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

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

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from Scoutmaster Jerry, <http://thescoutmasterminute.net/2015/07/21/critical-eyes/>



Critical Eyes

Leaders must have a critical eye. They must develop a habit of looking for opportunities to improve themselves and their team. With a critical eye they will start seeing those opportunities.

Now, when I say opportunities, I am not suggesting that the leader look for all the things that are wrong. On the contrary. Those opportunities are those habits, skills, and activities that can use improvement and praise.

Without a critical eye the leader can not effectively move through the stages of team development. The leader will overlook opportunities to move the team forward.

Using the EDGE method of leading and teaching, the leader with a critical eye will spot those skills and habits that are holding the team back not allowing them to be a high performance team.

It is easy for a leader to walk past a Scout struggling to get his tent packed. It is not only a good example of being helpful, but also a confidence builder for the team when the leader steps up and pitches in demonstrating his skill and ability to lead.

Over the last weekend I had the opportunity to see this in action. Our Senior Patrol leader assisted a new Scout in getting his tent stored properly. This was a nice thing to do, but as a leader myself I could not resist the opportunity to teach the Senior Patrol leader some leadership. After the Senior Patrol Leader finished showing the new Scout how to fold and roll his tent, He handed him the stored tent and walked away.

Pulling the Senior Patrol Leader aside, I asked him which of the 4 methods of EDGE did he use to teach the new Scout how to fold his tent. Demonstrate, He replied. Absolutely I told him, but do you think he now knows how to put his tent away? Not sure said the Senior Patrol leader. Well, How will you know? When he does it right the next time he suggested. So when is that I asked. Well, we have time now he said and returned to the new Scout. He explained to him that he knew that he putting his tent away properly was a piece of cake and that now that he had been taught, he could do it right each time. Then he asked to see the tent, took it out of the bag and unfolded it. Then he told the new Scout to show him how to do it. The new Scout did the skill correctly and received some great positive reinforcement from the Senior Patrol leader.

All of this is to say, that we tend to leave it at that. No matter what the skill or task is, we tend to leave it at the basic level. Unfortunately most of the time this leads to a lack of learning and skills are underdeveloped. As leaders we know that it is a lot easier to look the other way, take the path of least resistance, and allow skills to remain mediocre. It is an effective leader that wants his team, troop, crew what ever to be the best to be a high performance team.

One of the things that we work on with our junior leaders is having a critical eye. At first, they focus on only those skills and tasks that are not being done well. Once they realize the importance of seeing the good and the bad, they become better leaders and as a result they start moving their unit to a high performance team.

Just something to think about.

Develop a critical eye in you and your junior leaders.. the results will amaze you!

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

Welcome to New Leaders



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

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

Scouting for Food Results



This year we had 75 units out collecting and we've brought in over 100,000 lbs. (50 tons) of food to eight local food banks. Overall, that's about 10% of the food collected by the entire council.

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
LINK	36,489	34,519	32,859	34,033	34,814
Loudoun Interfaith	26,547	25,443	27,001	37,331	42,997
Messiah's Market	15,459	13,657	17,432	14,202	9,917
Seven Loaves	6,090	5,867	10,603	7,838	7,276
Tree of Life	7,065	6,445	6,684	11,521	11,814
Catholic Charities	4,596	4,868	7,352		
Western Loudoun	2,504	2,446	2,090		
Dulles South	5,870	4,388			
Total	104,620	97,634	104,022	104,925	106,818

Individual unit counts are posted on the District Website:

www.ncacbsa.org/resource/group/5d9bff42-60eb-4739-bcb0-005cf6946963/Scouting_for_Food/2015_SFF_-_Consolidated_Weig.pdf

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

Freeze-o-ree



Goose Creek's premier outdoor winter event – the annual Freeze-o-ree - will be held January 30 – February 1 at the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship in Hillsboro, VA. In addition to the traditional patrol Scoutcraft competitions in fire building, first aid skills, ax throwing, flag football, soccer, speed knot tying, and tug of war we will again have slingshot paint ball target shooting!! This event is run by the youth members of the Order of the Arrow in Goose Creek and we need many OA youth volunteers from all Troops to help run the events.

Registration information will be posted on the Goose Creek web site in early December.

Rechartering!!!!



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

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

By now you should have:

- Been done and relaxing for the holidays. But if not then...
- Contacted your rechartering organization's Executive Head (not the Charter Rep) to see when he/she will be available to sign your recharter when it is completed. It doesn't do any good to have everything ready and then find out the person who has to sign it is away for the holidays.
- Logged into the electronic rechartering site to ensure 1) that you can do it and 2) so see who is not listed in the current unit list and will need a full application.
- Checked to see who needs their Youth Protection Training (YPT) updated. Adults cannot recharter if their YTP has expired, or will expire before the end of January.

Also remember that Journey to Excellence forms should be turned in with your unit charter.

Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course



The NCAC Outdoor Ethics Committee will be conducting an Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course for Goose Creek District on 16 December.

This course is offered for Cub Scout Leaders and Adult Boy Scout leaders who want to conduct outdoor ethics activities for their unit. This session will be taught by a Leave No Trace Master Educator and a TREAD Lightly! Trainer.

The course will cover:

- The need for Outdoor Ethics within the BSA program
- Overview of the Outdoor Ethics program within NCAC
- The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace
- Highlights of TREAD Lightly!
- The Land Ethic

When: 12/16/2015, 7pm to 8:30pm

Where: Little River Elementary School Cafeteria
43464 Hyland Hills St
Chantilly, VA 20152

Register: www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=708285&group=141361

Advanced registration is required. A donation of \$1 is requested to cover the cost of the materials that will be provided.

Community Electronics Day



Troop 2012 is sponsoring a community electronics day. Attendees will learn the basics of electronics, reading schematics and computer programming.

Each attendee (ages 10 and up) will get a "kit" consisting of an Arduino Uno microcontroller and accessories. During the class, you will learn how to build various circuits from the diagrams as well as how to program the controller. After the class, the kit is yours to take home and continue exploring.

Learn how to:

- Simulate a traffic light
- Build your own battery tester
- Make an electronic dice simulator
- And more...

When: Saturday, December 5th (10:30 or 1:30)

Where: Kirkpatrick Farms Club House

Cost: \$40

More details: www.troop2012.org/eday

Goose Creek District Annual Meeting Elections



The district annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 PM at the Leesburg United Methodist Church, 107 W Market Street, Leesburg. At that time, the nominating committee will present for election the Slate of Officers and Members-at-Large. To facilitate an orderly process, nominations from the floor will not be accepted at the time of election. Elections will be held for the following positions:

DISTRICT CHAIR
 VICE CHAIR - MEMBERSHIP
 VICE CHAIR - FINANCE
 VICE CHAIR - PROGRAM
 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE
 DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (subject to council approval)

Who is eligible to vote:

- Registered charter organization members
- Registered district members-at-large
- Registered council members-at-large residing in the district

Our newly-elected officers and members-at-large take office immediately following the district annual meeting. Please come to the annual meeting to help elect our officers.

