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

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### Quick Calendar:

- Aug 12 – Roundtable
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- Oct 14 – Roundtable
- Oct 16-17 – IOLS Training

### Newsletter Key:

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

# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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From Bobwhite Blather, <http://bobwhiteblather.com/mistakes-for-the-right-reasons/>



## Mistakes for the right reasons

*To err is human.* We're all familiar with the observation that Alexander Pope made in his writings on criticism.

So why do we get all bent out of shape when things go wrong?

With adults it's one thing – by now, you think, they should know better – but especially when our Scouts mess something up, we tend to get upset and start looking for blame and fixes.

It's true that *dangerous* mistakes need to be corrected immediately. Things like fire (or food) in a tent, or unsafe use of edge tools, or any sort of altercation.

But when Scouts fail in other ways – like burning the French toast or lashing the rainfly incorrectly – we need to remember the rest of Pope's quote: *to forgive divine*.

Whether we like it or not, Scouting is all about the freedom to make mistakes. We'd like to see not too many mistakes, of course, but those mistakes that do happen are usually of a nature that Scouts can learn from. Boys of Scouting age don't know it all, like you do (or think you do). By trying things and failing, they'll learn how to do better next time. And it's our job to help them see what did go wrong, and to learn what to do the next time in order to try to keep that mistake from happening.

Leadership at all levels must benefit from mistakes made in order to move forward, for without mistakes there can be no improvement, and stagnation can result. A mistake-free leader is one who does not advance the performance and experience of himself and those around him.

How do we tolerate mistakes? First, by realizing the opportunity to use a mistake as a vehicle for growth. We do this through reflection. Talk about the experience and try to draw out what might have gone wrong. Get agreement that what happened was less than optimal and desirable, and help the other person discover what can be done next time (or what should have been done this time) in order to achieve a better outcome.

Admitting a mistake is also a sign of character – and, of course, our mission includes character development. Leadership consultant Art Petty writes that the absence of mistakes, or the unwillingness to admit mistakes, is a character flaw that can't be tolerated in an environment where character is key. He suggests that mistakes made are like an admission ticket allowing us to keep moving forward.

Of course, making the same mistakes over and over isn't a good thing. It's hoped that we'll learn from them, not simply repeat them without consequences.

The same applies both to youth and adults. Be kind and helpful when dealing with mistakes, help others find the right way, and stay positive. You'll all be rewarded with continuous improvement in performance and everyone benefits.

## District News

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### Webelos-o-ree 2014!

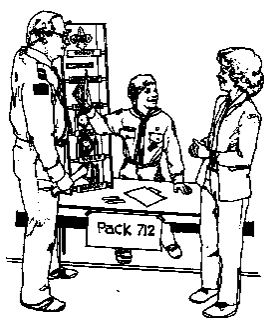


This fall (Oct 3-4) our District will be holding our annual Webelos-o-ree, an overnight camping event, at Camp Snyder in Haymarket. This camping event is designed to introduce Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts, and their parents, to the fun Scouting adventures ahead and to help make the transition into Boy Scouts exciting. Participation in the Webelos-o-ree is open to all Packs in the Goose Creek District (i.e., Loudoun County). Please note that there is an LDS registration option available that does not require camping Saturday night but does allow the opportunity, if desired, for coming in Friday night and camping.

The Webelos-o-ree starts off with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and wraps up Sunday after chapel services. Activities will be run by our own Boy Scout troops and can include such things as: Fire building, cooking, monkey bridge, BB shooting and/or archery, a campfire run by the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow, and much more. For the adults we'll provide plenty of Scout leaders to answer questions about camping, joining Boy Scouts, and how Boy Scouts differs from the Cub Scout program. We will also hold a Webelos to Scout orientation for Arrow of Light Scouts talking about how troops are run, what to look for in selecting a troop, and what advancements are like in Boy Scouts. There will also be an Introduction to Webelos meeting for Webelos and their parents.

A full information/registration packet is posted on the District website. Requests for the packet can also be emailed to [Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org)

### Join Scouting Night 2015



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

JSN night this year will be held Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

In order to prepare your unit for Stacy Noll, our District Membership Vice-Chair is organizing some training sessions. For more information contact her at:

[Stacey.Noll@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Stacey.Noll@GooseCreekDistrict.org)

### Flag Retirements at Webelos-o-ree



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

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### Pack 1148 and Troop 1430 Service



Over 60 Scouters from Pack 1148 and Troop 1430 volunteered 150+ hours weeding, cleaning, and mulching Little River Elementary School in South Riding, VA. Scouts spread 10 cubic yards of mulch and removed over 30 bags of debris. The Pack donated the mulch to Little River. "Little River has been a great friend [to our units], and we wanted to give back and show them how much we appreciate them" said Michael Capell, Pack 1148's committee chair. Upon returning to school Monday morning, Kevin Murphy, Little River's assistant principal, said, "WOW...Everything looks great!"

Pack 1148 Cub Scouts partnered with Troop 1430 Boy Scouts in teams to weed, clean, and mulch six flower beds, the kiss-n-ride area, and a wildlife habitat. Older Boy Scouts cleaned, repaired, and mulched around a water feature in an inside courtyard. The water feature is used to help teach science to Little River's students and had not worked in years. "Our [Boy] Scouts showed great leadership with the Cub Scouts...and the Cub Scouts really enjoyed working with the older boys" said Dallas Cecil, an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 1430.

Scouts of all ages had a great time doing some hard work outside. Cub Scouts enjoyed using wheelbarrows to move mulch and the opportunity to get dirty--with permission! The Boy Scouts enjoyed leading the younger Scouts.





## Report Those High Adventure Treks



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

## Troop Participation in the Webelos-o-ree



Over the years we have heard from several troops that one reason that they don't participate in the Webelos-o-ree (Oct 3-4 at Camp Snyder) is that they already have enough Webelos joining their troop and don't need to do another recruiting event. What the troops who do participate, and keep coming back, found is that this is not a recruiting event; it's a chance for their Scouts to teach skills to others. Teaching others is the best way to really acquire deep knowledge of an area. By sharing their skills, Scouts retain their knowledge better and provide service to others.

At the Webelos-o-ree each troop selects a different activity/skill that their Scouts teach the Webelos and their parents during a morning and afternoon session. And the cost? Nothing! There is no registration fee for Boy Scouts, even if they camp. The only thing required is a service project to help keep the event running (starting cooking fires, cleanup, food prep, etc.).

If your troop is interested in participating in this year's Webelos-o-ree, even if you were at last year's, please contact [Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org) so we can coordinate the activities to be run.

