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

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- Nov 7 – SFF Bag Distribution
- Nov 11 – Roundtable
- Nov 14 – SFF Bag Pickup

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

Goose Creek District Newsletter



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From Bobwhite Blather, <http://bobwhiteblather.com/when-should-you-say-no/>



When should you say “no”?

My wife frequently tells me that I look for ways to say no – that I’m always finding reasons why something can’t be done.

In reality, I’m going through a list of obstacles in my head that need to be overcome in order to turn that no into a yes.

We tend to do the same with our Scouts. They want to go canoeing in the wilderness or hiking in another state. Our first reaction is to say that it would be too much effort, money, time, or any of a dozen other excuses.

We shouldn’t be saying no too quickly. Sure, there are obstacles to almost any venture. An out-of-state trip requires planning, training, money, logistics. None of these are insurmountable.

If the Scouts want to do something, and there is a legitimate Scouting intent in it, there should be no reason to say no.

Scouting should be about yes. We should rarely use no unless it violates the policies or safety rules of the Boy Scouts of America or our chartered organization.

But we don’t automatically need to say yes and take on the responsibility for doing everything they say. If they want to hike the Appalachian Trail, ask them if they know what’s involved, how much it will cost, and what kind of preparation is needed. They can research that for themselves (these days, young people are pretty good at looking things up on the Internet) and find out what sort of commitment they’re willing to make in order for it to happen.

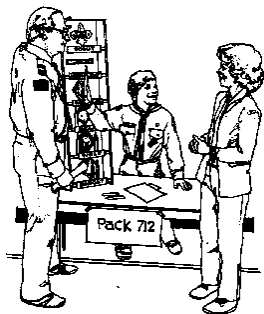
If it is necessary to say no, let the Scouts come to that conclusion. In the case of something that’s prohibited, like hunting or dirt biking, you could ask them if it’s a particularly good idea. Ask about the dangers, and if they think there might be any rules regulating it. See if they’d know where to look, and introduce them to the Guide to Safe Scouting if they don’t know about it already. They’ll pretty soon come to a conclusion on prohibited activities. Likewise, they may decide it’s not worth the effort to organize a trip to Gilwell Park, even if you’re willing to support them.

Yes should be the word of the day – as long as it’s the Scouts saying it.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

Join Scouting Night 2015



JSN night this year is Wednesday, September 16, 2015. To help you turn in your registrations some of our commissioners will be at several Harris-Teeters the next day, Sept 17, from 7-9 PM.

The locations are:

Purcellville Gateway - 388
105 Purcellville Gateway Dr
Purcellville, VA 20132

Goose Creek Village - 310
42780 Creek View Plaza
Ashburn, VA 20147
Lansdowne - 100

19350 Winmeade Dr
Ashburn, VA 20176
Brambleton Shopping Center - 230
42415 Ryan Rd
Ashburn, VA 20148

Stone Ridge - 238
42015 Village Center Plaza #110
Aldie, VA 20105

East Gate Marketplace - 309
25401 Eastern Marketplace Plaza Suite 150
Chantilly, VA 20152

Please make sure all forms are properly filled out before coming and that each Scout registration has been signed by the Cubmaster (and not someone filling in for him/her) and that all adult applications have been signed by the Committee Chair and the Chartering Organization Rep (COR) or head of the Chartering Organization. Also be prepared to pay the full registration amount (National fee plus Boys Life fee if selected).

Charter Renewal Update



This year the Charter Renewal Packets will be mailed to the unit committee chair in place of the unit leader. If you need your access code please contact your District Commissioner who will also receive extra copies of the Charter Renewal Transmittal Envelopes.

Please remember that rechartering must be completed by December and that your unit officially 'no longer exists' if not done by then (no advancement, no insurance coverage, ...). So determine now who is to be in charge of this for your unit and start getting the paperwork going. Know who your chartering unit head is, not the representative, because that's the signature required and it's hard to get if they are off on vacation when you want to turn your packet in.

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New District Executive



Please say hello to Matthew Johnson, our new District Executive (and no he's not a replacement for Peggy Durbin, she's our District Director and Matthew's boss).

We're getting him used to how things happen in Goose Creek and one of his first assignments has been to help pass out the over 40,000 JSN letters to the county's elementary schools.

Matthew can be reached at Matthew.Johnson@scouting.org and his cell is 301-617-2537

Webelos-o-ree 2015!



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

Report Those High Adventure Treks



If your troop had a crew or two do one of the BSA high adventure camps this summer we would like to post a photo of the crew in the newsletter. Just send a photo of the crew and tell us which trek they did to GCProgram@verizon.net. 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.

Philmont Treks



Troop 982 had two crews attend Philmont in July 2015, they did treks #30 and #22



Troop 966 had three crews attend Philmont.



A crew comprised of Scouts and adults from Troops 1154 and 1666 on top of the Tooth of Time. They did trek #35 and hiked 118 miles.



Scouting for Food



Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

- Saturday, November 7 - Bag Drop-off
- Saturday, November 14 - Food Collection

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

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

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

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

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 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.

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 or bring them to one of the Roundtables.

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Korean War Memorial Dedication



July 25-26 was the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Korean War Memorial. Scouts, including some from Goose Creek, handed out flowers to be placed at the memorial and handed out brochures about an upcoming plan to construct a glass wall with the names of the soldiers who are memorialized at the memorial. This wall would be called the Wall of Remembrance.