Goose Creek Scouts at BSA STEM Day, George Mason University



On November 22nd, George Mason University's Geology and Paleontology departments hosted a BSA STEM day. The Scouts had a chance to learn about volcanoes, glaciers, earthquakes, paleontology, archaeology and careers in geosciences. There were plenty opportunities for hands on exploration of crystals, rocks and minerals from around our world. Each Scout received a rock collection kit with twenty different rocks. Some Scouts from Troop 1154 and Pack 1151 enjoyed the event and were able to work on their Webelo Earth Rocks elective and BSA STEM awards.



Gettysburg Battlefield Illumination



Troop 1154 Scouts volunteered at the Gettysburg Battlefield Annual Illumination in November. They assembled and lit the luminarias for the illumination of the Maine and unknown sections of the cemetery. As soon as the sun was fully set, "Taps" was played as a regiment walked the path providing a drum beat to the music. It was a moving tribute to the soldiers buried there.



Reflections on Webelos-o-ree 2015



When the Webelos-o-ree staff canceled the October Webelos-o-ree due to a minor hurricane they were worried that very few would come out for the new November date, the weekend before Thanksgiving and when the days and nights would be colder. They shouldn't have worried because they found out that the Webelos-o-ree is a VERY POPULAR event. Over 250 Webelos/Arrow of Light Scouts from 24 packs, with their parents, came out for a beautiful weekend and got themselves exhausted at the activity areas of BBs, archery, slingshots, rockets, monkey bridge, map & compass, cooking, flag retirements, fire building, and first aid. Topping it all off was an evening campfire run by Goose Creek's Order of the Arrow that had a wonderful opening ceremony and plenty of skits (with pies in the face) and songs.

Not only is the Webelos-o-ree popular with the packs but all of the troops that had volunteered to help in October rearranged their schedules to be at the November event, even when they already had another outdoor event scheduled for the month. They had just a much fun showing the Cub Scouts about what Boy Scouts do and had a great opportunity to use the EDGE method in their teaching. We even had one leader said that he really likes this event but it always makes him cry, mainly because his unit is constantly being assigned to cut up the onions for the foil dinners (the staff promises to mix up the food prep assignments next year).

A special thanks to all the adult volunteers who came out to help set up, take down, pickup trash bags, distribute charcoal and fire pit stands, prepare foil strips, manage traffic, and run the food distribution area. At the end of the day Dr. Steiner made his annual promise that he would be retiring from the event, and is already working on planning next year's Webelos-o-ree.

And when will next year's Webelos-o-ree be? We already have Camp Snyder booked for October 22-23, 2016 so put it in your unit's calendar.

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“Cheerful Service Chatter”

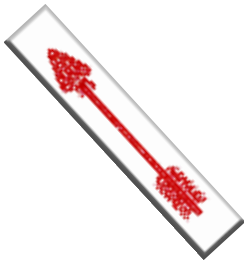
Chapter News for our Arrowmen
Lodge Website: www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA

Annual Dues - 2016



Arrowmen, it is that time of the year again - annual dues are due (\$14). Those that have been in the Order for a while, as well as those that did their Ordeal in the spring, need to go to the Lodge web site www.ncacbsa.org/oa and click on the link and follow the direction under the renew your Lodge membership for 2016. Please note the option to buy a passport and have your fees also paid for the Annual Banquet, Spring and Fall Fellowship, and get a neat patch as well. Remember, you have to be registered with a unit (pack, troop, crew or team) or District in order to be considered an active member - even if you pay your dues. Those that did their Ordeal in the fall have paid their dues for this year, but are still eligible to buy the passport as well.

Troop Elections



The annual OA Troop Election season runs from November 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016. Troops may hold only one election per season and it is recommended that the election be held prior to April 1, 2016. This will allow all elected candidates to be recognized at the Spring Call Out ceremony (Spring Camporee, April 8-10) and attend the Goose Creek Chapter Ordeal the weekend of April 30, 2016. If you wish to have Arrowmen visit your Troop prior to the elections, to discuss the OA with your Scouts, please contact the Goose Creek Chapter Chief, Nick Stanford (chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org). If you would like to schedule an OA Election, Scoutmasters should send an email to the Vice-Chief for OA Elections (gc_oa_election_request@goosecreekdistrict.org) and provide the following information:

- Scoutmaster Name; email address; phone number
- Troop OA Representative Name
- Troop Number
- Troop Meeting Location & Time
- Requested Election Date
- Alternate Election Date (In case of inclement weather)

The Vice-Chief for OA Elections will confirm the receipt of your request within one week and confirm your election date within one month.

Lodge Banquet



Banquet registration is upon us. You need to register by Dec. 21, 2015. The Banquet will be held on Jan. 2, 2015 at Camp Snyder from 10:00-1:00 with check-in starting at 9:00. This event is open to families as well as active Arrowmen. The fee for this is included in the passport option. You can register yourself, and any guests, at www.ncacbsa.org/oa and follow the link under Annual Lodge Banquet Registration. I hope to see many of you there.

“Onward and Upward” On the Advancement Trail

New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Karl Canby – Troop 961

Jared Carey – Troop 2970

Daniel M Malloy – Troop 982

Eric J. Potak – Troop 2970

Ryan Andrew Raffensperger – Troop 1910

Nathan L Smith – Troop 956

Patrick Tolley – Troop 2970

Boy Scout Service Hour Requirements to Increase Beginning Next Year



Boy Scouts, who take an Oath “to help other people at all times,” will soon be required to do so at nearly every rank. New requirements that take effect Jan. 1, 2016, include service hours at Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. (That’s every rank but the Scout rank.)

Here are the basics: Scouts must complete one hour of service for Tenderfoot, two hours for Second Class and three hours for First Class. The total hours for Star and Life remain the same — six hours each. At least three of the six hours for Life, however, must be conservation-related. This reflects an increased emphasis on environmental stewardship.

The Eagle Scout project, which has no minimum or maximum number of service hours, remains unchanged.

Note that service hours aren’t cumulative. In other words, the hour of service used for Tenderfoot only counts toward Tenderfoot. A Scout cannot, for example, also count that hour as one of the two he needs for Second Class.

But also remember that all requirements through First Class are concurrent, not consecutive. This is why a Tenderfoot can work on and get signed Second and First Class requirements. Therefore if a Tenderfoot does three hours of service, one hour can be used for the Tenderfoot requirement and the other two for the Second Class requirement. The First Class requirement though does require that the hours come from projects other than the ones used to meet the Tenderfoot and Second Class requirements.

Many Boy Scouts won’t even notice this change. Most exceed 18 hours of service over their Scouting careers without thinking about it.

Beginning Next Year, Boy Scouts will Discuss 'Duty to God' at Each Rank



Eagle-eyed Scouts and Scouters have noticed something new in the Boy Scout rank requirements that take effect next year: “tell how you have done your duty to God.”