We are also looking for 4-5 Scouts, age 13 and older, who would like to be part of the Webelos-o-ree staff. The service would include helping with the flag ceremonies, running the Webelos challenge event, working the food line for supper, assistance with the campfire, and general "go to" jobs during the day. Meals and work all provided free.



## "Cheerful Service Chatter"

Chapter News for our Arrowmen  
Lodge Website: [www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA](http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA)

## Are you getting Chapter Communications?



All Goose Creek Arrowmen are welcome to join the Chapter's Yahoo Group, giving them access to an abundance of things like Calendar info, directions to upcoming events and even a peek at "Lost-and-Found" items (from prior/recent OA events). If you are NOT getting automated reminders of upcoming meetings (or fun events like our night of bowling last September), please visit the website, and ask to join. (When doing so, please be sure to provide your name and unit so we can verify your 'Arrowman status'. Our Yahoo Group website is here ... <http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/GooseCreekOA470/info>. (Alternatively, send an email to the Chapter Adviser (Hal Raffensperger, [hal.raffensperger@earthlink.net](mailto:hal.raffensperger@earthlink.net)), and request access.)

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## Honored Campers can Support Our Council Camp as Campmasters



A development is underway in which the Lodge is wanting to establish a working group/steering committee to make the OA presence at Camp Snyder a better place for Chapter Ordeals, weekend service projects, etc. One major improvement is for adult Arrowmen to be available as Campmasters to interface with the camp staff and provide the necessary liaison between the needs and desires of the council camp and chapters. Projects conducted during service or induction weekends can be better tailored to meet the capabilities and logistics of the workforce, in order to provide the sheer rewards that come with cheerful service.

Adult Arrowmen are needed at Camp Snyder to act as Campmasters. Please contact Brad Bailey for more information and an overview of responsibilities – [BradBailey@aol.com](mailto:BradBailey@aol.com) or 703-994-8332(c).

## “Onward and Upward” On the Advancement Trail

### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

**Raymond P Chin** – Troop 1158

**Benjamin J Coleman** – Crew 533

**Benjamin Francis** – Troop 1910

**Patrick W Freeman** – Troop 1154

**Kent Del Manaco Halstead** – Troop 966

**Michael David Harmon** – Crew 1167

**William M Henry** – Troop 982

**Duncan Keefe** – Troop 2010

**John K Lynch** – Troop 2970

**John Thomas Manuel** – Troop 997

**Matthew Ryan Marcusen** – Team 1168

**Charles D Neff** – Troop 997

**Laszlo T. Nemes** – Troop 2970

**Miguel E Ortega** – Troop 533

**Ian K Pham** – Troop 982

**Jack William Ray** – Troop 998

**Maxwell Alton Reynolds** – Troop 1158

**Ethan Taylor Schaefer** – Troop 982

**Justin Tyler Schaffer** – Crew 1106

**Jacob Schaffner** – Troop 2970

**Hunter F. Tettelbach** – Troop 2970

## How to Request Congratulatory Letters for your Eagle Scout



Earning the Eagle Scout Award is something to write home about — literally. Politicians, astronauts, celebrities, and other recognizable figures have been sending hand-signed letters to new Eagle Scouts for, well, 100-plus years.

The very first congratulatory letter was sent in 1912 when the first Eagle Scout, Arthur R. Eldred, received a note from James E. West, the first Chief Scout Executive.

Today, parents and Scout leaders can request these scrapbook-worthy keepsakes from pretty much anyone with a mailbox. But who is known to respond, and how do you contact them? And when do you send off these requests anyway?

### When to request Eagle Scout letters

After a boy completes his board of review, he's officially an Eagle Scout. But most boys don't have their Eagle court of honor until weeks or months later, so that's your window for requesting and receiving letters.

Of course, any letters you don't get by the ceremony date can still be added to the boy's Eagle Scout scrapbook later

### Whom to ask for letters

- City and county officials: Your mayor, city council officials, school board president, superintendent, parks and recreation director
- Religious leaders
- State officials: The governor, your area's state legislators
- Business leaders: CEOs and executives at major corporations based in your city
- U.S. officials: The president, cabinet members, senators, representatives, military leaders, department heads
- Past presidents or elected officials no longer in office
- Prominent national people: astronauts, athletes, filmmakers, actors, and famous Eagle Scouts like Mike Rowe or Steven Spielberg
- Anyone who means something to your Eagle Scout: Get creative! Does he have a favorite author, athlete, musician, or actor? Try to track down that person's contact information. The letter may go unanswered, but it only costs you a stamp to try.

### Where to find addresses

One excellent resource is from the U.S. Scouting Service Project:

<http://usscouts.org/eagle/eaglecongrats.asp>

For addresses not listed there, find the appropriate Web site and look for the "Contact Us" link — usually at the top of the page or at the very bottom.

Some entities, such as NASA or the U.S. Army, allow you to submit request online. Many of those links are at the U.S. Scouting Service Project, as well.

### What to include

The U.S. Scouting Service Project recommends including the Scout's full name, troop number, council, and a short description of his Eagle Scout service project. For best results, address it to a specific person, not an organization.

Including a self-addressed stamped envelope makes it that much easier to get a response.

### Final thoughts

Go for quality over quantity. Think about it: Would your Eagle Scout prefer four or five letters from people that are important to him or three dozen mainly from people he's never heard of?

Plus, as the U.S. Scouting Service Project notes, keeping the total number of requests from new Eagles to a manageable size may prevent someone from refusing to accept requests altogether.

## What is (and what isn't) a camping night for the Camping MB?



When it comes to finding a place to spend the night, Boy Scouts have seemingly limitless options: tent, hammock, cabin, retired battleship, museum, church gymnasium, baseball stadium, sleeping bag under the stars. All of these locations offer a great experience for Scouts, but only some count as camping — at least when it comes to the Camping merit badge. Camping merit badge requirement 9a says:

### **“Camp a total of 20 nights ...”**

- This means 20 overnights, so a weekend trip from Friday through Sunday is two nights. Complete 10 such trips, and you've got the 20 you need.
- All campouts since becoming a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout may count toward this requirement. In other words, a Scout doesn't need a blue card for the Camping MB before he may begin counting these nights. Any nights as a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout are eligible.

### **“... at designated Scouting activities or events.”**

- This means the experiences are held under the auspices of some level of the BSA, and that “Scouting” happens on them. For example, an individual family or a couple of Scouts and their parents heading off into the woods doesn't count.

