aug 15 & 16 9am-5pm,
- (Day 4 and 5) open water training dives – Aug 22 & 23 10am-1pm;
- (Also Day 5) Scuba Diving merit badge counseling session - Aug 23, 4-6pm

Cost: Scuba certification class and merit badge session - \$450 (includes all equipment); Scuba diving merit badge session fee is included.

Registration: http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=524096#, Online registration is available until July 20

Contact: Mike Meenehan
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 Phone: 703-400-2176

Kids to Parks Day



In Scouting, we'll take any excuse to get outside and explore neighborhood parks. There's a wealth of science, history, nature and adventure right around the corner or just across town.

That's why the Boy Scouts of America is encouraging you to mark your Scout calendars for the next Kids to Parks Day: Saturday, May 16, 2015.

The BSA — along with the National Park Service, NFL Players Association, American Hiking Society and others — is a prominent collaborator on Kids to Parks Day, organized by National Park Trust.

Getting involved in "America's national day of play" is easy. Just head to a park with your Scouts, and have fun! You can even register your event on the National Park Trust website (<http://parktrust.org/kidstoparks/national-kids-to-parks-day>) to be a part of this massive movement.

Scuba BSA



Scuba BSA introduces participants to the special skills, equipment, and safety precautions associated with scuba diving, encourages aquatics activities that promote fitness and recreation, and provides a foundation for those who later will participate in more advanced underwater activities.

The Scuba BSA experience contains two parts— Knowledge Development and Water Skills Development. During the first part, participants learn basic dive safety information and overview skills to be used during their water experience. The Water Skills Development session introduces essential dive skills, such as mask clearing, regulator clearing, and alternate air source use.

NOTE: This is an introductory, try-it scuba experience. It does not result in certification for diving on your own. It covers the requirements of the Scuba BSA award. It is not the BSA Scuba Diving merit badge. Many people decide to go on and take a certification course after trying scuba.

Who: Any Boy Scout-aged youth or adult. Maximum 8 participants per session

Preregistration is required: Each participant must complete a PADI Medical questionnaire available at:

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/padi.pdf>

When: June 14. 1.5 hour sessions at 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30pm

Registration: http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=524109#, Online registration is available until June 8. To view the sessions: <http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/Sessions.aspx?id=524109>

Cost: \$25 (includes all equipment). All you need to bring is your swimsuit and a towel!

Contact: Mike Meenehan
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 Phone: 703-400-2176

Passport DC Embassy Days



Once a year the diplomatic community from around the world throws open the doors of the various Embassies, Consulates and Missions for the public at large to stop in and visit. The "Embassy Days" are coordinated by Passport DC and take place on Saturday May 2nd and May 9th. There is no associated cost and no need to register. Activities range from informal tours of the grounds, to local food, music and culture. It's a great family event and wonderful for Scouts looking to get a little international flavor. Participating nations on May 2nd span the world while European nations make up the bulk of the May 9th participants.

For a full list of which nations are taking part, a map of the city and more information as to specific activities, look to the Passport DC website at www.culturaltourismdc.org/portal/passport-dc1

Fairfax 2015 World Police & Fire Games



This summer (June 26 – July 5), the Fairfax 2015 World Police & Fire Games welcomes 12,000 first responder athletes from 70 countries to Fairfax County and the National Capital Region. As one of the world's largest multisport multi-venue events there will be 61 sports taking place at 53 venues.

While most sports events do not require any ticket or purchase to be a spectator, the events do require tickets to enter. Both the Opening and Closing Ceremony are FREE but still require a seating ticket at both RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. and Wolf Trap in Vienna, Virginia.

Volunteer opportunities exist in multiple areas of interest including, Games Ambassadors, Special Events, Venues and Competition, PR and Marketing, Operations and more:

- Participate in massive Olympic-style event
- Receive a WPFG uniform
- Receive meals & refreshments for each shift
- Receive discounts for area retailers thru Sept 5, 2015 using a valid Games ID

For more information about this event and to volunteer to help go to:

<http://fairfax2015.com/>

High Adventure Opportunities



For units with older Scouts (i.e., 14 and older), NCAC has three great high adventure opportunities:

FLORIDA SEA BASE. Want to sail on a 40- to 50-foot sailing yacht for a week? Want to learn navigation, fishing and sailing in the Florida Keys? We have openings for just seven more youth and two adults **this summer!** Contact Dana Abrahamsen, Sea Base program liaison (dabrahamsen@ftc.gov, 703-280-9782) with questions.