To be clear, “duty to God” has been a part of the Boy Scouts of America from the start. The first BSA Handbook for Boys, published in 1911, says “no boy can grow into the best kind of citizenship without recognizing his obligation to God.”

What’s new is that beginning Jan. 1, 2016, every rank from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout (plus Eagle Scout palms) will include a “duty to God” requirement.

It’s important to know what that means — and what it doesn’t.

The new requirements do ask Scouts to reflect on their own belief. They don’t ask the Scout leader to have a two-way conversation about religion, to proselytize or to evaluate whether the Scout’s duty to God meets the Scout leader’s personal standard.

Look at the verb in the requirement: “Tell how you have done your duty to God.” Not demonstrate, show or prove.

The requirement is complete once the Scout has told how he has done his duty to God. With young Scouts, this could be a very brief statement. As Scouts get older and their beliefs mature, this “telling” will evolve.

The troop leader is there to listen, not to evaluate a Scout’s expression against any standard. In many troops, the Scout leader and one or more of his Scouts will have different religious beliefs, and that’s perfectly fine. In fact, it’s healthy.

Faith is a complicated subject, but it’s an essential part of Scouting. I urge you to read the helpful FAQs document the BSA released in August that explains this further:

www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutrequirementsFAQs.pdf

FAQ on the New Boy Scout Requirement Duty to God



What if, during a Scoutmaster conference or board of review, a Scout says that he does not believe in God?

A Scout is called to do his duty to God by both the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and his belief in God should be acknowledged by his parent or guardian’s signature on the BSA Youth Application. A Scout’s declaration that he does not believe in God is grounds to deny rank advancement and could affect his continued membership in the troop. The situation should be approached with the utmost caution, recognizing that the Scout and his family are best served by a process in which the Scout remains positively engaged in his Scouting pursuits. Troop leadership should not attempt to counsel the Scout, but should contact the boy’s parents or guardians and allow the family time to discuss the situation with the youth. If the issue arises at a board of review, the board should be adjourned and reconvened at a later date, giving the family an opportunity to conduct that discussion with their son.

Scout, Currently a Joining Badge, to Become its Own Rank



Scout, previously a badge a young man received upon joining and completing a few other requirements, will become its own rank — complete with a new patch — beginning Jan. 1, 2016.

By moving from a “joining badge” to an actual rank, Scout joins Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life as the ranks a young man must earn on his way to the highest rank in Scouting: Eagle Scout.

The requirements for the Scout *rank* are intentionally tougher than the ones for the Scout *badge*. Don't expect completion of the new requirements for the Scout rank to happen overnight, particularly for boys who were not members of a Cub Scout pack. Depending on the maturity of an individual boy, it may take a few weeks for him to memorize the Scout Oath and Scout Law, as well as to learn some basic Scout skills.

But well-prepared Scouts — especially those who have recently earned the Arrow of Light — should be able to complete the Scout rank during the first few weeks after joining.

The Scout badge/rank is changing, but the age requirements to become a Boy Scout are not. A boy must be 11 years old, or have completed the fifth grade, or have earned the Arrow of Light Award and be at least 10 years old. He cannot yet have turned 18.

Square Knot Song and Overhand Knot Song



Marianna from Pack 377 in Fort Meade, MD has made up two songs that she uses to help teach her Wolves about square knots and overhand knots. She is an early childhood coach by day and a Den Leader by night so her den often learns with songs.

Square Knot (Arrow of Light Adventure: Scouting Adventure)

to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot

I can tie a square knot
Watch and see
Right over left,
it's easy
Left over right,
through the loop
pull it tight,
what a sight!

Overhand Knot (Wolf Adventure: Call of the Wild)

to the tune of Over There

Overhand, overhand
Make a loop,
pull it through,
single strand
Overhand,
a knot that stops,
overhand!

BSA Now Offers 13 Interactive Digital Merit Badge Pamphlets



First there were four. Then eight. Now the list of interactive digital merit badge pamphlets has ballooned to 13.

And the best part is the BSA isn't stopping any time soon.

The Boy Scouts of America recently released five more interactive digital merit badge pamphlets. The newest batch includes exclusively Eagle-required merit badges: Camping, Hiking, Cycling, Swimming and Citizenship in the Nation.

Some Scouters have asked why their Scouts should opt for the interactive digital pamphlets over the ink-and-paper variety. Here's why:

- Exclusive videos, including how-to clips, career bios, virtual tours and multimedia experiences
- Search, so you can find what you need quickly
- Simulations, animations, photo slideshows and graphics
- Interactive Q&A's

Like all things digital, these don't take up any extra space in your backpack. And you get it all for the same cost as the print pamphlets: \$4.99. The currently available digital MB pamphlets are available

(www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/literature-media/interactive-digital.html):

- Animation
- Camping
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Communication
- Cooking
- Cycling
- Digital Technology
- Family Life
- First Aid
- Hiking
- Personal Fitness
- Robotics
- Swimming

Where can I learn more?

You can consider Boys' Life to be your hub for all things related to these interactive digital merit badges pamphlets. Bookmark this page (<http://boyslife.org/merit-badges/>) to find FAQs, links to buy the interactive digital merit badge pamphlets, sample videos and more.



The loaded mini-van pulled into the only remaining campsite. Four Scouts leapt from the vehicle and began feverishly unloading gear and setting up the tents and tarp. Then two of the Scouts rushed to gather firewood, while the others set up the camp stove and cooking utensils.

A nearby camper marveled to the Scoutmaster, "That, sir, is some display of teamwork."

The Scoutmaster replied, "I have a system — no one goes to the bathroom until the camp is set up."

When Should Merit Badges be Handed Out



From Ask Andy, <http://netcommissioner.com/askandy/2015/11/issue-459-november-3-2015/>

Dear Andy,

Do merit badges fall under “immediate recognition,” like rank advancement? Or can a troop withhold earned and completed merit badges until a court of honor? Would you point me to any documentation clarifying this issue, please?

Yes, they certainly do. Only a very foolish (if not renegade) troop would arbitrarily withhold presenting a Scout with his newest rank or merit badge(s) as rapidly as possible. A court of honor is for acknowledging what Scouts have accomplished since the last court of honor. It's not for the actual presentation of the ranks or merit badges. Check the BSA's GUIDE TO ADVANCEMENT for details on this and much more.

Editor Note: The Guide to Advancement can be found at www.Scouting.org/ScoutSource/GuideToAdvancement.aspx or if you would like the PDF version, www.Scouting.org/FileStore/pdf/33088.pdf

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org

NYLT Trained Patch



How do you identify a young person who has attended National Youth Leadership Training, the council-level course also known as NYLT? You can look for the Scout or Venturer who is confident in his or her leadership role. You can look for the Scout or Venturer who practices servant leadership, valuing the team above the individual.