### **“One long-term camping experience of up to six consecutive nights may be applied toward this requirement.”**

- A long-term camping experience is at least five consecutive nights. The long-term camping experience must also be a “designated Scouting activity or event.” This could be at a council summer camp or on a troop's own 50 miler, a Jamboree, high-adventure base, etc.
- Only one of these experiences is allowed, and up to six nights may count toward the requirement.
- If a Scout goes on a 10-night trek or a 20-night trek or a 100-night trek (!), only six of those nights will count.
- If a Scout goes to summer camp twice for a total of 12 nights, only one of the summer camps will count — for up to six nights.
- As a workaround to use some long term camping to meet the other 14 camping nights required some parents will send their son to summer camp, but then take him home after four nights so the experience will not count as a long-term camp. This doesn't fulfill the requirement. A long-term summer camp is still a long-term camp even if the Scout is there for only a portion of the time. It's an entirely different adventure and usually doesn't call for the same level of self-reliance required for a short term camp.

### **“Sleep each night under the sky or in a tent you have pitched. If the camp provides a tent that has already been pitched, you need not pitch your own tent.”**

- All 20 nights must be spent under the sky or in a tent, so nights in cabins, lean tos, and other buildings don't count.
- If camping is done at a camp that provides tents that are already set up, then all is good. If tents are not already pitched, the Scout must pitch his tent. If he is sleeping in a two-man tent, then it would be reasonable the he and his buddy set the tent up together. Sleeping in a tent that Dad or the Scoutmaster, etc., pitched doesn't count.

## New Boy Scout Advancement Requirements for January 2016



As everyone hopefully knows, BSA is coming out with a new set of Boy Scout advancement requirements that go into effect on January 1, 2016. A listing of the new requirements, with a comparison to the old requirements can be found at: [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements.pdf)

The rules for when Scouts must use the new requirements are:

- Scout that join on or after January 1, 2016 → use the new requirements
- Current Scouts that are not yet 1<sup>st</sup> Class → may use the old requirements until they are 1<sup>st</sup> Class. Once they are 1<sup>st</sup> Class they must use the new requirements
- Current Scouts that are 1<sup>st</sup> Class or above → may use the old requirements to finish out the rank they are currently working on. Must use the new requirements for the next rank.
- Starting January 1, 2017 ALL Scouts must start using the new requirements, even for the rank they are currently working on.

## Save the Date: Summer Camp Merit Badge Cleanup Day



Hold onto those blue cards; don't let them go through the wash! We'll be offering a chance to complete those merit badges on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> at Camp Snyder.

Stay tuned! More info on merit badge courses offered is to come.  
[www.GoToSnyder.com](http://www.GoToSnyder.com)

## Council / National News

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

## So You're a New Cubmaster!



Maybe when they asked for volunteers to step forward, everybody else took a step backward. Perhaps you were approached by the pack committee chair who lured you in, telling you "it's only an hour a week." Or you always wanted to be the big guy up front and you didn't see anyone else brave enough to do it.

In any case, congratulations! You're the new Cubmaster!

Now what?

No doubt, you're thinking about what you might have gotten yourself into, and are imagining that, having been a den leader, being Cubmaster is four times the job because you're the leader of all the dens, not just your own. But it's not.

Check out Bobwhite Blather's post, <http://bobwhiteblather.com/so-youre-a-new-cubmaster/>, on what the duties of a Cubmaster are and what resources are available to you.

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## Changes to Registration Process



NCAC will now run all registration through the Member Data Shared Services Team at BSA's National Office. This includes member and unit charters; expected turn-around time is 72 hours for charters at recharter time, and for member applications year-round. Applications and fees will continue to be submitted to NCAC at the Marriot Scout Service Center, where they will be securely transmitted to National.

If you need help or have any questions, your unit commissioner, district commissioner and district executive are your primary contacts. You can also contact Member Care Services at [MyScouting@Scouting.org](mailto:MyScouting@Scouting.org) or by phone at 972-580-2489. Need help with logging service hours, entering online advancement or have a registration question? Member Care Services will be glad to assist you in any way they can and can refer you to the correct department should you need additional support.

**NOTE CHANGE IN CHARTER PROCESS:** The charter packages and unit codes will be sent out electronically directly to the Unit Leader on file in Scoutnet. (i.e. Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Advisor)

If you are in this position and your roster doesn't reflect correctly, please submit a position change application before 1 September 2015.

## Announcing a New Scout Shop - At Camp Snyder!



NCAC is excited to announce the opening of a new full-service Scout Shop at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA – a perfect location to get all your uniforms, awards, camping gear, and more! Projected opening is the week of August 20, subject to change. Stay tuned for more details.

To help launch the store, we are looking to hire part-time sales associates at both the Camp Snyder store and the Northern Virginia location in Springfield, VA. Qualified candidates should have retail experience, Scouting program knowledge, good communication skills, and the ability to use a sewing machine. To inquire or apply, please email your resume to [John.Ralbovsky@Scouting.org](mailto:John.Ralbovsky@Scouting.org) for the Springfield store or [June.Jackson@Scouting.org](mailto:June.Jackson@Scouting.org) for the Camp Snyder location.

## BULLSEYE! A Cub Scout Family Camping Event

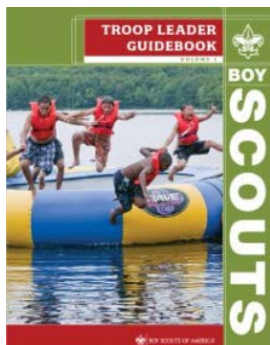


Join us September 19-20, 2015 when the NCAC Shooting Sports committee brings the fun with a wide variety of activities doing what the Cubs love best, the shooting sports (BB, Archery, Sling Shots)

Cost: Cub Scouts \$30  
Adults \$10  
Children 5 and under are free  
Optional meal plan: \$15 (lunch/dinner/continental breakfast)

Register online at [www.GoToSnyder.com](http://www.GoToSnyder.com)

## ‘Troop Leader Guidebook,’ the Scouter’s Instruction Manual, Now Available



You wouldn't lead a hike without consulting a map. So don't lead a Boy Scout troop without consulting the *Troop Leader Guidebook*.

Volume 1 of the BSA's top resource for Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, committee members and involved parents is now available for \$13 at ScoutStuff.org (<http://www.scoutstuff.org/book-troop-ldr-gde-vol-1.html#.Va-saSpVhBc>) and your local Scout Shops.

The *Troop Leader Guidebook* replaces the Scoutmaster Handbook. The latter contained great content, but its title was always a little misleading.