NORTHERN TIER Want to go canoeing deep in the wilderness of Canada? NCAC is starting provisional treks to Bissett, Manitoba, in **July 2016**. Sign-ups are now being accepted for 12 youth and 4 adults to experience the "Most extreme High Adventure in Scouting." Be a part of NCAC's inaugural provisional treks to Manitoba. Questions? Contact Craig Reichow, Northern Tier program liaison, (sctmstr@verizon.net, 703-478-0660),

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH. NCAC provisional opportunities in 2015 are no longer available, but are available for 2016. Still want to go this summer? See the paragraph below. Questions? Contact the Philmont program liaison, Ed Graydon (ed.graydon@verizon.net, 703-680-6550).

FREE REFERRAL SERVICE. Have a high adventure opening? Have someone who wants to do High Adventure this summer? Full crews maximize the experience, so contact the High Adventure Committee program liaison (names above) and we'll help interested trekkers find spaces we know are available. No promises, but it might just connect your trekkers with the trip of a lifetime. Contact the High Adventure Committee now if interested or have space available.

More Questions? Our GCD High Adventure Representative is John Blackwell (john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org, 540-822-4395). Note: See the NCAC HAC contact list for base program liaisons if you have questions about other high adventure bases.

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

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

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

ScubaJam Virginia 2015



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: Sept 4-7, 2015

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

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

Goshen Summer Specialty Week



Specialty Week will be held during the week of July 26th to August 1st at Camp Marriott. Trail to Eagle, Beach & Yacht, and Field & Stream are the featured programs for this year, with the new addition of The Marriott Project (STEM Program). Scouts attend these specialty programs provisionally, as lone Scouts, rather than with their home Troops. Participants will spend the entire week earning merit badges and engaging in activities focused around the program theme. Specialty week is open to Scouts ages 13 and up as well as Venturers, Varsity Scouts, Sea Scouts, and Explorers.

The Marriott Project (STEM Program) - The program includes a mix of Merit Badges, STEM NOVA Venturing Explorations, and activities. Use forensic science to solve an at-camp mystery, explore energy and forces on the COPE course, put your engineering skills to the test building catapults, examine the natural world, and much more! Participants will have the opportunity to earn one of BSA's NOVA Awards.

Trail to Eagle - gives each scout the opportunity to earn up to six Eagle-required Merit Badges and learn valuable leadership skills to bring home to their home troops and communities. This program is designed with a focus on both advancement and development as a leader.

Beach & Yacht - Come hang out and enjoy the sun at the Camp Marriott waterfront while earning Sailing, Swimming, Lifesaving, Water Sports, and other aquatics merit badge during this week.

Field & Stream - This program is being offered to those Scouts and Venturers who love fishing and shooting. Rifle Shooting, Archery, Trap Shooting, NRA qualification shooting for rifle and shotgun, lake and stream fishing, and other outdoor sportsman skills and activities are featured. Field and Stream is intended to open the door to a lifetime hobby or skill enhancement in the shooting sports and related fields.

Go to

www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=119323&id=282474 for additional information on registration and fees.

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

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

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

Cub Scout Resident Camp



Camp Snyder will conduct four sessions (Thursday 6 PM – Sunday 9 AM) for Cub Resident Camp in 2015. Cub Resident Camp is your introduction to what Boy Scout camp can be like. Scouts and their adult leaders/parents will live in 5-person BSA wall tents with cots and platforms, eat at the camp dining hall (Friday breakfast to Sunday breakfast) and experience a wonderful program. The program at camp includes opportunities for Scouts to earn Achievements, Pins, Belt Loops, and several just-for-fun activities. The importance of Cub Resident camp to a Cub Scout and their family is tremendous! Resident Camp will develop your son's or den's self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing learning experiences in which campers acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to their well being.

Session 1: July 9-12
 Session 2: July 16-19
 Session 3: July 23-26
 Session 4: July 30-Aug 2

Cost: \$225 – register by May 15
 \$249 – register after June 15
 \$95 – adults

Cub Adventure Days



Camp Snyder will conduct four Adventure Days sessions for Cub Scouts in 2015. Cub Adventure Days is a great Day Camp experience for all Scouts from Tiger through Webelos and their families to experience a campout without the overnight sleeping. Each day will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 4:00 PM with lunch included in the cost of camp. Every day will be different from the one before with Scouts visiting all of the Camp Snyder program areas by the end of the week.