To observe the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of this memorial they honored those who were killed in action by calling out their names. On July 25th and July 26th, once every two seconds a name was read until all 36,574 names of our soldiery who fell in battle were honored. To learn more about this memorial, visit www.koreanwarvestmemorial.org



“Cheerful Service Chatter”

Chapter News for our Arrowmen

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

Lodge Fall Fellowship



The Lodge's Centennial Fall Fellowship hosted by the Virginia Central Area will be September 18–20 at the beautiful Goshen Scout Reservation. Registration is now online at <http://tinyurl.com/2015fallfellowship>. There will be a variety of fun activities at Fellowship, including water skiing and other outdoor recreation opportunities, a ceremonies competition, training, a show, a service project, and a Brotherhood Ceremony. This will be an event you won't want to miss!

Get the early bird fee of \$30 until September 8, \$40 after that and if you are a walk-in \$50. Passport holders should indicate their attendance at the event by completing the online registration process and selecting the no-charge Passport holder registration option.

Please feel free to email any questions about the event to KidwellNate@gmail.com and senglund@jenner.com.

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#DareToDo



What's that hash tag doing in the title of this article?

It's the latest initiative to spring forth from this year's historic centennial National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University.

Conceived by a handful of Arrowmen and their adult advisors and unveiled by national chief Alex Call during the arena show Wednesday night, DareToDo is simply an expression of what we are as Scouts and Scouters. It builds on the first word of our slogan – Do a Good Turn Daily – and challenges us, Scouts and Scouters everywhere whether Arrowmen or not, to not only do a daily Good Turn but to chronicle it in social media for the coming one hundred days – symbolic of the one hundred years of cheerful service that members of the OA have given.

While most of us do what could be considered a Good Turn countless times each day – without even thinking about it – DareToDo asks us to start the conversation by posting a description of one of our daily Good Turns to social media using the hash tag #DareToDo.

Far from being a means to brag about our unselfish service to others, DareToDo allows us to make our efforts a force for good, raising awareness and inspiring others in the process. It's surely an inspiration and a great way to measure Scouting's impact on society.

You can read more about DareToDo in this article (<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/08/05/dont-keep-your-daily-good-turns-to-yourself-share-them-using-daretodo/>) by Scouting Magazine editor Bryan Wendell, writing from NOAC in East Lansing this week. And you can accept the dare by posting your daily Good Turn using the #DareToDo hash tag, then following the movement on the DareToDo website (<http://dareto.do/>).

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 protects, 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 or 703-994-8332(c).

Keys for the Order of the Arrow Rep.



Posted on the Scoutmaster Minute blog: <http://thescoutmasterminute.net/2015/08/22/keys-for-the-order-of-the-arrow-rep/>

I had a great opportunity to teach a class at NOAC this year. The class was part of a three class block on making Order of the Arrow Troop Representatives successful. I taught the last block which wrapped up the session.

In summary, the first two hours discussed tools and identifying issues that come up within the Troop, Chapter, and Lodge that the OA Rep needs to not only be aware of but work to fix in order to have a good Order of the Arrow program in their Troop.

In my session I focused on what makes the OA Rep successful now that they understand the challenges that face them.

To be a successful Unit Rep there are a few things that every representative must be and do. No matter the size of the Troop, Chapter, or Lodge.

First. The Scout must be a servant leader. He needs to understand that his role as a leader in his Troop is one that sets a positive example. He models behavior that he and the unit expects of him and his fellow troop members. He must remember that he is serving those that elected him. Those that elected you are counting on you.

Second. Be an active member. Attend Chapter meetings and become active within the Lodge. Being an informed member will allow the representative to pass on information and enthusiasm to the members within his Troop.

Third. Set goals with the members of the Troop to make a difference in their unit. Find a part of the unit program that you can be helpful. Running Junior leader training, Hosting the membership open house, Leading the Courts of Honor are a few ways that can capture the spirit of the unit and bring the Order of the Arrow to the fore front of activity.

Use the SMART tool to achieve your goals. Being Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Relevant, and Timely with your goals will serve to not only accomplish them, but get the Scouts of your Troop used to using them to achieve future goals.

Fourth. Understand that a patch does not a leader make. Anyone can lead, they do not need a patch to be a leader. So lead all the time. Pass that on to all the Arrowmen of the Troop. They all have an expectation placed upon them by virtue of being members of the OA. Remember that those that elected you are counting on you.

And finally, the fifth thing to know is that there are tools to help you. Advisors, Troop leadership, Chapter Officers etc.. not to mention this wonderful tool called the internet. It's all out there. We do not need to reinvent the wheel, it's already round.. we just need to perfect the ride.. make them more efficient and smooth. So use all the tools that you can find to make your unit better.

Follow this link for more information on the Troop Representative. <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/troop-representative>

Here is a link to the Troop/Team Support Pak (<http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/troop-team-representative-support-pak>). A great resource for the Troop Representative.

There are great tools and resources to make every Troop Representative successful. He first needs to know that if he has a vision of what he wants his Troop to look like, he maintains an active membership in the Chapter and Lodge, and he wants to seek a higher vision, he can and will make a difference.

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), and request access.)