"We changed the name because surveys indicated that many assistant Scoutmasters thought the Scoutmaster Handbook wasn't for them," says Mark Ray, an Eagle Scout and award-winning author who has written for the BSA since 2005.

The *Troop Leader Guidebook* is, in fact, for everyone. That includes a leader crossing over from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting, a new-to-Scouting Boy Scout leader, a Scouting veteran, a troop committee member and a parent who isn't currently registered but wants more information about his or her son's troop.

### What's inside the *Troop Leader Guidebook*, Volume 1?

- Section 1: Boy Scout Basics. An introduction to Boy Scouting, including aims, methods, ideals, troop structure, and membership and leadership requirements.
- Section 2: The Boy Scout Program. An introduction to the elements of the troop program and program planning, including camping and other outings.
- Section 3: All About Youth. Working with every Scout from the new recruit to the senior patrol leader.
- Section 4: All About Adults. Working with every adult from the new parent to the troop committee chairperson.
- Section 5: Advancement and Awards. An introduction to the youth advancement program and the array of awards Scouts, adults, and units can earn.
- Section 6: Troop Administration. An introduction to troop administration from a Scoutmaster corps perspective, including financing the troop, chartered organization relationships, and communications.
- Section 7: Health and Safety. A comprehensive overview of the BSA's safety and risk-management policies.

### What about Volume 2?

Volume 2, expected this winter, is targeted more at the experienced leader

## Be on Staff for Goshen Camporee 2017



2017 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Goshen Scout Reservation, and to celebrate Council is throwing a huge party with a council-wide camporee! Volunteers of all different skills are needed to be part of the team. If you are interested in helping out, send an email to [camporee@ncacbsa.org](mailto:camporee@ncacbsa.org).

Note: There will be no District Spring Camporee in 2017

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## BeAScout: Putting Scouting on the Map



Is your unit using and up to date on BeAScout! What is it? [www.BeAScout.org](http://www.BeAScout.org) is the interactive website that allows people looking for Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturing program to find units in their area. Units can customize their "pin" which symbolizes the location of their unit. When someone clicks on the pin, a photo or logo chosen by the unit appears along with basic information about the unit and an e-mail to the unit leader can be sent easily

**For Parents:** Parents need to know that BeAScout is ready to help them find Scouting in their neighborhood. When parents get recruiting fliers this fall, or see yard signs or posters, or do an Internet search, they should be directed to the BeAScout Web page. From that home page, parents can link to more information about specific BSA programs. Then if they want to locate units in their neighborhood, they are directed to input their home address and zip code. And up pops the Google Map with pins representing the units in their area. Contact information will be on the pin, so the parent can call the unit, go to the next meeting, or request more information.

By clicking for more information, parents will be directed to a page where they tell us about themselves (name, address, family members interested in joining, etc.). They can send that request directly to the unit via e-mail.

### **So how does a unit leader place information about their unit on the Google pin?**

Initially, the unit leaders who can access BeAScout to set up the pin are the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, or Crew advisor along with the unit committee chairperson and the chartered organization representative.

1. They will log into MyScouting and select BeAScout from the Unit Tools section on the left. There are two options:
  - Unit Pin Management: Unit Leaders use this to edit pin information.
  - Unit Lead Management: Unit Leaders use this to manage incoming requests for information from parents interested in Scouting.
2. The unit leader should first complete the Unit Pin Management screen. They will notice two important items on this view.
  - At the bottom right in the box outlined in red is a preview of the Google pin. This is what the parent will see.
  - At the bottom left is the "Fields Displayed on Google Pin" area. The Pin preview box will only display the information that the unit leader selects in this box.

### **For more information:**

[www.Scouting.org/training/adult/supplemental/beascout.aspx](http://www.Scouting.org/training/adult/supplemental/beascout.aspx)

## Ways to follow the 2015 World Scout Jamboree from home



The 2015 World Scout Jamboree is happening now, with 33,000 Scouts and Scouters from around the world having the times of their lives.

The participants and staffers, including 1,600 from the BSA, are enjoying a cultural smorgasbord right now. They're meeting people from other countries, sampling foreign cuisine and enjoying a number of on- and off-site activities.

Sounds awesome, but the good news is you don't have to be in Japan to join the fun. Here are some ways to follow along.

1. Watch the live feeds

Thanks to WSJ sponsor Canon, you can watch one of four live feeds of the 2015 World Scout Jamboree. Go here to check it out:

[www.23wsj.jp/liveviewing.html](http://www.23wsj.jp/liveviewing.html)

2. Follow along on Facebook

World Scout Jamboree on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/23WSJ2015](http://www.facebook.com/23WSJ2015)

Troop 70302 is one of several World Scout Jamboree troops from the United States. They've got a Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/troop70302](http://www.facebook.com/troop70302)) where members are posting photos, videos and observations.

3. Watch it on YouTube

Our friends at the UK Scout Association posted the complete opening ceremony on YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=VFoM7jHcUtg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=VFoM7jHcUtg)

World Scouting's YouTube channel has lots of great WSJ videos, too:  
[www.youtube.com/user/WorldScouting/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/WorldScouting/videos)

4. Keep up on Twitter, using #WSJ2015

Twitter is probably the best way to follow the action in real time. Start by following the official Twitter account of the 2015 World Scout Jamboree, @wsj2015.

5. Check out the BSA's Flickr page

BSA volunteer and photographer extraordinaire Randy Piland is posting photos every day on the BSA's Flickr page:

[www.flickr.com/photos/boyscoutsofamerica/sets/72157654053766203](http://www.flickr.com/photos/boyscoutsofamerica/sets/72157654053766203).

It's a great look at the WSJ through the eyes of a BSA volunteer.

As a Scout in 1971, Piland attended the 13th World Scout Jamboree, also in Japan. He's now back on staff, so this is an extra-special experience for him.

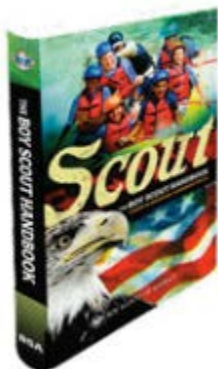
6. Check Daily WSJ Newspaper that is published at

<http://scout.org/wsj2015/newspaper>

7. Follow on instagram- <https://instagram.com/wsj2015live/>



## The 14 Things Every Boy Scout Troop Library Needs



Your library could be physical, or it could be virtual. Either way, a well-stocked one helps make your troop the best it can be.