Session 1: July 6-9
 Session 2: July 13-16
 Session 3: July 20-23
 Session 4: July 27-30

Cost: \$210 – register by May 15
 \$230 – register after Jun 15
 \$30 – one adult for a week
 (may be a different adult each day)

Webelos Camp



Camp Snyder will conduct two Webelos Resident Camps in 2015. Webelos camp is a big step for the Webelos I or II working on Activity Badges. Scouts will camp overnight just like when they become Boy Scouts to get the full summer camp experience in a shorter setting. Most of your time will be spent working towards advancing in your Webelos trail on the way to becoming a Boy Scout. There are plenty of other fun activities to fill your week including games, trips to the pool and more. Webelos will also be able to work on some free time activities that will include the more advanced pins from the Cub Scout Academic and Sports program. Camps go from Sunday 6 PM to Friday 9 AM.

Session 1: Aug 2-7
 Session 2: Aug 9-14

Cost: \$260 – register by May 15
 \$280 – register after Jun 15
 \$60 – adults

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.

2015 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key: Available Almost Full Full

Camp (as of 03/25/2015)		Week					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bowman (Patrol Cooking)	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
	Marriot (Patrol Cooking & Heater Stack)	LDS Week	Available	Available	Full	Available	Full
	Olmsted (BS Dining Hall)	Full	Available	Full	Available	Available	Available
	Lenhok'sin High Adventure	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Full
	PMI (Dining Hall)	Full	Available	Available	Full	Full	Available
	Ross (Dining Hall)	Full	Almost Full	Available	Full	Available	Available

Week 1 – 6/21 to 6/27

Week 2 – 6/28 to 7/4

Week 3 – 7/5 to 7/11

Week 4 – 7/12 to 7/18

Week 5 – 7/19 to 7/25

Week 6 – 7/26 to 8/1

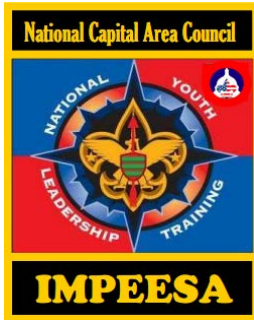
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2017 National Jamboree



Will the second time around at the Summit be even greater than the first? The 2017 National Jamboree is July 19 to 28, 2017, and youth participant and adult leader registration opens this month. Get the part started at www.BSAJamboree.org

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)



NYLT (Impeesa) is the National Capital Area Council's presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their scouting program and in LIFE. NYLT brings together scouts from all over the Council to learn and practice the leadership techniques in a risk free, scout friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

The course is presented primarily using a Boy Scout model as the vehicle which allows all attendees to SEE how leadership skills fit into the scouting program. These Leadership skills are applicable to all scouting programs.

While it remains the responsibility of the unit leaders to train the youth leaders, this course is designed to supplement the adult leaders' role in the training process. NYLT skills build on the fundamental leadership skills presented in the unit basic leadership training in their home unit. This training conference has six specific objectives:-

- To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their unit.
- To give participants the most contemporary, successful, and useful leadership tools available and allow them to "experiment" with them to help them better relate these skills to their unit responsibilities.
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other scouting programs.
- To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at its best.
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and their adult leaders. • To have fun!

In order to attend the course each participant must certify that they have have now (or will have by June 1st) met the following qualifications to attend NYLT:

- Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts
- Completed Unit Leader Training
- At least 13 years of age (or have Unit Leaders approval to attend)
- Home Unit Leader approval

Dates: (each date is a separate course)

- 21 - 27 June 2015
- 12 - 18 July 2015
- 26 July - 2 August 2015

Information flyer: http://www.ncacbsa.org/resource/group/405727e6-f289-4f85-8e62-a8b0f5857afa/NYLT/Impeesa_Flyer2015.pdf

Cost: \$275

Registration: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/event/nylt20153>

SCUBA Diving Merit Badge Counseling Session



When: 8/23/2015, 4:00:00 PM - 6:00:00 PM

Where: AB Sea's Diving
10416 Hampton Road
Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039
United States

Contact: Mike Meenehan
mmmeenehan@cox.net
Phone: (703) 400-2176

Registration: \$5,
www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=524108
Event is limited to 36 Boy Scout

On-Line Resource of the Month



ScoutWiki (<http://en.scoutwiki.org>) is a free encyclopedia which consists of worldwide Scouting and Guiding related articles. Anyone can participate by creating a new page or by editing an existing article. The English version of ScoutWiki currently has 2,637 articles in English. However, most of these articles could use some improvement, as compared to (e.g.) the Finnish, the French and the Dutch ScoutWiki's. Some of the categories in the sites are: History, Publications, Ideas for activities, Scouting skill, Methods and manners (uniforms, flags, badges, ...), Camping, Events, Equipment, Scouting in the world, and Tips and tricks for scout leaders.