"Onward and Upward" On the Advancement Trail

New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Nicholas Blackwell – Troop 961

James Castro – Troop 998

Carson Clark – Troop 998

Joel Benjamin Gicker – Troop 711

Joshua Patrick Hudson – Troop 163

Christopher Myles Hunt – Troop 969

Kyle Matthew Siecker – Troop 711

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

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 1st Class → may use the old requirements until they are 1st Class. Once they are 1st Class they must use the new requirements
- Current Scouts that are 1st 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.

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Second Wave of Interactive Digital Merit Badge Pamphlets Brings Total to 8



The addition of interactive digital merit badge pamphlets for **Communication**, **Digital Technology**, **Family Life** and **Personal Fitness** brings the total available to eight. These four join the interactive versions of **Cooking**, **First Aid**, **Animation** and **Robotics** merit badges, released in May.

These interactive digital merit badge pamphlets aren't the same as the digital merit badge pamphlets sold on Amazon.com. The big difference? Interactivity.

The ones on Amazon are searchable and available on any device with a Kindle app, but they don't include the BSA's custom-designed interactive elements. The ones linked through BoysLife.org (<http://boyslife.org/merit-badges/>) have:

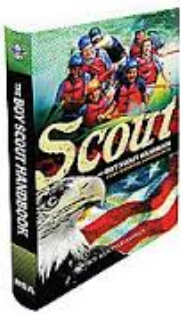
- Search capabilities to save you time (in addition to the search capabilities found in the pamphlets on Amazon, these have internal hyperlinks that take you to the exact location you're looking for in the book)
- Videos, including "how-to" videos, career bios, virtual tours and multimedia experiences
- Simulations, animations, slide shows and graphics
- Interactive Q&As

No matter which version you choose — print, Amazon Kindle edition, interactive digital edition — you'll spend \$4.99.

The next wave, coming later in 2015, will include:

- Camping
- Cycling
- Hiking
- Swimming

What Happens if a Scout Loses his Boy Scout Handbook?



The loss of the Scout's handbook does not negate the requirements he has already completed, so he would not have to start from scratch. With unit advancement software and other tools, his advancement can be confirmed. The dates and signatures entered into the handbook are for the Scout's benefit and an added means to prove completion.

As for what to do now, a Scout may purchase another handbook and, based on his current advancement records (unit software, ScoutNET, and advancement reports), the unit leadership can go through and supply the dates and initial the completed requirements.

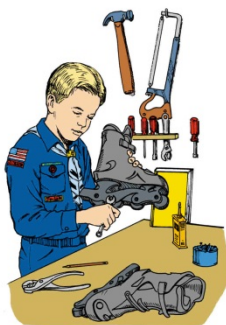
Save the Date: Summer Camp Merit Badge Cleanup Day



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 12th at Camp Snyder.

Stay tuned! More info on merit badge courses offered is to come.
www.GoToSnyder.com

Cub Scout Advancement Tracking Spreadsheets



Cubmaster Todd M. Lynch, of Pack 444 Elkton, MD, has developed a set of Excel 2013 spreadsheets to track Arrow of Light, Webelos, Bear, Wolf, and Tiger advancement under the new requirements that have just been implemented.

The spreadsheets have an instructions page (first tab) with details on how to use them and:

- Summary tables of Core and Elective Adventures for the entire den
- Individual tables for each Scout, which are automatically populated from the other tables
- Parent Contact Info
- Attendance - used to help you keep track of who was present at various events, such as Den Meetings, Den Outings, Pack Meetings, Campouts, etc.
- Recharter information
- Bobcat requirements
- Cyber Chip requirements

The spreadsheets can be downloaded at: <http://akelascouncil.blogspot.com/>. They are free and can be passed along to anyone who needs them.

Counselor's Compass



The summer issue of *Counselor's Compass* has just come out. *Counselor's Compass* is a quarterly newsletter designed for merit badge counselors, council and district advancement committees, and related staff advisors. Any Scouting volunteer or professional may subscribe.

To subscribe send a message to merit.badge@scouting.org, with "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line. Indicate your name, email address, and council in the message text.

The following articles are included in this issue:

- Small Group Sessions -- The Ideal Teaching Approach
- Recommending Improvements to Merit Badges
- Merit Badge Updating Process
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Updates to Essentials of Merit Badge Counseling

To view the current issue go to:

http://files.ctctcdn.com/137c2ed6201/ea528f24-2bbe-48f6-b118-5192b11dc88d.pdf?utm_source=2015+Counselor%27s+Compass+Summer+Vol+2+No3&utm_campaign=2015+spring+Counselor%27s+Compass&utm_medium=email

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Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org

2015 Eagle Scout Scholarships



College is expensive. The National Eagle Scout Association wants to help.

The window for 2015 Eagle Scout scholarships (www.nesa.org/2015_scholarships.html) — offering cash for college to those who have earned Scouting's highest honor — is now open. The deadline to apply is earlier this year due to the overwhelming number of applications received in 2014; applications must be received by **Oct. 31, 2015**.

All applicants must be members of the National Eagle Scout Association, or NESA. But Eagles can become a NESA member before applying.

Also new this year is that NESA scholarships are payable to Scouts attending vocational trade schools and approved programs. (Eagle Scout Mike Rowe, an advocate of vocational schools, would be proud!) In the past, NESA scholarships were available to four-year universities only.