1. **Boy Scout Handbook** - The primary resource for Boy Scouts (and for Scout leaders who need to learn basic Scouting skills). \$12 (perfect-bound) or \$17 (coil-bound) at Scout Shops and ScoutStuff.org.
2. **Fieldbook** - A companion volume to the Boy Scout Handbook that covers advanced outdoor skills. \$20 (perfect-bound) or \$27 (coil-bound) at Scout Shops, ScoutStuff.org or Amazon.
3. **Troop Leader Guidebook** (Volumes 1 and 2) - The primary resource for Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, committee members and involved parents. Volume 1 is out now, and Volume 2 is due out this winter. \$13 at Scout Shops and ScoutStuff.org.
4. **Troop Committee Guidebook** - The primary resource for troop committee members. Topics include the organization of Scouting, recruiting adult leaders, troop finances, running committee meetings and more. \$7 at Scout Shops and ScoutStuff.org.
5. **Troop Program Resources** - Games, ceremonies, Scoutmaster's minutes and more. Free, via this PDF: [www.scouting.org/FILESTORE/pdf/33588.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/FILESTORE/pdf/33588.pdf).
6. **Program Features** (Volumes 1, 2 and 3) - Complete monthly program features, including meeting plans, outing ideas and resources. I previewed these here. \$15 for Volume 1 at Scout Shops and ScoutStuff.org. Volumes 2 and 3 are expected later this year. In the meantime, you can use the existing Program Features: Volume 1, Volume 2 and Volume 3.
7. **Boy Scout Requirements** (current year) - Requirements for ranks, merit badges, and special awards. Updated annually. \$6 at Scout Shops and ScoutStuff.org or available online.
8. **Guide to Awards and Insignia** - A comprehensive guide to wearing uniforms and badges correctly. \$7 at Scout Shops and ScoutStuff.org or available online.
9. **Guide to Advancement** - The official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America program phases. (Read about the big changes in the 2015 edition.) \$12 at Scout Shops and ScoutStuff.org or available online.
10. **Guide to Safe Scouting** - The primary source for information on conducting Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. Regularly updated and available online.
11. **Patrol Leader Handbook** - The official guide for patrol leaders. \$12 at Scout Shops and ScoutStuff.org.
12. **Senior Patrol Leader Handbook** - The official guide for senior patrol leaders and other troop-level youth leaders. \$12 at Scout Shops and ScoutStuff.org.
13. **Scouting magazine** - The official magazine for Scout leaders; published five times a year.
14. **Boys' Life magazine**

## Do you need to travel in uniform to be covered by BSA insurance?



According to Mark Dama, who leads the BSA's Insurance and Risk Management team: "Wearing a uniform is not required to be covered by BSA insurance. The requirement is that the youth and adults be engaged in an official Scouting activity."

Scouting units, volunteer Scouters and chartered organizations are covered by the BSA's Comprehensive General Liability Insurance ([www.scouting.org/Home/HealthandSafety/Alerts/Insurance.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/Home/HealthandSafety/Alerts/Insurance.aspx)).

This insurance provides primary coverage for registered volunteers and excess coverage for nonregistered volunteers for claims arising out of an official Scouting activity. That includes allegations of negligent actions by third parties that result in personal injury or property damage claims.

While your automobile insurance is primary, the BSA's Comprehensive General Liability Insurance provides secondary or excess insurance.

## Scout Orienteering Day



The 39<sup>th</sup> annual Maryland Scout Orienteering Day is on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015. Virginia troops (and Venture units) are eligible, and a large number always attend and do well. Self-guided instruction and courses are designed for beginners to this forest navigation map sport, with intermediate and advanced levels available too on clear, professional color orienteering maps (two per Scout).

This year we're at Broad Creek Scout Reservation's Camp Finney near Darlington, MD, 40 miles northeast of Baltimore. Car camping is within a few hundred yards of our event center. Last year we had 600 Scout & Venture and 170 adult orienteers, our most since 2003 (and 40% from NCAC.) Of the 900 or so people present for this day event last year, 400 camped Friday night and 275 camped Saturday night. Cost is \$4.00 per participant, plus, if camping, an extra \$2 per person per night. Over 100 awards (unique patches) will be presented on Nov. 7.

All morning we have "self-guided" instructional activities on an easy-to-use color map, which must have worked last year for many....In our younger category, the top 14 pairs of scouts were from 13 different troops, and in the older category 11 different troops in the top 14! Some of the tougher orienteering merit badge requirements can be met; this event does not focus on GPS or on the Geocaching or Search & Rescue merit badges.

On-line or surface mail registration, Oct. 23 deadline: [www.BaltimoreBSA.org](http://www.BaltimoreBSA.org) (search for "orienteering"), or contact event chair [DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net](mailto:DaveLinthicum@earthlink.net).

Small troops can combine with other small troops to be eligible for the "premier" troop category (10+ youth.) Venture units, Girl Scouts (age 10.5 or above) also welcome; no Cubs, no Webelos. A minimum of two scouts from every unit is required.

## 2017 National Jamboree Registration Now Open for Staff and Attendees



Where can you get the best of Scouting in one place? At the 2017 National Jamboree, set for July 19 to 28, 2017.

There are two basic ways to experience a jamboree, and both are great. You can attend as a youth or adult participant, or you can serve on staff.

### Scouts

You must be a First Class Scout and at least 12 years old by the first day of the Jamboree (July 19, 2017) or an 11-year-old who has graduated the sixth grade. A boy born on or before July 19, 2005, will be 12 by jamboree time. There's an upper limit, too. To be a Boy Scout participant, you can't have reached your 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree (July 28, 2017).

The fee is \$975 (plus additional transportation costs, gear costs, and maybe additional pre- or post-jamboree tours). Once registered, council will place you into a jamboree troop, which is different from your regular troop but may be composed of some or all of the members of your regular troop. Jamboree troops include 36 Scouts or Venturers and four adults. (Yes, Venturers, including female Venturers, are invited.)

### Staff

Serving on staff is a rewarding experience that lets you help make a young man or young woman's jamboree experience one they'll never forget. It's not all work, though. You'll get plenty of time to enjoy the jamboree fun. The fee for staff attending the jamboree is about \$850 (there are variations for only doing some the sessions and if under 25 years old). To see who is eligible for staff go to [www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers/](http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers/)

### Registration

Registration happens electronically. Go here, [www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration/](http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration/), and follow the on-screen instructions. You'll just need to link your BSA membership to your Summit account. To do so you'll need your last name, date of birth and BSA member ID number.

If you're registering as a participant (youth or adult), you'll print your "Request to Attend Form" upon completion of the application. Parents, fill that out and take it to your local council for the next step to be put into a jamboree troop.