Equipment / Gear

Paddleboarding Buying Guide



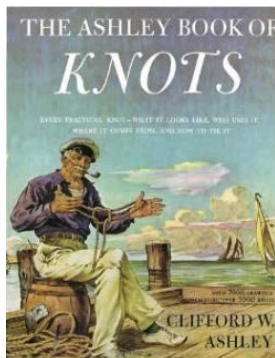
It looks like walking on water. Kinda feels like it too. Stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) is one of the most fun things you can do on the water, and it's one of the fastest-growing outdoor sports.

Though SUP's roots are in surfing, the majority of SUP boards are now used for flat water touring and fitness paddling. You'll also find SUPs being used to race, run whitewater rivers, fish and even to reach out-of-the-way camp spots. Whatever way you want to paddle, *Boy's Life Gear Guy* brings you everything you need to know about SUP:

<http://boyslife.org/outdoors/guygear/141206/paddleboarding-buying-guide/>.

Books

The Ashley Book of Knots



The Ashley Book of Knots (c.1944) by Clifford W. Ashley, is the definitive reference work on knots, splices, and rope work in general. Born in 1881 in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Clifford W. Ashley was an antique dealer and artist, who spent eleven years writing his magnum opus and died three years after its 1944 publication.

In his pursuit of ropework, Mr. Ashley spent six months at sea on the whaling bark *SUNBEAM*; and six weeks on a Delaware Bay oysterman called a 'bugeye'. He interviewed tradesmen, such as: steeplejacks, cobblers, truck drivers, butchers, electric linesmen, and Boy Scouts as well as sailors and sea captains to document each nuance of knot unique to its trade. He was taught a few knots by Mr. Ringling himself of circus fame; and taught a knot to Mr. DuPont, a captain of industry.

The result of Mr. Ashley's research was a significant collection of 7,000 drawings of 3,900 knots and their application in a 620 page knot tyers tome which has become a veritable bible for rope workers the world over. In just about any capacity that a rope can be utilized has found its way into the book. Mr. Ashley has covered: netting, lashings, block & tackle, splices, hitches, and bends. He went from purely decorative knots with no practical value to knots applied to industrial use. He included a whole chapter on rope tricks and puzzles. There is an amusing catalog of small figures the author drew to rate the quality of each knot described, such as a deuce of clubs to designate 'unimportance', or a kedge anchor to indicate 'reliability'.

Equally important as the knot's description was their utilization on incidental equipment. Mr. Ashley fortuitously included a description of a rope's application on fairleads, belaying pins, H-bitts, cleats, thumb-cleats, fife rails, pin rails, pin racks, and timberheads; as well as esoteric equipment such as euphroe blocks and crows feet.

The book also includes the important distinction between the kevel (or cavil) and the quarter cleat. The glossary in the back makes another refinement by distinguishing the knot from the sinnet, splice, hitch, and bend. Thus clearing up any misassumptions in knot application (such as that Knot Theory is a branch of pure mathematics and has nothing to do with Knot Tying!) - *The Ashley Book of Knots* settles any disputes in nomenclature.

The only shortcoming to this significant work is that the drawings are unclear and vague in some instances, making it impossible to tie a knot in the example given. The book is dated in respect to splicing modern power braids such as Liquid Crystal Polymer, Spectra, or Kevlar; and makes no mention of the type of knot or splice found in an Astronaut's tether.

Still this can be tolerated in view of the wealth of information and history on knots, splices, and rope contained within its pages. And *The Ashley Book of Knots* has gained a further importance in its power of verification.

Cost is around \$52, hardcover. The Amazon rating for this book is 4.8 stars out of 220 reviews.

Training Opportunities

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



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OLSWL) Training is presented by Goose Creek District Training at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve on May 16-17, 2015

Outdoor skills are critical to the success of any Scouting program. IOLS provides leaders with the basic outdoor skills needed to start a program right and keep it going.