There are two types of scholarships: academic and merit. For academic scholarships, Eagle Scouts must apply during their senior year in high school unless the Eagle Scout board of review is held after Oct. 31, 2015, in which case they would apply in the next window. Eagles may apply for academic scholarships once.

For merit scholarships, Eagle Scouts may apply beginning in their senior year of high school and may continue applying every year until their junior year in college. Applicants may win a merit scholarship only once but may apply annually.

College expenses have risen, and so has the value of scholarships NESA offers. Effective now, NESA scholarships will start at \$5,000 each — up from the previous minimum of \$1,000.

For more on how to apply, as well as the answers to some frequently asked questions, see Bryan on Scoutings blog of August 10:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/08/10/window-opens-2015-eagle-scout-scholarships-deadline-now-oct-31/>

Financial Practices for Units: Non-profit Status and Sales Tax



Bobwhite Blather (<http://bobwhiteblather.com>) has put out the second in a series of articles on financial practices for units. In this one he discusses whether your unit holds non-profit status and its implication, including sales tax liability: <http://bobwhiteblather.com/financial-practices-for-units-non-profit-status-and-sales-tax/>

Bear in mind that he is not an accountant or tax lawyer. The information presented is from personal experience. Also, rules and regulations may vary from state to state. As always, check with council, your chartered organization or a professional if you want definitive advice.

Scout Neckerchiefs Now Approved for Wear with Nonuniform Clothing



One uniform piece unites Scouts in all 223 countries with a Scouting program.

It's not the button-up uniform shirt. It's not the purple World Crest.

It's the Scout neckerchief.

Look at pretty much any photo of a Scout or Scout leader from another country, and you'll see those rolled-up triangles. They're wearing Scout neckerchiefs even if they aren't in their full, official uniform (what we in the U.S. call the field uniform).

And now, the BSA is joining them. Scout neckerchiefs, long a symbol of the movement globally, are now approved for wear by Boy Scouts of America members whether in or out of uniform.

This line on page 12 of the Guide to Awards and Insignia, 2015 edition, confirms the change:

When engaged in Scouting activities, members may wear the neckerchief with appropriate nonuniform clothing to identify them as Scouts.

Previously, according to an earlier version of the Guide, the Scout neckerchief was "worn only with the official uniform and never with T-shirts or civilian clothing."

Why the change?

- Removing restrictions for neckerchief wear brings the BSA in line with other members of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.
- The neckerchief, as recommended by Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell, can be a tool for first aid. It can work as a sling, tourniquet or bandage.
- Scout neckerchiefs identify Scouts as Scouts, even when they aren't in uniform.
- The neckerchief looks cool

New BSA Recruiting Videos Show that Scouting is for Families like Yours



In a new series of well-made BSA recruiting videos, three moms explain why Scouting is the right fit for their family.

In the videos, each about two minutes long, Catherine, Michelle and Becky share stories that will sound familiar to anyone who loves Scouting.

One mom has an only child who benefits from the lifelong friendships built in Scouting. Another saw Scouting as the best way to teach her son values he'll carry into adulthood. The third, a single mom, sees her pack as a big extended family.

Watch all three videos below. But don't keep them to yourself. Show them at recruiting events or post them on your unit, district or council Facebook page.

To help you do that, simply download the free, HD videos at the BSA Brand Center: <http://scouting.webdamdb.com/albums.php?albumId=637343>. Then share away.

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 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.

Nationals Season Tickets



Imagine if next summer, your scouts had the chance to play catch in the outfield of Nats park...take batting practice from home plate....and meet Bryce Harper or Anthony Rendon in the dugout at an autograph session.

These experiences aren't pipe dreams, they really happen when your family or your pack becomes NatsPlus members! Season ticket plans are officially on sale for 2016. And in addition to all the great benefits attached above...all new members will receive access to the 2015 postseason as well.

Season ticket plans are a great investment for both the pack and the family. Whether you'd like to go in as a group and divide the games amongst pack members all summer...or if you'd simply like to keep the tickets in the family and enjoy a season full of watching baseball with your son(s) from the best seats in the park at the lowest possible price!

If you're interested in learning more, don't hesitate to give Jason Millison (202-640-7696, Jason.Millison@Nationals.com) a call or shoot him an email. Ask about free box seats to a game of your choice this month, and you can come down to the park, learn about more NatsPlus and look at available seats to take them for a test drive.

The Nats and the NCAC have teamed up to secure amazing opportunities for all scouts and their families to experience MORE than just baseball when they visit Nationals Park. So be on the lookout for more updates from the Nationals with special deals for the BSA and their families.

2019 World Scout Jamboree



In just four years, the Summit Bechtel Reserve will be at the center of World Scouting. Scouts from the United States, Canada and Mexico will welcome Scouts from around the planet at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, held at the BSA's new West Virginia adventure base.

This world Scout jamboree is special because it's a team effort. It's hosted by Scouts Canada, Asociación de Scouts de México and the Boy Scouts of America.

Today's youth members of the BSA have never had a world Scout jamboree in their country — or continent — in their lifetimes. So this is a big deal. The last world Scout jamboree in North America was in 1983 in Alberta, Canada. The last time the U.S. hosted a world Scout jamboree was in 1967 at Farragut State Park in Idaho. Mexico has never hosted.