For more information go to the official jamboree site: [www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/](http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/)

## Financial Practices for Units: Bank Accounts



Bobwhite Blather (<http://bobwhiteblather.com>) is beginning a series of articles where he offers some recommendations on being prepared financially through creating and following an annual unit budget. In this first post, he looks at some banking best practices for your troop or pack: <http://bobwhiteblather.com/financial-practices-for-units-bank-accounts/>

## 2016 High Adventure Early-Bird Discount



Register now ([www.summitbsa.org/registration/](http://www.summitbsa.org/registration/)) and take advantage of discounts on 2016 fees at the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Groups that register for the 2016 High Adventure season and pay a \$100 per person non-refundable deposit by November 30, 2015 will receive a 10% discount on their 2016 program fees.

Groups of 10 or more who qualify for the 10% discount will receive an additional 5% discount on 2016 program fees.

That means your crew could receive up to 15% discount on your 2016 fees. Plan now to take advantage of these discounts and join us for the 2016 season at the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base located at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

- \* Discount does not apply to the whitewater rafting elective.
- \*\* Discount valid for Christen High Adventure programs only. Does not apply to Justice National Scout Camp or National Training and Leadership Center

## 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.

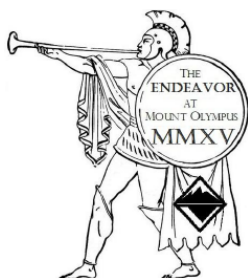
**Where:** Lake Rawlings, VA (in Rawlings, VA; roughly 1 hour south of Richmond)

**When:** Sept 4-7, 2015

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

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

## Endeavor



The National Capital Area Council Venturing Officers' Association (NCAC-VOA) presents Endeavor, the new council program event for Venturers! This year's theme is Mt. Olympus – Greek Mythology, so prepare for a fun and exciting weekend with all the Greek Gods and Goddesses while enjoying awesome activities like chariot races and Olympian training!

**Date:** Oct 30 – Nov 1, 2015

**Where:** Camp Snyder

Keep an eye on [www.ncacbsa.org/VOA](http://www.ncacbsa.org/VOA) and our Facebook page for more details to come.

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

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## 2015 V3 Hike-o-ree



The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual V3 (Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held on, October 23-25, 2015, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration will be limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Scout units including Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Varsity Teams, and Troops.

Units are encouraged to form trail crews, consisting of no more than twelve members, including at least two adults. Participation minimum age is 13 years old as of January 1, 2016. BSA units should file tour permits with National Capital Area Council.

Trail crews will be assigned a hike based on their preferences indicated on the registration form. All hikes are approximately ten miles in length and range in difficulty from moderate (1500 foot change in elevation) to super strenuous (2600 foot change in elevation). For a listing of trails see the full information packet at [www.ncacbsa.org/ProgramLaunch](http://www.ncacbsa.org/ProgramLaunch) and go to the Venturing section.

Other Hike-o-ree activities include a Friday night opening campfire, a high adventure rally on Saturday night, and a service project on Sunday morning. Camping Friday and Saturday night at the 4-H Center is to be backpacking style using ONLY backpacking equipment. Please do not bring chuck boxes, coolers, Dutch ovens, propane tanks, camp lanterns, and lawn chairs!!! Bring ONLY what you can carry in your backpack. Crews will receive their t-shirts at the completion of the Hike-o-ree. BSA Scouts and Scouters that hike must submit a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, parts A, B, and C and meet the weight limits on part B.

Registration will be made on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS. An initial deposit of \$60 is due to reserve a particular hike and must be made not later than October 2, 2015. All registration will be done on the Council Web Site [www.ncacbsa.org/event/hikeoree](http://www.ncacbsa.org/event/hikeoree) beginning September 1, 2015. After you sign up for a hike and pay your deposit you will be sent a confirmation email and the advisors package and detailed information about the hike you have selected. Because of the lead-time required to produce the t-shirts, the final date for call in of number and sizes (small, medium, large, extra large, extra extra large) of shirts to Joe Flaig is October 9. NO ADDITIONAL ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE. The remaining balance, including fees for any no-shows, is due on Friday night at the Hike-o-ree registration. The cost of the Hike-o-ree is \$16.00 (\$18.00 for extra extra large shirts).

For additional information contact: Joe Flaig, (703) 250-9791(H) or email at [jwflaig@aol.com](mailto:jwflaig@aol.com) or Adair Petty, (703) 545 5747 (work), e-mail at [ppetty1@cox.net](mailto:ppetty1@cox.net)

## JOTA/JOTI



The 57<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.Scouting.org/JOTA)

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

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## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Cub Scouts Day with Jesus



**What:** This is a day of fun activities with a Biblical theme for Cub Scouts. Cubs will rotate through stations where they will hear stories from the Bible, make crafts to take home, and participate in activities / games. This event is sponsored by the Protestant Committee on Scouting.

**When:** Saturday, December 5, 2015. Registration begins at 11:30am with the program starting at 12.

Program ends about 4:45pm. Have lunch before coming.

**Where:** Groveton Baptist Church, 6511 Richmond Hwy. Alex., Va. (Ft. Belvoir south/Rt.1 exit from the beltway) Use Entrance A of church.

**Who:** Christian Cub and Webelos Scouts \*\*Siblings (age 6-12) are also welcome – older scouts can volunteer to help. Also open to Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, and Camp Fire. Wear your uniform.

There will not be a separate rotation for Catholics & Protestants at this site. All sessions will be done together.

**Fee:** \$7.00 per returning youth (get rocker) or \$9.00 for first time youth (get rocker & center patch) (\$5 /adult wanting center patch & rocker). (No Walk-in registrations.) Please pre-register now!

Bring canned goods, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, etc. – to benefit the food pantry for the needy at Groveton Baptist Church

Rain or Shine – Attendance limit set at 35 Scouts. If parent is not staying with child specify on form

Please plan to pre-register by November 20 so staff can adequately plan for the day (cancel by November 28)

One leader is required for each eight boys or fraction thereof – Wear your Scout uniform

To get this flyer with the registration form go to [www.ncacbsa.org/ProgramLaunch](http://www.ncacbsa.org/ProgramLaunch), and go to the Religious Committees section.

## National Purple Heart Day Ceremony



Our next National Purple Heart Day ceremony ([www.thepurpleheart.com/events/](http://www.thepurpleheart.com/events/)) will be in the Smith Auditorium, Mount Vernon, Virginia on 7 August. The pre-ceremony music starts at 1240, the ceremony at 1300. This is the home of George and Martha Washington.