IOLS is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Varsity Scout coaches. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on building confidence and competence in Leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

All Leaders should wear their Scout Leader Uniform.

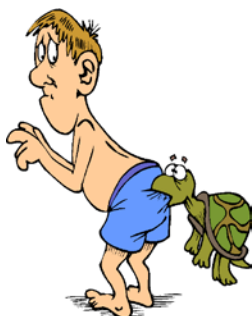
Please bring a chair and a water bottle for class sessions. Also bring full camping gear for an overnight stay; camping overnight is part of the course.

Meals will be provided. Please provide any dietary restrictions.

There is a \$40 fee for this class. Please Register online. http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=621593&group=114098

If you need additional information please email walt.johnson@goosecreekdistrict.org

Swimming and Water Rescue



What: This is the hands-on, in/on water training for supervisors of any scouting swimming or boating activity. It covers the skills needed to meet Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat policies applied at the unit level. This is the training referenced in BSA's Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat guidelines. The training consists of a classroom portion and water sessions.

Prerequisites: Safe Swim Defense (available online at <https://myscouting.scouting.org/>)

The Swimming and Water Rescue course has 4 major components:

- 1) BSA Swim test
- 2) Classroom session
- 3) Written test
- 4) In-the-water session

Who: Older youth (min. 15 years old) and adult leaders.

Where: Camp Snyder.

Registration: http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=524085# Online registration is available until 8/24/2015

Cost: \$40, \$10 if already own required course book.

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NCAC Powder Horn 2015



Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting's leaders/advisors and scouts to the exciting program possibilities for their unit. The goal for participants is to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with contacts and resources needed to implement them.

It is important to understand that Powder Horn is not a personal development course or a team building experience. It is not a certification course and no high adventure skills are taught in this course.

Its purpose is to educate the scouts and Scouting leaders about specific high-adventure skills, to connect them to resources to deliver those skills, and to get them excited about delivering those skills in an exciting, challenging way to youth. It is designed to have many disciplines introduced with a hands-on segment.

Course Method

During the course, presentations on topics are made by knowledgeable consultants with demonstrated skills and certifications, as appropriate. They demonstrate the skills required and explain where resources, such as equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications can be obtained locally. Most of the presentations involve actual hands-on experience by the participants, including, shooting sports, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, mountain biking, SCUBA, land navigation, Leave No Trace, Project COPE, wilderness survival and much, much more.

This is NOT a high-adventure activity. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are Powder Horn participants required to participate in an activity where they feel uncomfortable. They may choose to observe, listen, and learn.

Learning Objectives

Completion of Powder Horn will result in understanding the skills, equipment, facilities, & certifications needed to conduct specific high-adventure programs, such as:

- provide a robust outdoor program using a variety of resources
- identify local resources and consultants for high-adventure activities
- apply the health and safety requirements of the BSA to the outdoor programs
- apply the rules and regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs

Location

ONE COURSE ---TWO WEEKENDS --- TWO LOCATIONS!!!

You MUST attend both weekends to complete the course.

- August 28 – 30, 2015 - Camp St. Charles, 15375 Stella Maris Drive Newburg MD

AND

- September 17-20, 2015 - Camp Snyder, Haymarket, 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA, 20169

Participant Fee

The fee is \$275 (includes course materials, instruction, meals, lodging, recognition items). Horsemanship session will be followed by an optional 90-minute trail ride at Marriott Ranch for an additional cost of \$50.00. The optional trail ride is reserved on a first-come basis due to limited space.

Course Size and Registration

The course is limited to 48 participants (40 adult leader/advisor/committee members and 8 scouts/Venturers). To register and get more information about this course go to

http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=605263&terms=%22powder%22#

Philmont Leadership Challenge and Summit Leadership Challenge



If Wood Badge is a Scouting bachelor's degree, consider this the master's.

The Philmont Leadership Challenge (PLC) and Summit Leadership Challenge (SLC) represent the next step in your training as a Scout leader. These courses hone the skills taught in Wood Badge in an outdoor experiential learning environment. They underscore the values of Scouting and teamwork and promote the concepts of servant leadership. Leadership Challenge is a very special experience. You will camp in a team setting that enables participants to use their leadership skills to resolve challenging situations.

At PLC or SLC, you'll internalize and hone leadership skills in an action-packed backcountry conference. You'll join other like-minded Scouters and learn teamwork, practice servant leadership and gain new ideas for improving your Scout unit.