Mark your Scouting calendars now for July 22 to Aug. 2, 2019. The theme, "Unlock a New World," speaks to the new adventures, cultures and friendships that will be shared by Scouts from 161 National Scout Organizations representing 223 countries and territories around the world.

The 2019 World Scout Jamboree logo represents the friendship and unity of World Scouting. The globe-shaped design consists of multicolor ribbons featuring the official colors of the national flags of the three host countries and the purple of the World Scouting movement.

Notice the ribbons reaching out to the right? They're reaching out toward the World Crest, which represents World Scouting. The message: "Welcome, world! We're glad you're here."

Registration specifics for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree haven't been finalized. We can take a clue from the 2015 World Scout Jamboree in Japan, which just ended. That event set the age range for youth at 14 but not yet 18. Venturers ages 18 to 20 (and any Scouter 18 and up) could attend as part of the International Service Team.

We'll know more details in the coming months and years, but it's safe to bet that if your son or daughter will be at least 14 by July 22, 2019, he or she will be able to attend or serve on staff, known in world jamboree parlance as the International Service Team. In other words, anyone born on or before July 22, 2005, can — and should — make plans to be there.

Be on Staff for Goshen Camporee 2017



2017 marks the 50th 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.

Note: There will be no District Spring Camporee in 2017

What is the Key 3?



Behind every great Scouting unit, district, council, area and region is a committed Key 3. These are the three top individuals within each segment of Scouting.

The BSA even has a National Key 3, which includes our national president, Chief Scout Executive and national commissioner. These three individuals — two volunteers and one professional — are responsible for guiding the entire organization.

The Key 3s meet frequently in a quiet situation where successes and concerns can be shared and solutions reached. At every level, from unit to national, each member of the Key 3 needs to understand his or her role and feel empowered to serve.

Unit Key 3

- Unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venturing crew advisor, Varsity team coach)
- Unit committee chair
- Chartered organization representative

Why isn't the unit commissioner a member of the Key 3? Because the unit commissioner isn't a member of the unit, and he or she serves as an advisor to the unit Key 3.

Like other Key 3s in Scouting, the unit Key 3 meets monthly at the midpoint of unit committee meetings. The Key 3 addresses unit challenges, checks on Journey to Excellence status, and adjusts program and administrative elements to ensure unit progress toward JTE.

The unit Key 3, along with the unit commissioner, reviews Voice of the Scout feedback and makes recommendations to the unit committee to strengthen unit service to youth.

District Key 3

- District chair
- District commissioner
- District executive*

The District Key 3 meets as often as needed — probably twice a month for about an hour. The district's purpose is to support units to ensure that our youth members get the best possible Scouting experience in the safest possible environment.

The best way to accomplish this is to make sure that all units achieve Journey to Excellence goals and that the district achieves JTE goals. District Key 3 members also keep in close telephone or email contact throughout the month and work together to build the agenda for the district committee meeting.

Note: Goose Creek District actually has a Key 4! We also have a District Director, Peggy Durbin.

Smithsonian TechQuest: Astronaut Academy



What: Smithsonian TechQuest: Astronaut Academy is a new FREE alternate reality game at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center that will challenge you to become an astronaut-in-training for a future trip to Mars. What skills will you need to survive a long trip to the Red Planet and return safely? Find out by choosing what role you will play on the mission; engaging in fun interactive activities; and exploring the science, technology, engineering, and math skills you will need as a member of the next generation of space travelers. Along the way, you'll learn about some of the Museum's fascinating artifacts.

Who: TechQuest is designed primarily for families with children ages 10 to 14, but anyone can play.

How: Begin the Smithsonian TechQuest: Astronaut Academy challenge by attending one of the Astronaut Training Orientations in the Claude Moore Education Center Classroom 1 on the first level. There, you will receive instructions and the necessary guidance to begin your training in the James S. McDonnell Space Hanger. As you progress through your selected crew position training, you take pictures along the way to document your successful completion of each assigned task. You will graduate from the Astronaut Academy by showing pictures of your completed tasks to one of our Training Specialists who then certifies you as a trained astronaut ready to fly the next mission to Mars. Players should bring their own phones or devices equipped with an internet browser and a camera. Having a digital picture-taking device (smartphone, tablet, camera) is highly recommended, but not required. No digital device? No problem. See the Training Specialist for special instructions.

When: The Smithsonian TechQuest: Astronaut Academy game will be offered every Saturday and the second Friday of every month. Astronaut Training Orientation times will begin each game day at 10:30 am. The last orientation session will begin at 2:30 pm. Astronaut graduations begin at 11:30 and run until 4:30 pm each game day. Astronaut orientation and graduation times are subject to change, so check the program times at the signs posted by the Classroom 1 entrance. Visitors play at their own pace. Overall program time is estimated at about 60-90 minutes.

Note: Admission is free to the Udvar-Hazy Center but parking is \$15.

2016 High Adventure Early-Bird Discount



Register now (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.

