

Goose Creek District Newsletter



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


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



from Bobwhite Blather, <https://bobwhiteblather.com/we-sustain-the-wings/>

We sustain the wings

It's not likely that many, if any, readers of this column were around during World War II, but perhaps your parents or grandparents were. If so, then they most likely remember a show on the NBC Radio Network called *I Sustain the Wings*. The show's eponymous theme song was composed and performed by Captain Glenn Miller, whose orchestra was one of the most popular bands of the era. The program featured Miller's orchestra performing the hit songs of the day, which helped to lift the spirits of those at home and our forces on the front lines. The title, *I Sustain the Wings*, was the motto of the U. S. Army Air Corps Technical Training Command, for it was up to the technicians to keep the planes "in the sky above / where they fight to victory", as the lyrics go. [...section skipped...]

What does any of this have to do with Scouting? Today?

I thought of *I Sustain the Wings* because it is a good description of what we do as Scouters. One of the Scouts in our troop whose Eagle Scout board of review I was honored to serve on was in the news this past week for a very notable achievement, and it reminded me that, while he fulfilled the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, it was the troop and its leaders who made it possible for this young man to fly with the Eagles who came before him.

Scouting started as a youth-led activity, in a very ad-hoc and disorganized manner, but as time went by, the need arose for adults to rise to the occasion to facilitate the things the boys wanted to do but just couldn't do for themselves yet. We make it possible for them to experience Scouting. We don't do for them what they can do for themselves, but we help to build and hold the perches that they ascend to with each rank, and sustain their wings when they reach the Eagle Scout pinnacle.

A Scouter friend reminded me this weekend that our role as parents is to give our children roots and wings. The roots anchor their values and establish character, while their wings let them soar as high as they can go without us holding them down. These are the two greatest gifts we can give our children. And as Scouters, the gift we give the youth is to make it possible for them to fly as high as they wish to go. *We sustain their wings!*

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

District Committee



At the Annual District Business meeting on Dec 16th the Chartered Organization Representatives voted in the following Scouters to the Goose Creek Committee:

- District Chairman** – (vacant)
- District Commissioner** – John Witek
- Vice-Chair Communications** – Chuck Burkett
- Vice-Chair Finance** – Donna Stuck
- Vice-Chair Membership** – Stacey Noll
- Vice-Chair Program** – Steven Wolfson

Goose Creek District is always looking for a few good committee members. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM at Leesburg United Methodist Church (same place as Roundtable).

The Program Committee is currently looking to fill the following positions:

- **Camping and Outdoor Committee** - Liaison with NCAC, keeping the district aware of any and all camping needs throughout the council.
- **Spring Camporee Coordinator** - Help to plan, coordinate and execute the annual Spring Camporee. Next District Camporee will be in the Spring of 2018, since a council wide Goshen Camporee will be in 2017
- **Webelos-O-Ree Coordinator** - Help to plan, coordinate and execute the annual Fall Webelos-O-Ree
- **STEM Coordinator** - to help promote STEM-related activities within the Goose Creek District
- And, the Advancement and Training Committees are always looking for help.

For more information, please contact District Programming Chair Steve Wolfson at SteveWolfson@verizon.net

Order of the Arrow Ceremonialists Available for Pack Cross-Over Ceremony



Cubmasters, the Goose Creek Order of the Arrow (the Boy Scout Honor Society) Ceremony Team is currently taking requests to perform a short recognition ceremony at Pack Cross-Overs. Two of our ceremonialists will wear Native American regalia during the ceremony and will distribute a keepsake memento to each Cub Scout at the end of the ceremony. If you are interested, please contact the OA Chapter Chief Henry Baime (chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org) as soon as possible to reserve a date.

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

Goose Creek District 2017 Freeze-O-Ree



Goose Creek's premier outdoor winter event – the annual Freeze-O-Ree will be held January 27 - 29 at the Claude Moore Training Center in Ashburn, VA. 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 has been emailed to those listed on the district's Troop email list and is being posted on the Goose Creek web site.