Or, starting now, you can look for the Scout or Venturer with the green-and-khaki patch that says “NYLT.”

Over six days of NYLT, which is essentially Wood Badge for Scouts and Venturers, young people enjoy action-packed activities, games and adventures as they work together and play together to put Scouting values into action. Once they've completed the course, Scouts and Venturers can wear one of two patches:

- The regular “Trained” patch, which also may be worn by Scouts who have completed troop training, Venturers who have completed Crew Officers Orientation and Personal Safety Awareness training or adults who meet these requirements.
- The new NYLT trained strip emblem

The NYLT patch (\$1.69) is available at ScoutStuff.org. The regular Trained strip (also \$1.69) is also available at ScoutStuff.org.

Scouts and Venturers who have completed NYLT wear one or the other of these patches — not both.

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2017 National Jamboree Registration is Now Open



Registration for 2017 National Scout Jamboree, to be held from July 19 to July 28, 2017, is now **OPEN!**

Scout Participant Qualifications

- Scouts and team members **MUST** have a current BSA membership with a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team.
- **MUST** be at least a First Class Scout.
- **MUST** be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree or an 11 year old that has graduated the 6th grade, but has not reached their 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree.
- Be approved by the unit leader and local council.
- **MUST** have appropriate parent/guardian to complete the online parental consent. (An email will be sent to the parent/guardian during the application process.)
- Participate in pre-Jamboree training experience with local council and unit leader.
- Filed a BSA Health & Medical Record with their council within one year of attending the Jamboree. (The local council will provide specifics closer to the Jamboree.)
- Submit all registrations fees per the local council's payment schedule.

To submit an application, you will need your My.Scouting username and password. If you do not have a My.Scouting account, please go to <http://My.Scouting.org> and follow the directions to create an account.

If you need technical support, call Member Care Services at (972) 580-2489.

A handful of things to be sure of:

- The My.Scouting account needs to be in the name of the person attending the Jamboree, not the parent/guardian that is completing the application for a youth participant.
- The My.Scouting account you use should also be linked to your current BSA membership number.
- The membership number that you linked to your Jamboree application will be linked to the entire process, including your BSA Health & Medical Record.
- All applicants must have a current, non-expired, BSA membership.
- Use Chrome, Firefox or IE 10 or above to access the Jamboree application. Other browsers may not be compatible with this system.

For more information about the Jamboree and to register go to:

www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/

Journey to Excellence 2016



Each year, the team of volunteers that manage the Journey to Excellence process evaluate the previous year's statistics, correlate the results with the aims and goals of our movement, and make adjustments to try to help move closer to the ideal goal of a well-run unit.

In contrast to the first couple of years where the checklist items changed substantially, we now seem to be at a point where the list has stabilized. There have been a few tweaks but they are generally minor in nature and are intended to better reflect the actual performance of successful units.

Cub Scout Packs, here's what has been changed for 2016:

- Item 1 – Planning and Budget. The Gold level now asks the pack to conduct a planning meeting involving the den leaders. Previously, the annual program only needed to be presented by October 31. The date has been deleted.
- Item 3 – Retention. Previously, a pack could have a lower level of retention than the target if it could show an improvement in order to qualify at each level. Now, the metric must be met (60, 65 and 75 percent for the three levels).
- Item 4 – Webelos to Scout transition. Gold level formerly required the pack to have at least one active Den Chief. Recognizing that Den Chiefs can be hard to come by, the 2016 checklist deletes that requirement.
- Item 5 – Advancement. Clarifying wording during the year has been added to the percentages of Scouts required to advance. Year refers to calendar year, not Scouting year.
- Item 10 – Leadership recruitment. Silver level previously required the committee to identify the next program year's den and pack leadership prior to May 31. Now, it just has to be prior to the recruiting event. And there's a little more time to recruit den leaders for Gold level; where formerly October 15 was the cutoff, it's now October 31.
- Item 11 – Trained leadership. For Bronze level, completing position-specific training is now required for the Cubmaster, an assistant Cubmaster or the Pack Trainer. The requirement that all leaders complete "orientation" (presumably Fast Start Training) has been dropped. The hope is that trained top leaders and the pack trainer will encourage other leaders to become trained as well.

Overall, point values are the same as last year and the total number of points has remained unchanged.

Boy Scout Troops, there are only a couple changes at the troop level:

- Item 3 – Retention. As with the Cub Scout pack checklist, the provision to show improvement at a lower level of retention has been eliminated.
- Item 5 – Advancement. Again, showing improvement at a lower level is no longer an option.
- Item 11 – Trained leadership. Similar to the Cub Scout change, the Scoutmaster or an assistant Scoutmaster must have completed position-specific training – not just the Fast Start orientation. And for Gold, the requirement that one person has attended Wood Badge is changed to an advanced training course. Any course that continues a Scouter down the road past his or her basic training could be considered advanced. Some examples are Powderhorn, Wilderness First Aid, Okpik or presumably any of the advanced courses conducted at Philmont.

As you complete your 2015 evaluation, look ahead to 2016 and see where you can improve. Get your adult leaders trained! Work with your commissioner if you have any questions about Journey to Excellence.

Goshen 2016 Registration is Open!



Registration is now live for Goshen Scout Reservation's 2016 program! To reserve your unit's spot today please go to register.GoToGoshen.org, then let all your friends know on Facebook!

This summer will see a familiar face around GSR, Philip Barbash, in a new role as Reservation Director! We are also using a new registration system powered by Black Pug Software. This system has proven successful with other large councils, including Greater St. Louis, Crossroads of America, and Northern Star. Check it out and let us know what you think.

MITRE's 2016 Scout Engineering Day



The fifth annual Scout Engineering Day, Saturday, March 12, 2016, will host nearly 400 Scouts to attend STEM courses. The following STEM classes are planned for this year:

Astronomy	Electricity	Oceanography
Aviation	Energy	Programming
Chemistry	Engineering	Robotics
Composite Materials	Game Design	Space Exploration
Drafting	Model Design and Building	Sustainability
Electronics	Nuclear Science	Weather

Registration will open to Scouts approximately 30 days prior to the event. Because the MITRE campus is a secure facility, registration and entrance is for U.S. citizens only. Keep checking the NCAC STEM site for the registration opening: www.ncacbsa.org/STEM.

Den Meeting Planning



If you're a den leader, you realize that successful den meetings are planned in advance and have a variety of activities for the boys. The new Adventure program puts everything together so you don't have to try to figure out for yourself how to run your den meetings. The goal is engagement, with advancement as the most visible byproduct.

The November/December 2015 issue of Scouting Magazine has a great article describing steps to planning better den meetings. In the article, Webelos leader David Kampa describes five big ideas for not only making meetings more fun for the boys but easier for you to plan.

If you're a new den leader, your subscription to Scouting might not have started yet, so we recommend you go online and read the article (<http://scoutingmagazine.org/2015/10/five-steps-to-take-for-better-den-meetings/>). Your subscription will start shortly after your adult volunteer application is turned in by your pack leadership, so make sure that they turn it in promptly and don't wait until it's time to recharter.