High Adventure



2016 NCAC Philmont Provisional and Unit-Crew Opportunities: NCAC still has plenty of space available on its three 2016 Philmont contingents: P627 (6/25 or 26 - 7/9), P711 (7/9 or 10 - 23), and P718 (7/16 or 17 - 30). Units are permitted to attend Philmont in consecutive years. For more information and a copy of the unit-crew application (disregard the 3/23-31 lottery submission dates), see http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.ncacbsa.org/resource/group/95d23063-d63f-4ee8-858c-9c43c002b826/High_Adventure/HAC_2016_Philmont_Unit_based.pdf. (fourth and final listing)

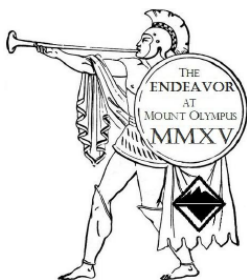
2016 NCAC Florida Sea Base Opportunity: NCAC is sponsoring two Coral Reef Sailing Crews S717 leaving Washington on July 17 and returning on July 23 at an estimated cost of \$1800 per person. The application is available at http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.ncacbsa.org/resource/group/95d23063-d63f-4ee8-858c-9c43c002b826/High_Adventure/HAC_2016_Seabase.pdf. For more information, see www.boyscouts-ncac.org/highadventure or contact Dana Abrahamsen at dabrahamsen@ftc.gov or 703-280-9782. (fourth and final listing)

High Adventure Camperships: Camperships are available to youth in need of financial assistance on high adventure trips. The 2015 NCAC High Adventure Campership Application form is available at http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.ncacbsa.org/resource/group/95d23063-d63f-4ee8-858c-9c43c002b826/HAC_2015_Campership_fillable.pdf. For more information, contact Virginia Ward at vward@gmu.edu or 703-369-3150.

High Adventure Opportunities Bulletin Board: The High Adventure Committee hosts a forum at <http://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/members/forums/?group=114116> for crews to post notices looking for scouts and scouters to join a high adventure crew or for individuals looking for a high adventure crew to join. To post a notice, send an e-mail with the details to Stan Turk at stanley.turk@verizon.net.

Wilderness First Aid Opportunities: Philmont crews are now required to have two members currently certified in wilderness first aid. For a list of NCAC High Adventure Committee-endorsed classes, contact John Blackwell at john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org or 301-346-0551. BSA Venturing Crew 80 at First Christian Church in Alexandria also offers wilderness first aid classes at a reduced rate. For information, see www.w3bsa.org/WFABPlan.htm or contact Demi Pulas at demetrios.pulas@ferc.gov or 202-502-8676.

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 and our Facebook page for more details to come.

Recruiting Adult Leaders

Excerpted from: <http://bobwhiteblather.com/just-tell-me-what-i-need-to-do/>



Recruiting boys is relatively easy. They'll go for anything that appeals to them, and Cub Scouting has it all – and then some.

But recruiting adults is another story. Most adults are already pressed for time, and those just coming in to Cub Scouting don't know anything about the program or what it takes to run it. There is so much material available that if taken all at once, new volunteers can be extremely confused about what they learned and in what context it applies. New leaders need to know what they need to do today, this week and this month – not be overwhelmed by supplemental training and volumes of additional material that they won't need for weeks, months or years – or ever. The big picture is important – but with the proper guidance up front, it will come in due time.

New volunteers stepping into a leadership position should consider these “baby steps” to get started:

1. Youth Protection Training is an absolute must before a volunteer can even register. Sign up for an online account at <https://myscouting.org> and take the training there.
2. Go online and read the sample den meeting plans. It'll give them a good idea of what they are expected to do, and what kind of resources the BSA will provide them with. Then obtain the full version from the nearest Scout Shop (it'll have a cover like the one pictured above) or order from scoutstuff.org (http://www.scoutstuff.org/catalogsearch/result/?q=den+leader+guide&as_fid=ic9y%2FCkqa%2FPoFQkUeO%2FB) .
3. Take the online position-specific training for their leadership position within the first couple weeks after signing up, and preferably before meeting with the den for the first time. (It's available at myscouting.org as well.) This will help them get off on the right foot.
4. If it's convenient, attend Roundtable – at least once during the first three months. If a new leader can make it a habit, they'll get hooked on the fellowship and resources available.

Other things can wait, and should be checked out eventually, but these few things will get them going in the right direction. As experience and curiosity build, and the desire to “up” the program for the boys, they should gravitate toward additional resources.

As with almost everything, sharing an experience makes it that much better. A new den leader should pair up with either an experienced leader or another parent in his or her son's den (who should be registered as an assistant Den Leader). Then, sit down with your helper to prepare for the next one or two den meetings. Don't try to map out several months' worth at first – just concentrate on next week's meeting. Go over the materials with your assistant and decide how to share the preparation responsibilities, as well as who will run the activities. (Tip: Try to find a time when you can meet on a different day from the den meeting. Trying to meet before or after means you have anxious boys to deal with.)

Being a new den leader can be daunting, as I'm sure you know from personal experience. If you're reading this, chances are good that you were a brand-new den leader yourself at one time. Let's go out and “wow” our boy recruits but not overwhelm our adult recruits.

Scout Orienteering Day



The 39th 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 (search for "orienteering"), or contact event chair 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.