The courses are open to Scouters in all programs. The Philmont course and the Summit course are similar but not identical. They teach the same leadership skills and use the same learning modules, but because of their unique locations each course has a slightly different itinerary.

What are the prerequisites?

- You must have completed the practical portion of Wood Badge, though you may still be working on the ticket. Actually, taking the Leadership Challenge is a great ticket item.
- You must meet the physical standards as specified in the BSA Health and Medical Record, Parts A, B and C. Leadership Challenge is an active course set at a high-adventure base.

How much does it cost?

- Summit Leadership Challenge: \$545
- Philmont Leadership Challenge: \$530

When are the courses?

- Summit Leadership Challenge: July 12-18, 2015
- Philmont Leadership Challenge: Sept. 13-19, 2015

Note: For SLC, there will be a NAYLE course running at the same time so you can bring eligible youth along with you if you choose.

Where can I find more info and register?

- Summit Leadership Challenge:
www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/scouting-development/summit-leadership-challenge/
- Philmont Leadership Challenge:
www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/~link.aspx?_id=680DFF74D10240B4A45A3D435ADE8C76&_z=z, Visit the PLC Facebook page here:
https://www.facebook.com/philmontleadershipchallenge?_rdr

CPR/AED Pro and First Aid Training



What: This is the CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and First Aid training that is required for BSA Lifeguard requirement #6. This training is usually not included in non-Red Cross BSA Lifeguard training courses. The course will use the Red Cross blended-learning versions of CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid. That means you will do on-line work before the in-person skills session so we can minimize the classroom time. Successful completion of course requirements will result in 2 American Red Cross certifications.

You will have a 2 week window (????) to complete the 3 hr 20 min online components. The in-person skills session will be Saturday, 19 September 2015 from 9am-Noon at Camp Snyder.

In order to attend the in-person session, students must pass the assessment at the end of the online session and print a copy of their online completion certification to submit to the instructor at the in-person session.

Certifications that will be issued upon successful completion:

- American Red Cross CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and Health Care Providers
- American Red Cross First Aid

Course materials: Participant Handbooks for both courses will be furnished in digital form to the students.

A CPR mask is required for the course. Bring your own or purchase one here and we'll have it for you at the course.

Where: Camp Snyder, VA

When: Saturday, September 19, 2015

Registration: http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=524120#, deadline is September 8th. Maximum number of registrations is six.

Cost: \$40 or \$50

- \$30 payable to NCAC
- \$10 for CPR pocket mask (if you don't have one)
- \$10 payable to the Red Cross (Instructions for this payment will be sent to you by email after registration)

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Phone: 703-400-2176

Leave No Trace Trainer Courses and Master Educator Course



The **LNT Trainer** course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and ethics and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. Through focused activities, hands-on field experience and both formal and informal discussions, you will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues, 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 national Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and will receive a certificate of course completion as well as their Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin.

The **LNT Master Educator** course is a five-day course (split over two weekends) trains Scouts and Scouters ages 18 and up to serve as Leave No Trace Master Educators. Master Educators can conduct Leave No Trace Trainer courses (two-day) and awareness workshops (one-day or shorter).

This invaluable training is recognized and highly regarded throughout the world, especially by the outdoor industry, as well as government land management agencies. Successful graduates are certified to train others in Leave No Trace skills and ethics. 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, how to conduct training courses, and the science behind the Leave No Trace principles. The second weekend is spent in the field on a short backcountry trip, learning and practicing Leave No Trace skills and techniques hands-on.

Virginia LNT Trainer Courses:

Location: Northern VA (location emailed upon registration)

- Fall 2015: Oct 16 (indoor) + Oct 24-25 (outdoor)

Cost: \$75, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals are included.

http://www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=580742&group=

LNT Master Educator Course:

When and Where: April 10-12, 2015, Blackburn Trail Center, Round Hill, VA, and April 23-26, 2015, 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.

http://www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=583123&group=

Class sizes are limited, so register early!

For more information please contact Victor Bieniek at vbieniek@gmail.com or 703-855-8428.

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.

Part 1 — Addresses ways to effectively work with older youth and covers the detailed preparation and planning that must be done before you go out including risk management. Summarizes the personal and crew equipment used for lightweight camping. Plans are also made for the weekend overnight session.

Part 2 — Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, wilderness first aid issues, expedition health and hygiene, team building. 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.