2016 We the Students Essay Contest



Boy Scouts analyze and discuss the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights as part of the Eagle-required Citizenship in the Nation merit badge.

Now one Scout's interpretation of the role of the Bill of Rights in modern society could result in some free cash for college — and for his troop.

One Boy Scout will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for himself and \$500 for his troop by winning the 2016 We the Students Essay Contest, sponsored by the Bill of Rights Institute.

The essay competition challenges students age 14 to 19 to write a 500- to 800-word essay about the Bill of Rights. It's open to anyone — young men and young women, Scouts and non-Scouts. But there's a special prize that's only available to Boy Scouts.

Deadlines: The deadline for a student to submit his or her essay is Feb. 7, 2016. Winners will be announced April 12, 2016.

How to enter: Learn more and enter at:

www.billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/

The prompt: "The Founders believed in the sanctity/vital importance of the individual liberties guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. To what extent (or in what ways) has our government compromised on these liberties in the name of security or the general welfare? In your answer, incorporate the principles and specific examples (including current events) that support your conclusion."

How does Two-Deep Leadership Apply When Driving to Scouting Events?



The BSA's top-notch Youth Protection training includes a number of Barriers to Abuse. These policies, which you can review here (www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Scouting/Training/YouthProtection.aspx), provide additional safety for your child and all who are involved in Scouting.

One of these policies is two-deep leadership, which says: "At minimum, two registered adult leaders, or one registered leader and a participating Scout's parent or another adult, are required for all trips and outings. One of these adults must be 21 years of age or older."

So how does "two-deep leadership" apply when driving to and from Scouting events? In other words, are two adults required in each car?

This answer comes from James S. "Jim" Wilson, the volunteer who serves as chairman of the National Youth Protection Committee:

"Two adults are not required per car when traveling to meetings or other Scouting events. That is, as long as the "no one-on-one contact" policy is followed.

So if a parent or unit leader is driving Scouts to a meeting or function, they need to make sure they are not in a one-on-one situation, unless that one youth is their own child."

Can We Talk?



Well, maybe not 'talk', but at least write or type! There are over 700 Scouting groups looking for Pen Pals on the Scouting Pen Pal area of Boy Scout Trail (<http://boyscoutstrail.com/penpals/>). That means that there are over 700 international Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts units looking for new friends to exchange greetings.

Many Scout ranks and merit badge requirements ask the Scout to interact with other people in their community or around the world. Here's a great way to connect with other Scouting groups out there.

Even if you aren't really looking for a Pen Pal, other activities can be more fun when done with scouts far away. For example, the new *Code of the Wolf* requirement #4 to send a coded message would be way cool if sent to a fellow Scout in another state or country! Or, the *Building a Better World Arrow of Light* requirement #10c to find a brother scout unit in another country can be done here.

How it Works:

The process is fairly simple and ongoing communications are completely up to you.

- Register your Unit - Dens, Patrols, or other groups with a responsible adult register, not individual scouts.
- Request Pen Pals. Find other groups that have registered and send them an invitation which they accept or decline.
- Send Messages. Scouts can send these messages with the guidance of the responsible adult.
- Receive Messages. All correspondence to each Pen Pal is stored and can be viewed at any time.

Security:

Messages can be sent through this Pen Pal system so that your email addresses and postal addresses are never shared. Only people that have registered can access the system, and access can be revoked at any time.

If you prefer, you can share your addresses with your Pen Pals. You can also exchange contact information with your Pen Pals and communicate outside of this Pen Pal system via phone, postal mail, or email. This allows you to have individual Scouts interact with other individuals, but all security and protection is up to you.

Bring a Piece of Camp Home for the Holidays!



Camp Snyder is selling trees again this holiday season! There will be a limited number for sale at the camp, so pre-Order your Christmas trees, garland, wreaths online by November 16, and SAVE! All trees are fresh cut #1 grade Fraser fir trees from Virginia. www.GoToSnyder.org .

10th Annual Powhatan District Akela Chess Classic



The Akela Chess Classic is a five-round touch-move chess tournament. There are two competitive brackets: Tiger/Wolf and Bear/Webelos.

Awards are issued for top finishers by rank: Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light.

Schedule (Feb 6, 2016, 8 AM – 4 PM):

- Check-in starts at 8 AM.
- Rounds are at 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, and 2 PM.
- Bring your own lunch; lunch is 12-1.
- The award ceremony is at 3:30 PM.

Any Tiger, Cub Scout, or Webelos Scout with a clear understanding of the rules of chess may participate. Participating scouts must know the basic rules of chess:

- how the pieces move
- the object of the game
- and castling rules,
- and should be mature enough to handle victory and defeat.

No instruction on the basic rules of chess will be given as part of the tournament. A brief description of the tournament rules will be explained before the start of the tournament. These include touch move - if a piece is touched it must be moved.

Scouts should wear uniforms and bring a bag lunch.

Chess board and pieces will be provided.

Fee: \$15 per Scout. Includes: Participation patch, rocker patch, and engraved awards for top finishers.

Please contact either: Roger Claff, reclaff@aol.com, or Peter Snow, chessademician@aol.com, if you plan to attend, would like to volunteer or need additional information.

Test your Knowledge of Backcountry Camping



Camping in an area where help is hours or days away requires practiced skills and knowledge. Can your Scouts make fire in the rain? Rig tents and tarps so they won't blow down in wind? Identify an advancing storm? Take this quiz and see how much you know about the wild outdoors:

<http://scoutingmagazine.org/2015/10/test-knowledge-backcountry-camping/>

Northern Tier - Individual Registration Options for Summer 2016



Northern Tier opened its lottery for summer 2016 crew reservations early in 2015. Those openings are now scarce, but you can check www.ntier.org/reservations.aspx to see if any spots are still available.