Take the "Trash-Free" Activity Challenge



We all know not to leave trash, leftover food, or food wastes at our campsite, along the trail we hiked, in the lake we canoed, on the picnic bench, or in a pile next to an overflowing garbage can. Take it to the next level by making every event a trash-free or zero-waste activity. Here's how:

1. Carefully plan meal portions to avoid leftovers; bring only what you will eat.
2. Bring food in reusable containers; repackaging your food to minimize weight, bulk, trash & unnecessary packaging. No individual bags of chips or snacks.
3. Have each participant bring a reusable water bottle rather than juice boxes, Capri Suns, 500 ml disposable water bottles
4. Bring mess kits and reusable utensils rather than paper/Styrofoam/plastic plates & utensils

Why? Many local parks including some VA State Parks and the parks within George Washington Memorial Parkway have moved toward a "Trash Free Park" program. This means that trash receptacles (garbage cans) have been completely removed. Other parks are likely to follow. Trash-free encourages less wasteful practices and promotes reduce, reuse and recycle behaviors.

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2015 V3 Hike-o-ree



The 26th 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 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 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 or Adair Petty, (703) 545 5747 (work), e-mail at ppetty1@cox.net

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

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28th 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, and go to the Religious Committees section.

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

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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

On-Line Resource of the Month



Check out the new CubScouts.org site (<https://cubscouts.org/>), you'll find an official Boy Scouts of America site that links you to everything you need for successful Cub Scouting.

You can shop for gear, get updates about new Cub Scout adventures and requirements, find a pack near you, download recruiting resources, and check out the Learning Library.

It's a constantly growing, indispensable resource that will help you administer a quality program. You'll find info on:

- The basics of den meetings and building strong dens
- Delivering the required and elective adventures
- Den planning, administration and advancement
- Positive youth development
- Working with boys and Cub Scouts with special needs

The Learning Library section for Den Leaders is live now. Sections for Cubmasters, committee members, chartered organization representatives, and parents and guardians are coming soon. As the Learning Library grows, you'll find all the information and resources you need, customized to you and your position within the organization.

BSA pro Bob Scott and the Cub Scout team created a site that's fun, engaging, easy-to-use and — most important of all — full of resources you want and need. But the team's open to feedback. If you have something you'd like to see, or if something isn't working the way it should, contact them at info@cubscouts.org.

What about Cub Hub, the predecessor to CubScouts.org? It's still around, at <https://cubscouts.org/blog/>. And it's still full of fun Scouting ideas and the latest adventures in the world of Cub Scouting.

Equipment / Gear

LifeStraw® Portable Water Bottle



The award-winning LifeStraw® water filter has now been incorporated into a sports bottle to give users access to safe drinking water even when there is no water source nearby. Simply use the bottle to scoop water from any pond, stream or river, and you will have a supply of fresh, clean drinking water. Take the LifeStraw Go with you when you go hiking, camping, or travelling to areas with poor water quality. The LifeStraw filter is the most advanced personal water filter available on the market today. LifeStraw has been rigorously tested to surpass EPA standards for removing E. Coli, Giardia and Cryptosporidium oocysts, and many other waterborne contaminants. The LifeStraw Go filters water down to 0.2 microns without the use of chemicals. When the filter has reached capacity (1,000 liters / 264 gallons) it will stop taking in water. Since the water filter is detachable, you can simply purchase a replacement filter when the filter has reached capacity. The bottle can be reused indefinitely, saving waste from disposable plastic water bottles. Made of BPA-free Tritan, the LifeStraw Go bottle is extremely durable. The food-grade silicone mouthpiece is flexible which prevents it from chipping or cracking, and is removable for easy cleaning. Use the carabiner to attach to your backpack, or store in your preparedness kit to ensure access to safe, clean drinking water in an emergency. Bottle capacity 23 ounces. Dimensions 9 x 3 inches. Weight 7.8 ounces.

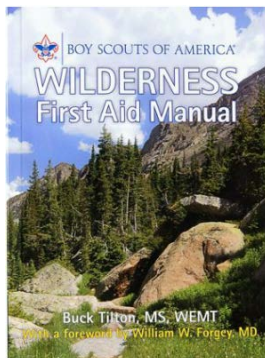
Cost of the bottle is around \$32.

For each LifeStraw product you buy, one school child in a developing country will be provided with safe drinking water for an entire school year. Visit LifeStraw Follow the Liters (www.buylifestraw.com/the-cause) where you can see the impact of consumer contributions. There, you can follow the program's progress by viewing the most up-to-date measurable data on program achievements and hear stories from children who have been positively impacted.



Books

BSA® Wilderness First Aid Manual



Developed in conjunction with the BSA® curriculum for standardized wilderness first-aid training, this handy pocket-sized guide is a vital resource for back-country travel. Author Buck Tilton, with more than 39 years of experience in outdoor health and safety, is the cofounder of the Wilderness Medicine Institute of the National Outdoor Leadership School in Wyoming. Just one of his many FalconGuides, this manual addresses a comprehensive listing of both routine and emergency health crises. Required for adult leadership at high-adventure bases.

Available at ScoutStuff.org for \$4.95: www.scoutstuff.org/bsar-wilderness-first-aid-manual.html#.VbjilXig40

Pocket Naturalist® Guide Emergency First Aid



A pocket-sized guide packed with illustrations of first aid and lifesaving techniques. Includes sections on restoring breathing, moving injured patients, heat/cold exposure, and much more. Measures 3 1/2" x 8 1/4". Not a substitute for first aid and lifesaving training.