Fall 2015 BCOLS (Virginia)

Part 1 - Sat. 9/27/2015 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

1301 Collingwood Rd, Alexandria, VA

Part 2 - Sat. 10/25/2015, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 10/26/2015, 1:30 PM

Camp Highroad, Middleburg, VA

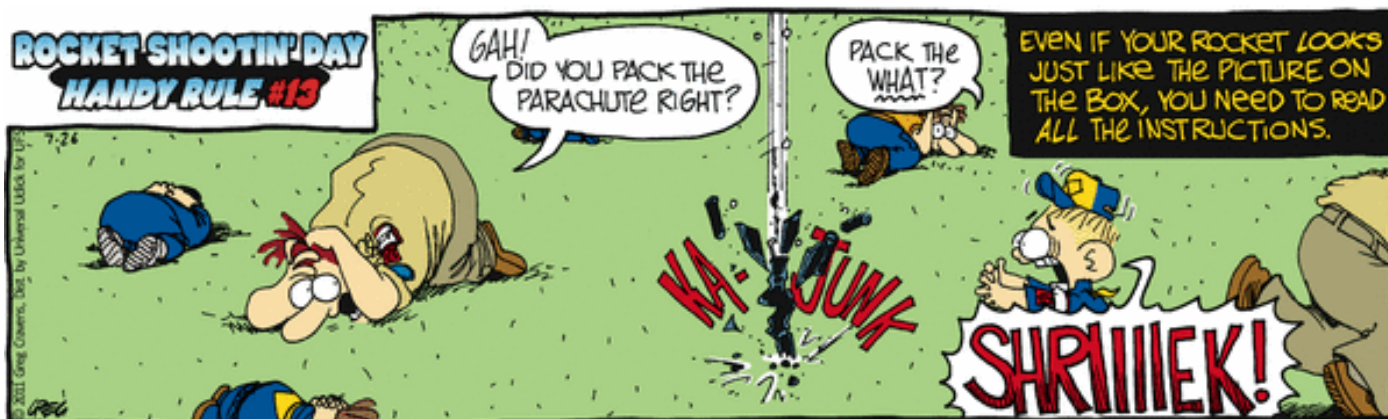
Cost: \$45

Contact:

Margee Egan

margee.egan@scouting.org

Phone: 301-214-9197



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.

Fall 2015:

Session 1: September 11-3, 2015

Session 2: October 10-12, 2015

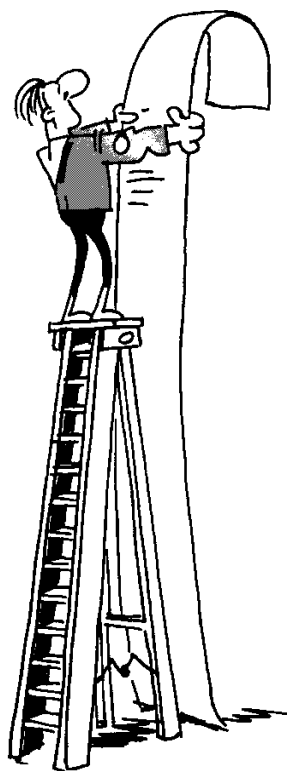
Location: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

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



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
- 29-30 **Day Camp Starts**

July 2015

- 1-3 **Day Camp**
- 4 Independence Day

August 2015

- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner RT
- 26 District Committee
- 31 School Starts

September 2015

- 7 Labor Day
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 19 **Life-to-Eagle Seminar (tentative)**
- 23 District Committee

October 2015

- 3-4 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 12 Columbus Day
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner RT
- 16-18 JOTA/JOTI
- 28 District Committee

November 2015

- 2-3 Student Holiday
- 7 **SFF Bag Distribution**
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Commissioner RT
- 14 **SFF Food Pickup**
- 18 District Committee
- 25-27 Student Holiday

December 2015

- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 16 **Annual District Business Meeting**
- 21 Winter Break Starts

January 2016

- 1 Winter Break Ends
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 18 MLK Jr. Day
- 27 District Committee
- 29 Moveable School Holiday

February 2016

- 7 Scout Sunday
- 13 Scout Sabbath
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 Commissioner RT
- 15 President's Day
- 24 District Committee

March 2016

- 3 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**
- 5 **District Pinewood Derby**
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 21-25 Spring Break
- 23 District Committee

April 2016

- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner RT
- 15 Student Holiday
- 27 District Committee