Sergeant Major Bryan Battaglia, USMC, the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff is the guest speaker. And "General Washington" will also speak that day too.

As its a great educational opportunity for all visiting Mount Vernon, and that our ceremonies are free and open to the public, it would be great to have our fellow Scouts, as well as Girl Scouts too.

## On-Line Resource of the Month



[www.FamilyGeocaching.com](http://www.FamilyGeocaching.com) is a family run site that talks about geocaching as a family with kids. It contains tips on getting started with geocaching and news of fun family geocache events.

## Equipment / Gear

### Controlling the Temperature of Your Dutch Oven



You can cook anything in a Dutch oven that you can cook in your kitchen oven at home. To avoid serving “burnt offerings,” though, follow the simple “Rule of Three.”

Take the diameter of the oven (12 inches, for example) and subtract three ( $12 - 3 = 9$ ) for the number of coals to place below the oven and add three ( $12 + 3 = 15$ ) for the number of coals to place on the lid. This creates a temperature of about 325 degrees.

To increase the temperature by 25 degrees, place one coal on top of the oven and one below it (see the accompanying chart). But weather will have an effect. If it's hot, the oven will cook faster; if it's cold, it will cook slower. Wind also dramatically affects the results of Dutch oven cooking.

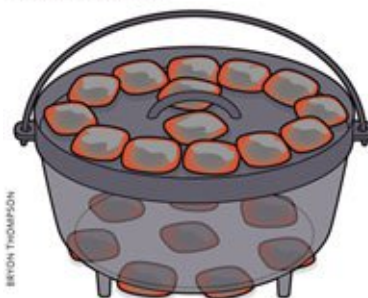
Also influencing the result: the way you position the charcoal briquettes. Make a ring of coals about the diameter of the oven's bottom, placing one coal in the center. Set the oven on top of the coals and evenly place coals around the outside edge of the lid, with two coals in the center and one on each side of the handle. Some Dutch oven cooks disagree about placing coals in the center. Experiment and see what works best for you.

Hint: If you can smell your food cooking, you'd better check it regardless of the time suggested by the recipe. It's probably done.

Watch out when you lift the lid to check your food. I've seen many a dish spiced with “camp pepper” (ash) when folks try to lift the lid with a claw hammer, pliers, or some kind of fancy lever.

### HERE'S HOW TO TURN UP THE HEAT

This simple formula will bring your Dutch oven to the correct temperature for baking without fail. It all depends on the number of charcoal briquettes you set on top of the lid and below the oven. Tear out this handy guide for future reference.



12-INCH DUTCH OVEN		
TEMP. °F	TOP	BOTTOM
300°	14	8
325°	15	9
350°	16	10
375°	17	11
400°	18	12
425°	19	13
450°	20	14
500°	21	15

## Get a Grip: Dutch Oven Lid Lifter Designs

Posted on 16 October 2008 by James Reuben Knowles, <http://jamesreubenknowles.com/lid-lifters-75>



One constant hazard for Dutch oven cooking is ash. Charcoal burns, producing ash. When it gets in the food... well, it ensures that people won't come back for more. Fortunately, learning to control ash isn't hard.

One of the easiest ways to control ash is with a good lid lifter. This will give greater control when handling a lid with coals and ash on top. There are two general designs of Dutch oven lid lifters. One thing that we quickly discovered is that different types of lid lifters behave differently.

We initially purchased a cast iron set that included a Camp Chef (pictured right). This has turned out to be better than most of the one-piece designs. Generally, these designs suffer from the fact that one has to play with balance and leverage a little to keep the lid from tipping ash into your food. Some people prefer this type, but most find the Mair design superior. Regardless of your preference, the Camp Chef lifter is essential for safely moving our larger frying pans, which have the loop opposite the handle for just this purpose.



The "Cadillac" of lid lifters, is the Mair lid lifter (pictured left). This design, while larger, allows you to solidly grip the lid tightly with negligible effort. It has four points of contact. Three legs sit on the lid, and a fourth is a hook that pulls the lid tightly against the three legs. The hook is operated by squeezing the hand grip. This eliminates the tricky balancing sometimes needed with the other designs. The drawback is that it is bigger and in some people's eyes cumbersome.

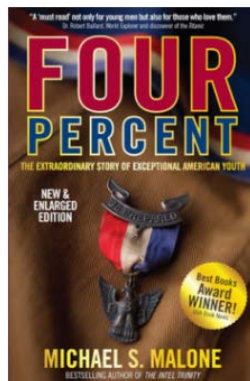
For quick tasks such as rotating an oven, I can agree that the smaller, simpler lid lifters are handy tools. When I want to control ash, such as when I want to remove the lid, I'm a bit of a "butter fingers" and prefer the solid grip of the Mair design.

Fortunately, all of the outdoor supply stores that I've been in have had both lids and lifters on display, and I've been able to play with both designs. I hope that you have that opportunity also. Regardless, neither lid lifter design carries a high price tag, and you'll not go wrong acquiring one of each.



## Books

### Second Edition of 'Four Percent' Book



The roster of men who have earned the Eagle Scout award includes a U.S. president, dozens of astronauts, several Medal of Honor recipients, Nobel-prize-winning scientists — plus countless authors, movie stars, titans of industry, senators, congressmen, governors, civil rights leaders and community activists.

In short, the kind of men who belong in a book.

That's the appeal of *Four Percent: The Extraordinary Story of Exceptional American Youth*. Its new and expanded second edition — filled with even more vivid historical anecdotes, compelling profiles and surprising facts — is now available through ScoutStuff.org ([www.scoutstuff.org/book-four-percent-2nd-ed.html#.VXmjgmRVhBc](http://www.scoutstuff.org/book-four-percent-2nd-ed.html#.VXmjgmRVhBc))

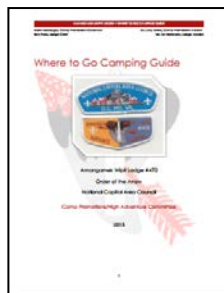
Michael S. Malone and David C. Scott released the expanded second edition of the award-winning *Four Percent* at a breakfast celebrating Eagle Scouts at May's National Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

The content and images in the book have been enhanced, and information on the Adams Service Project scholarship has been updated.

For now, the \$28 book is only available through the BSA's Scout Shops and at ScoutStuff.org. It will go into wide release later this year.

The book is a terrific read for Eagle Scouts and those who are impressed by them. It also makes a great — and popular — gift for a young man's Eagle Scout court of honor.