While not everyone can attend Northern Tier with their Troop or Venturing Crew, there are still a wide variety of opportunities for individual Scouts and Venturers to get to the Northwoods this coming summer (2016). And registration for them has just opened:

- **NAYLE:** The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is an exciting program where young men and women enhance their leadership skills through team building, ethical decision-making, problem solving and service to others.
www.ntier.org/About/Summer%20Canoe%20Trips/IndividualPrograms/Next%20Generation%20NAYLE.aspx
- **OA Wilderness Voyage:** The Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program is an experience like no other. For two weeks, you will join Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Border Lakes region of Northern Minnesota and Ontario has to offer.
www.ntier.org/About/Summer%20Canoe%20Trips/IndividualPrograms/OAWV.aspx
- **Forest Corps:** Forest Corps is a coed, two-week leadership training course for outdoor enthusiasts. The course consists of 10 days of canoeing and camping in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and includes training in conservation, Leave No Trace, field science and outdoor education.
www.ntier.org/About/Summer%20Canoe%20Trips/IndividualPrograms.aspx
- **Lone Voyageur:** Want to attend Northern Tier but your Troop or Venturing crew can't make it this year? No problem. The Lone Voyageur program allows Boy Scouts (at least 14 years of age) and Venturers to attend Northern Tier as part of a provisional crew.
www.ntier.org/About/Summer%20Canoe%20Trips/IndividualPrograms.aspx

As for summer 2017 crew reservations, you still have time. Once again those spots will be allocated using an online lottery. Registration for the lottery opens **Jan. 5, 2016, and closes Jan. 8, 2016**. Do it all at the Northern Tier website: www.ntier.org/northerntier.aspx

2016 Summer Camp Counselors at Camp Snyder



Camp Snyder is looking for some friendly, outgoing, fun and responsible individuals age 15 and up to be camp counselors, and age 18 and up to lead our Fort, Big Dig, Ship, Nature, and Handicraft program areas. If you are 21 and up you are eligible to receive training to become a director of our popular BB and Archery ranges, or Waterfront and Pool activities.

To apply go to www.GoToSnyder.com or contact Shirley Couteau for more information: (571) 248-4904, Shirley.Couteau@Scouting.org

What Expiration Dates Really Mean



After each camping trip there always seems to be some food left over that is stored in the patrol chuck box until next time. So by that next campout, is that food still safe to eat? Do we just look at the expiration date and throw it away?

Here's some food for thought: Expiration dates refer to quality and freshness of food, not safety. (Yep, that's a shocker!) So even if a food item passes its expiration date, that item could technically still be safe to eat.

Expiration dates on food and drink products are not required or regulated by Federal administrators (with the exception of infant formula). Those mysterious dates printed on food containers telling us when to purchase, eat, or throw out that tub of yogurt by are actually decided by each individual manufacturer. To complicate things even more, the printed numbers can mean multiple things, and there's no continuity between types of products. So we've spelled it out for you with help from the USDA:

- "Sell-By." This number is for the store, letting employers know how long a certain product can stay on the shelf. You should buy the food item before this date passes to ensure it's fresh.
- "Best if Used Before/By." This date helps specify when a product is at its peak freshness. It does not indicate the safety of the item. Buy and use before this date for best quality.
- "Use-By." These dates indicate when a product will start deteriorating in quality and flavor. (Again, it's not a safety guide!) Again, it's best to buy and use products before this date for best quality, but consuming the product a few days late won't kill ya.

Canned Goods – According to the USDA, high-acid canned goods, like tomatoes and citrus fruits, will keep for up to 1½ years. Low-acid canned goods—that's pretty much everything else, including vegetables, meat, and fish—will last for up to 5 years. Canned foods are sterile, so they won't host bacteria, but eventually the taste and texture of the items inside will deteriorate. Keep them at room temperature in a dark place, like a cabinet or a pantry. Of course, there's no way to find out whether a canned food has gone south unless you open it, so if you can't remember when you bought it and want to err on the safe side, throw it. And toss any cans that are bulging and leaking or that spurt liquid when opened. Although the toxin that causes botulism is extremely rare in commercial canned goods, damaged cans have a higher chance of being contaminated.

Pasta – Pasta is a dry good that is hard to spoil—it has no water content. As long as it doesn't smell odd, you can keep pasta longer than the expiration date.

Dry Goods – Flour, sugar, salt, etc. These products do not expire and even the quality is not severely impacted with age. Exception: if the product has a high oil content it can go rancid (like rice). Just give it a sniff. If it smells rancid, toss it. Also products like baking powder lose their potency so keep this rotated approximately every 6 months.

Sea Base 2017



Spots for 2017 will again be reserved through an online lottery system. The 2017 registration lottery will open on Jan. 15, 2016, and close on Feb. 15, 2016. Look for a brochure sent in December to unit leaders and committee chairpeople.

Many of the spots for 2016 were filled earlier this year. (Though you should contact Sea Base and keep an eye on their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FloridaSeaBase) for news of last-minute openings.)

How to register and learn more: Call 305-664-4173 or visit the Sea Base website: www.bsaseabase.org/seabase.aspx

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

SAT/ACT Software Available to Scouts



Boy Scout families — both current and former — can score up to \$250 worth of SAT or ACT test-prep computer programs for less than \$20. That means the study materials, shipping, student support, and streaming content can be yours for less than half what it costs to take the actual tests themselves.

The project waives 100% of the retail price for all standard programs and 75-95% of the retail price for all other products and services. There is a Student Fee of either \$17.55 or \$19.99 depending if it's a DVD or Cloud/Mobile program. This gets you either the SAT or ACT test-program, which includes 11 hours of video instruction, 3,000 files of supplemental test prep material, thousands of interactive diagnostic tools, sample questions, and practice tests.

Mac or PC? Doesn't matter, because the software — available either as a DVD or streamed online — works on either platform. Request the almost-free programs online at www.eknowledge.com/BSA

Breakfast with Santa



Join us at Camp Snyder on Saturday, December 5, 9am-12pm. Build a mini gingerbread house, take a winter wonderland wagon ride, and make sure you bring your camera! Cost is \$8 per person; kids ages 5 and under are free. Visit www.GoToSnyder.org to learn more.

Rocket Safety Reminder



On November 14, 2015, an adult Scouter was killed when he was struck by a launched rocket. At this time, the cause of the accident is not known.

Rocket Academies have traditionally been a one-day event for communities and neighborhoods. They are a good way to show the broad spectrum of activities and learning associated with Scouting, and can educate participants and attendees about the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) program. Scouting.org has published several articles about Rocket Academies.

Safety is always a paramount consideration. This tragic accident serves as a reminder to take appropriate safety measures, and the BSA wishes to re-emphasize the following as unit, district, and council rocket activities are considered.

- Review and be familiar with the National Association of Rocketry safety code, which can be found at www.nar.org.
- Determine if there are any local rules and regulations regarding the type, size, and launching of rockets within your community.
- Be aware of and guided by the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety.
- Complete a Program Hazard Analysis (PHA) in an effort to identify and be familiar with the hazards and risks associated with this activity.

On-Line Resource of the Month



As a Scout leader, one of the things we want to do is communicate to our Pack or Troop consistently and without much effort. Email has become the great communication method, and more recently the growth of websites has become more popular.

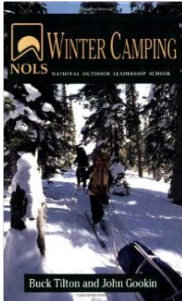
The problem is, as Scout leaders, we don't have a lot of money to spend on a website, as we would rather spend it on the kids, and keeping a website up is not something easily done.

As leaders we want the website to be secure, create a calendar, display pictures of past events, act as a repository of information, and be easy to use.

At this site, <http://hubpages.com/sports/scout-pack-or-scout-troop-websites>, you will find some options to create websites, some free, some not free. Some easy to use, some you'll need to work at. But keeping the communication lines open with your unit keeps the scouts moving forward.