Available at ScoutStuff.org for \$6.95: www.scoutstuff.org/pocket-naturalist-guide-emergency-first-aid-pocket-guide.html#.VbjiMbXig40



Top Ten Things a Scoutmaster Learns When Eating with His Scouts

10. Teaspoon and tablespoon measurements are interchangeable, especially when measuring hot spices.
9. Pop Tarts are considered a part of the food pyramid.
8. Cremation is a cooking technique.
7. The item that takes the longest to cook is always cooked last.
6. The Scout equivalent of rare, medium, and well done is frozen, raw, and burnt.
5. Recipes are always left home on the kitchen table or known only by the one Scout not on the campout.
4. Fires with 10 foot flames are a 'must' for cooking.
3. One key ingredient is always forgotten.
2. Food that falls in the fire and still served is often the best, at least there's a reason for the grittiness.
1. That each meal is always the "best he's ever had!"

Training Opportunities

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#

Contact: Mark E Teare, meteare@gmail.com

Weekend Friendly Wilderness First Aid Certification Class



Troop 1430 in South Riding is hosting a weekend friendly BSA Wilderness First Aid (WFA) class in partnership with the Emergency Care & Safety Institute (ECSI). This 16-hour course teaches the assessment of and treatment given to an ill or injured person in a remote environment.

WFA certification is required for all high adventure trips and excellent training to have in any situation.

The class will meet Wednesdays from 7-10 pm starting October 7 for seven weeks ending on November 18th at the Arcola Fire Department (23675 Belmont Ridge Rd. Brambleton, VA). The cost is \$100 per adult and \$75 for Scouts age 14-17. Students will receive a two-year WFA certification.

Class size is limited. Contact Dallas Cecil at Dallas@CecilFamily.org to register.

ScoutingU: The new look of online training



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If you have ever taken an online course, you know how cumbersome they can be. Usually it just involves watching some video clips, or reading text (sometimes with pictures) and possibly taking a quiz. At best, it's a one-way introduction to a topic; at worst, it's a nightmare that never seems to end, as the progress bar slowly moves along.

The Boy Scouts of America has tried to fix some of this with the rollout of the new online training system. Called **ScoutingU**, it incorporates not only training but requirement tracking into the new *my.scouting.org* portal (<https://my.scouting.org/>), which will eventually be the hub to manage all your interactions with the Scouting data system.

You're most likely familiar with the legacy MyScouting Tools website, *myscouting.scouting.org*, if you have taken Youth Protection Training. So how does *my.scouting.org* differ? The new system, a little over a year old, is built using modern web tools so it is not only extensible and flexible for the developers but easy to use for the end user. More importantly, the aim of *my.scouting* is to consolidate all online functions under a single portal, including personal and unit membership management, online rechartering and advancement, training, commissioner tools and more. Each registered individual has a profile which grants access to the tools that he or she needs and is authorized to use. And, if you already have a login on the legacy *myscouting.scouting.org*, the same user name and password should work on *my.scouting.org*.

So how does the **ScoutingU** training system differ, and how does it stack up?

Early online training courses basically consisted of the training syllabus and videos converted to a web format. They didn't lend themselves very well to e-learning, and were a poor substitute for in-person training.

The new system is much more like the way corporate training and university online courses are run. Short segments, containing a few minutes worth of information, are spiced up with interactive elements beckoning the user to click for a demonstration, a short video clip, or participatory activity. At the end of each segment, a brief quiz lets the user review the content and assess how well it was absorbed. At any point, the user can exit the program and come back when it's convenient to do so – no longer tied to the computer until the entire session is finished. Upon completion of all elements, the leader is recorded in the database as having completed that particular course.

The Cub Scout leader training has been revised and is available now, and the Boy Scout training will be updated next year when that program undergoes some changes. I noticed, however, that the Cub material is still using the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack, which were retired and replaced with the Scout Oath and Scout Law on June 1st. This oversight will undoubtedly be cleaned up in short order. The rest of the information is presented in a clear manner with both spoken and graphical elements that support and augment one another.

Next time you have a few minutes, take the *my.scouting* training pages for a spin. Pick a new course to take, or retake one you've already done. Check to make sure the courses you've completed are credited, especially the ones taken in person. If you notice any discrepancies, your unit commissioner can help correct the records.

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=

Class sizes are limited, so register early!

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

Wilderness First Aid/CPR Class



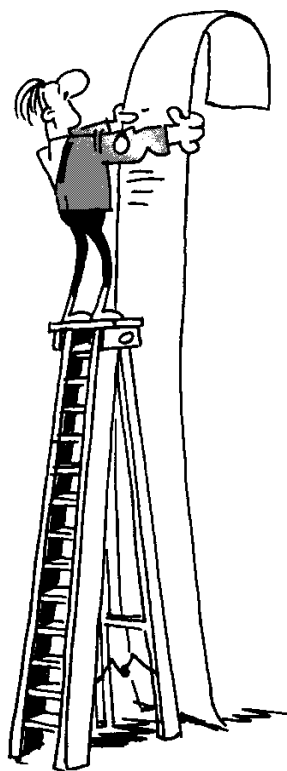
Emergency Training Resources, LLC will be offering a WFA/CPR course scheduled for Camp Crowell (GSA, Vale Rd, Oakton, VA 22124) on Sat-Sun, Oct 25-26, 2015. It is always a great class since it will be held in the camp lodge and also in the woods. Payment (\$139) is required within 5 days of registration. Call 703-771-6092 to register. Pay with check, cash, or CC.

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

District Calendar



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

August 2016

- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 Commissioner RT
- 24 District Committee