### 2015 Where to Go Camping Guide



The Amangamek Wipit Lodge's Camp Promotions/High Adventure Committee is proud to share the *2015 Where to Go Camping Guide* with the Scouts and Scouters of the National Capital Area Council. This guide features information on our council camps, national high adventure opportunities, OA high adventure programs, camping tips and tricks, resources for unit leaders, camping locations in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, West Virginia and the Virgin Islands, camping related awards and camping protocols.

This document can be found online at <http://TinyURL.com/Wipit-WTGC>. Please direct any questions to the committee at [camping@wipit470.org](mailto:camping@wipit470.org).

## Training Opportunities

### IOLS and OLSWL Training



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (OLSWL) training will be presented on August 14-15, 2015, at the Blue Ridge Regional Park (19178 Blue Ridge Mountain Rd [Rt. 601], Bluemont, VA 20135).

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, and Varsity Scout coaches. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on building confidence and competence in Leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences. OLSWL prepares the WEBELOS Leader for the camping experience.

All leaders should wear their Scout uniform. Please bring a chair and a water bottle for class sessions. Also bring full personal camping gear, including tent, for an overnight stay; camping overnight is part of the course.

Meals will be provided. Please provide any dietary restrictions via email.

There is a \$40 fee for this class. Please register online or register on-site.

To register: [http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/event\\_details.asp?id=652539&group=114098](http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=652539&group=114098)

Contact: Walter Johnson, [walt.johnson@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:walt.johnson@goosecreekdistrict.org)



#### Top Ten Reasons you might be a Boy Scout

10. If you can say fleur-de-lis and know what one is and occasionally are wearing one
9. If you have done a whipping and a lashing with no physical harm to anyone.
8. If you know how to speak in a native tongue Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Whitahemui
7. Your shoes are tied with a square knot so the bow goes across them.
6. You work on camp staff for less wages than flipping burgers at McDonalds to meet girls on parents night.
5. If your sleeping in a tent and you are not homeless.
4. If your all dressed up and ready to go out and have an American flag on your clothing.
3. If your are higher than a star because your an Eagle.
2. Help a little old lady across the street without hearing the words "HELP PURSE SNATCHER!".
1. Going to the bathroom in the middle of the night involves shoes and a flashlight

## Powhatan - Goose Creek Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)



Please join us for a memorable learning experience and fun-filled outdoor weekend. IOLS, as it is commonly known, is the second required training course for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters (along with Troop Leader Position-specific Training). It is also a required course for Varsity Coaches.

A pre(or post-)-requisite for the course will be completion of First Aid training provided by the Powhatan Chapter of the Order of the Arrow. Information about First Aid sessions will be sent to those who register for this course.

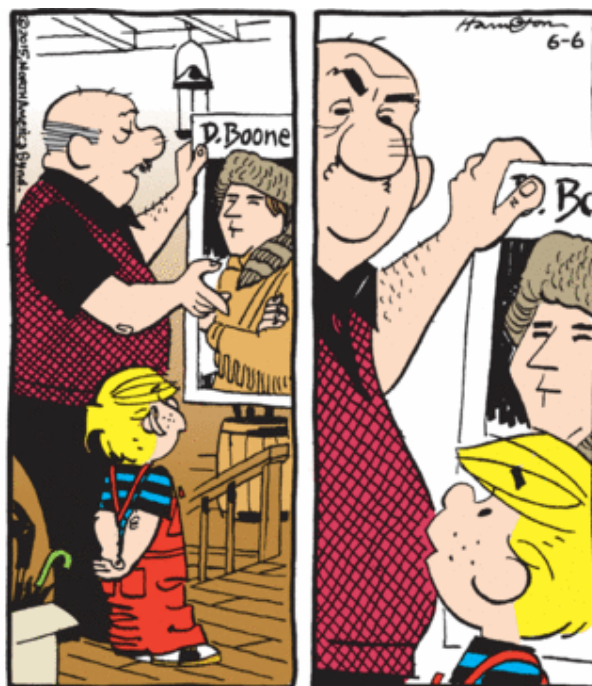
Our weekend at Highroad Camp (21164 Steptoe Hill Road, Middleburg, Virginia 20117) will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, 16 October and end by 8:30 PM on Saturday, 17 October.

Please make arrangements to attend the entire course — our schedule is full and you won't want to miss any of the activities. A cracker barrel snack will be provided Friday evening as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Food for dinner on Saturday will be provided and participants will prepare their meals as patrols following the Cooking skill instruction.

The fee for the course is \$40 and covers the camping fee, meals, and resource materials. Please bring your payment with you to the course. Please wear your BSA uniform and bring appropriate gear for a camping overnight. Information about specific gear requirements will be provided prior to the course weekend.

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/events/event\\_details.asp?id=644383#](http://www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=644383#)

Contact: Mark E Teare, [meteare@gmail.com](mailto:meteare@gmail.com)



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"WAS HE YOUR SCOUT LEADER?"

## 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#](http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/events/event_details.asp?id=524120#), deadline is September 8<sup>th</sup>. 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)

**Contact:** Mike Meenehan  
[mmmeenehan@cox.net](mailto:mmmeenehan@cox.net)  
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=](http://www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=580742&group=)

Class sizes are limited, so register early!

For more information please contact Victor Bieniek at [vbieniek@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

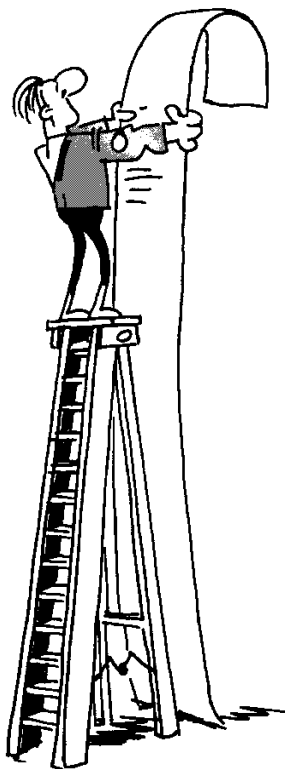
**Location:** Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

**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



### August 2015

- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner RT
- 14-15 **IOLS**
- 26 District Committee
- 31 School Starts

### September 2015

- 7 Labor Day
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 Commissioner RT
- 16 Join Scouting Night
- 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
- 16-17 **IOLS**
- 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
- 29-31 **Freeze-o-ree**

### 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
- 29-5/1 **Spring OA Ordeal**

### May 2016

- 11 **Program Launch**
- 25 District Committee
- 30 Memorial Day

### June 2016

- 4 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 8 Commissioner RT
- 14 Last Day of School
- 22 District Committee

### July 2016

- 4 Independence Day