Books

NOLS Winter Camping



From the National Outdoor Leadership School, the leader in wilderness education, comes the definitive guide on winter camping--based on the official NOLS curriculum, it's the next best thing to taking a course with a qualified instructor. You'll learn how to layer clothing to stay warm and dry, how to maneuver a pack sled through heavy snow cover, and how to sleep comfortably in conditions of extreme cold. Additionally, sections on avalanche safety and first aid provide essential preparation should disaster strike. Illustrated throughout with detailed line drawings.

Paperback is about \$15, Kindle version \$10. 4.4 out of 5 stars from Amazon.

In 'Running Toward Danger,' True Tales of Scouts Saving Lives



We often hear about Scouts sprinting to the mailbox for the latest issue of *Boys' Life* and immediately flipping to *Scouts in Action*, which features true stories of Scouts earning the BSA's heroism awards.

The appeal is understandable. Scouts who receive these awards have saved someone's life, sometimes risking their own in the process. They have saved people from burning buildings, rescued rafters from drowning in Class IV rapids and — in one shockingly true story — fought off a shark that was attacking a friend.

This is the stuff of blockbuster movies. Or, in the case of *Running Toward Danger*, a blockbuster new book.

Running Toward Danger: Real Life Scouting Action Stories of Heroism, Valor and Guts comes to us from Michael S. Malone, whose book *Four Percent* is a favorite read of Eagle Scouts and those who support them.

The new book features 170 of the most exciting rescues in the history of the BSA's heroism awards. These lifesaving awards are especially remarkable when you consider their impact through the years.

Scouting volunteer David Scott, publisher of *Running Toward Danger*, did the math and came up with the staggering number of how many people are alive today because of Scouting heroism.

"An estimated 3 to 5 million people — the equivalent of a city the size of Houston and Chicago — are alive today in the U.S. because they, or one of their parents and grandparents, had their life saved by a Boy Scout," Scott says. "No volunteer lifesaving program ... has had such an impact on a country."

And yet, Scott says, most people have never heard of the Honor Medal. They might have read about a Scout receiving one at a city council meeting, but they're probably not aware of the award's rarity or its history.

That will change when they pick up *Running Toward Danger*, the beautifully designed, full-color book available now at Amazon (\$20 hardcover, \$10 Kindle).

Equipment / Gear / Tips

How to Carry Eggs on a Camping Trip



Planning the transport of the fragile fresh egg is a challenge to backpackers and campers, many of whom believe that the powdered variety belongs in a fowl and distant food group. The quest for fresh product carried without leakage can follow either of two basic strategies, depending on whether the goal is eggs for frying or boiling; or scrambled, suitable for omelets, wraps, burritos, or for mixing into recipes.

Many freeze-dried egg mixes (usually in tough 4 to 8 oz. packets) are tasty, but lack "real-egg" consistency. For car-campers, the issues of weight and refrigeration are trivial. Backpacking egg-lovers must balance these concerns with their tolerance for processed eggs.

Carrying Individual Eggs

- Step 1 Tuck the eggs into the niches of a plastic egg container, available at discount or hiking supply stores. Secure the top of the container with duct tape, even though it clicks shut independent of tape. Secured this way, the delicate gems will remain fresh the length of any camping trip if kept out of direct sunlight.
- Step 2 Encase the container with a large Ziplock bag in case your pack suffers an unexpected blow.
- Step 3 Place the package in a protected part of your pack, surrounded by soft objects.

Pre-mixed Eggs

- Step 1 Break eggs into a bowl or camping container. Break the yolks. Mix things up and, if freezing, add a teaspoon of salt to maintain the integrity of the texture.
- Step 2 Transfer the mixture to an airtight container and freeze it. Although it is not strictly necessary, freezing extends the fresh-life of the eggs. Oh... and don't forget to label the bottle. Not only will this help avoid mistaking the eggs for juice, but markers along the side (like a measuring cup) show how many eggs you have left.
- Step 3 After freezing, enclose your package in a Ziplock bag before placing it in your pack.

Egg Safety

Beta Studies have shown that fresh, never-refrigerated, neverwashed eggs from farmers' markets are safe and edible stored at room temp for several months; unwashed eggs have a natural antibacterial coating. Store-bought eggs are washed and cooled, and many also have thinner shells, which allow bacteria growth—the FDA takes a conservative line and says to never keep storebought eggs at temps above 45°F.

Training Opportunities

When Can You Wear the BSA's Trained patch?



Adult leaders in units are considered trained and eligible to wear the official Trained emblem when they have completed Youth Protection Training and the training courses outlined below. They're also eligible to wear it if they have completed Youth Protection Training and a previous basic training course when it was current.

Who can wear the Trained strip?

- **Registered adult leaders** who have completed Youth Protection Training and the training courses for their program, which are outlined below.
- **Scouts** who have completed troop training and **Venturers** who have completed Crew Officers Orientation and Personal Safety Awareness training. Scouts and Venturers who have completed NYLT may wear this patch instead of the trained patch if they wish.

What are the program-specific requirements?

These requirements are for adult leaders. The emblem may be worn only in connection with the emblem of office for which training has been completed. In other words, if you're an assistant Scoutmaster and a Venturing crew Advisor, but you've only taken training for the assistant Scoutmaster role, you would only wear the trained patch on your Boy Scout uniform — not on your Venturing uniform.

- **Cub Scouting:** Position-Specific training for your position. (Pack Trainers take Pack Committee Challenge and Fundamentals of Training.)
- **Boy Scouting:**
 - Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters: Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Position-Specific and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
 - Troop committee members: Troop Committee Challenge
- **Varsity Scouting:**
 - Coaches and assistants: Varsity Coach Position-Specific and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
 - Varsity committee members: Team Committee Challenge
- **Venturing and Sea Scouts:**
 - Advisors and assistants: Venturing Advisor Position-Specific
 - Crew and ship committee members: Crew Committee Challenge
 - All adults in ships: Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic
- **Chartered organization representatives:** This Is Scouting and Training the Chartered Organization Representative.

How do I get trained?

Start at www.scouting.org/training.

National Youth Leader Trainer (NYLT)



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

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

Why Have NYLT'

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

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

When: 16 - 18 January 2016 and 13 - 15 February 2016 (both weekends must be attended)

Where: American Legion Youth Camp at 9201 Surratts Road, Cheltenham, MD

Cost: \$250

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

- Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts
- Completed Unit Leader Training
- At least 13 years of age (With the Course Directors approval)
- Youth 12 years of age and younger will not be able to attend
- Home Unit Leader approval

Event Details and Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/?NCACNYLT>

Philmont Advisor Skill School Helps You Know Before You Go



When preparing for Philmont, you'll no doubt have a ton of questions. What gear do I bring? What's a typical day like? How do I get in "Philmont shape"? How do I select leadership positions for my crew? What's a smellable?

To help you learn Philmont has developed three different courses for adults that are 18 or older:

Philmont Advisor Workshop (PAW)

PAW courses are two-hour evening workshops, typically 7 to 9 p.m. They provide a nice introduction to crew advisors to encourage constructive and smooth preparations for your Philmont trek. You'll learn about physical conditioning, conducting a shakedown hike, crew leadership positions, preparing youth leaders prior to your trek, travel to and from Philmont, establishing a crew Philmont committee, and more.

Cost: Free

When: April 13, 2016 in Baltimore (tentative)

More Info & Registration:

www.philmontscoutranch.org/~link.aspx?_id=BD9B40A3A9D04DEEB62BF3B63B7BE0BD&_z=z

Philmont Advisor Skill School in the field (Field-PASS)

Field-PASS is taught by a Philmont Ranger, 9 AM to 7 PM, in city and state parks across the country. In addition to the info taught in PAW, you'll learn all about the backcountry and logistical fundamentals of Philmont over the course of the day. You'll enjoy a trail lunch and dinner in between training sessions. At the conclusion of the course, advisors will receive PASS materials to share with crew members.

Cost: \$25

When: April 9 & 10 in Washington, D.C. (tentative)

More Info & Registration:

www.philmontscoutranch.org/~link.aspx?_id=4E69DAC272B840E4AD46FA0DF8E8C717&_z=z

Free First Aid Training



Looking for something worthwhile for Scouts to do over their Christmas break to fill some of that down time?

Through December 31, the Red Cross is offering FREE online first aid and CPR training.

It doesn't result in any certification, but it's a great way for your troop to learn, review, or brush up on their first aid knowledge.

Go to www.redcross.org/lp/holiday-family-first-aid for info and free registration.

SAVE THE DATE: University of Scouting – Feb 27, 2016



The "University of Scouting" is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouting, Varsity Scouts, District Operations, and Council). Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cubbing, Scouting, and Adventure and leadership training for Venturing, Varsity, and Sea Scouting; Electives courses applicable across the Scouting programs, and District operations courses. For 2016 we will be offering 159 classes in five colleges - truly something for everyone.

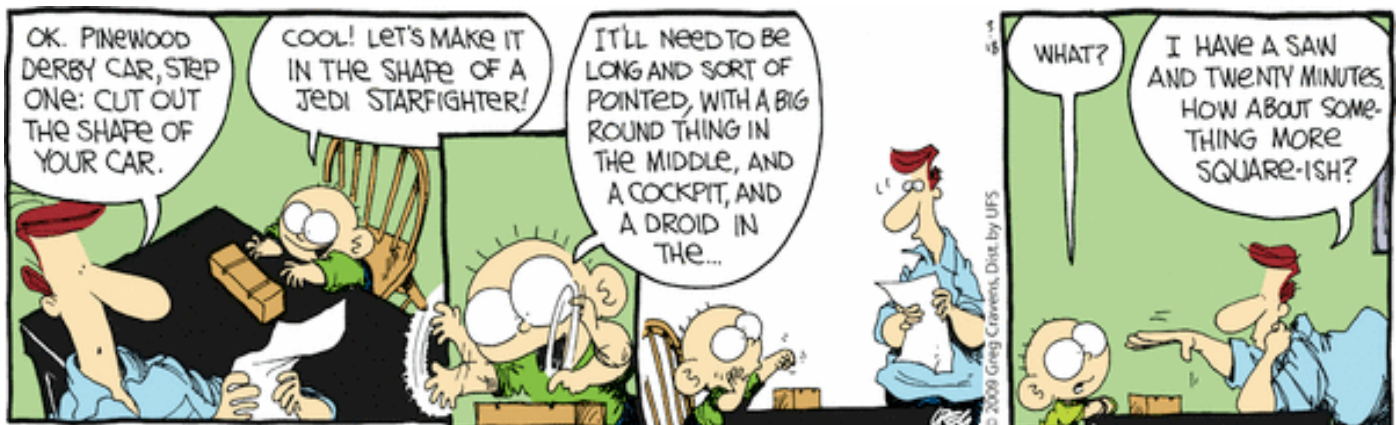
- The College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses from pack administration to planning for an outdoor program.
- The College of Boy Scouting provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The College of Adventure Scouting is an interesting combination of courses for those who wish to learn more about Scouting's "senior" level programs and the challenges of an active high adventure experience.
- The College of Elective Programs offers many "general studies courses" that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs.
- The College of District Operations provides training to district committee members and Scouters with an interest in district operations. While no degree is conferred, those who take the required three courses are awarded the District Scouter Training Certificate and "Trained" patch

Standalone Courses are those that are BSA national syllabus courses such as BALOO, VLSC(Y), VLSC(A), VALST, or are courses that lead to certification recognized and/or needed by the BSA. Note that standalone courses do not meet any degree requirements in any College.

Date: Feb 27, 2016 – 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA

Registration: Registration has not yet been opened. Keep an eye on the Council website under Program → Training → University of Scouting

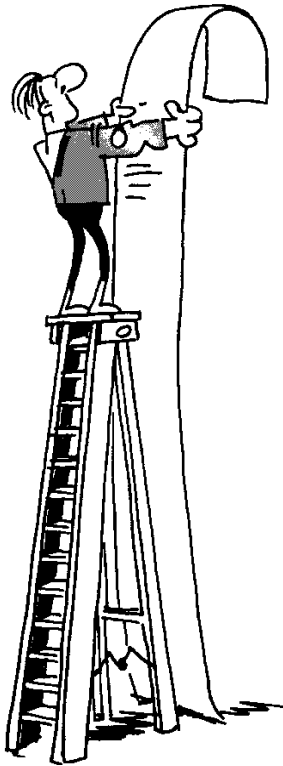


District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

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



DECEMBER 2015

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

JANUARY 2016

- 1 Winter Break Ends
- 2 OA Lodge Banquet
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 18 MLK Jr. Day
- 27 District Committee
- 29 Moveable School Holiday
- 29-31 **Freeze-o-ree**

FEBRUARY 2016

- 7 Scout Sunday
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Scout Sabbath
- 15 President's Day
- 24 District Committee
- 27 **Univ. of Scouting**

MARCH 2016

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

APRIL 2016

- 8-10 **Spring Camporee**
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Student Holiday
- 27 District Committee
- 29-5/1 **Spring OA Ordeal**

MAY 2016

- 11 **Program Launch**
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 25 District Committee
- 30 Memorial Day

JUNE 2016

- 4 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Last Day of School
- 22 District Committee
- 22-24 **Day Camp**

JULY 2016

- 4 Independence Day

AUGUST 2016

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

SEPTEMBER 2016

- 5 Labor Day
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 28 District Committee

OCTOBER 2016

- 10 Columbus Day
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 22-23 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 26 District Committee

NOVEMBER 2016

- 5 **SFF Bag Distribution**
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 **SFF Food Pickup**
- 16 District Committee