This year we were able to lower the attendance cost to \$16 per person, a reduction of 30% from last year's cost.

The youth members of the OA Chapter are continuing to fine tune the planning to ensure your Scouts will have a great Freeze-O-Ree. As you will see in the registration packet, they are also planning on having two or three additional competition events over last year. All we need now is for your unit to register and hope for a little snow!

Loudoun School Calendar 2017-2018



Loudoun County Public School Board members set the 2017-2018 school calendar at their December 13 Board meeting.

- August 24: First Day of School
- September 4: Holiday (Labor Day)
- October 9: Holiday (Columbus Day)
- October 23: Student Holiday (County-Wide Staff Development)
- November 3: End of the Grading Period
- November 6-7: Student Holidays (Planning/Records/Conference Days)
- November 22-24: Holiday (Thanksgiving)
- December 18-January 1: Winter Break (Classes resume January 2)
- January 15: Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- January 26: End of Grading Period
- January 29: Moveable Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
- February 19: Holiday (Presidents' Day)
- March 26-30: Holiday (Spring Break)
- April 2: Student Holiday (County-Wide Staff Development)
- April 6: End of Grading Period
- April 9: Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
- May 28: Holiday (Memorial Day)
- June 13: Last Day of School/End of Grading Period

2017 Goose Creek Day and Twilight Camp



We are happy to announce the 2017 Goose Creek Day and Twilight Camp with the theme of *Bug Hunters!* Cub Scouts in grades 1 through 5 are eligible to attend camp – including newly registered (starting June 1, 2017) Tigers. Camp will be at the Loudoun County Fairgrounds (17558 Dry Mill Rd, Leesburg) and the dates are:

- **Day Camp**, June 19 - 23 (9 am - 4 pm M-Th, 9 am - 2 pm Friday)
- **Twilight Camp**, June 19 - 22 (Mon-Thur. 6:30 pm - dusk)

Camp Coordinators, registration will be open in January at the following:

www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/

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

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

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

Remember – Female Siblings who are Cub Scout ages are welcomed and encouraged to participate in camp with their brothers.

We are also looking for camp staff – young and old, just drop Rumsey Light an e-mail. An adult volunteering for the week at camp gets to send up to two children to camp for the reduced fee of \$70 each. Youths over the age of 14 are entitled to a \$75.00 credit that can be applied at any NCAC Goshen Reservation Summer Camp. Youth under the age of 14 receive service hours to be used for school or rank advancement. We also welcome girls on staff so get the word out to those Venturing crews.

Book your presentation early and help get those boys excited about Camp.

Order of the Arrow - Unit Elections



The annual OA Unit Election season runs from November 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017. Troops and Teams may hold only one election per season and it is recommended that the election be held prior to April 1, 2017. This will allow all elected candidates to be able attend the Goose Creek Chapter Ordeal the weekend of April 28-30, 2017. If you wish to have Arrowmen visit your Troop prior to your election, to discuss the OA with your Scouts, please contact the Goose Creek Chapter Chief, Henry Baime (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 and confirm your election date within one month after receiving your request.

2017 Resource Guide



Have you ever found yourself searching through back issues of the newsletter looking for an article you remembered reading? Or wondering if a past issue of the newsletter had information on a subject from before you started receiving it? If so we have an answer for you.

With 11 issues a year our newsletter covers a lot of topics and while some of them are about specific events, many are not (such as how to get people to send Eagle congratulatory letters) and are still pertinent.

So at the start of each year we:

1. Look through all of our past issues, from 2011 on, and pull the non-event articles to see if they are still valid and that any URL's listed are still active,
2. Determine what category each article falls into (Program Development, Advancement, Camping, Hiking, Equipment & Gear, Cooking, Scout Skills, and the ever popular 'Miscellaneous'),
3. See if they fall into a specific subcategory (for example, Advancement has subcategories for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Eagle, Merit Badges, ...),
4. And put all of this into one big Resource Guide. It's about 250+ pages now and 5MB in size.

The 2017 Resource Guide is now ready and can be downloaded from the Newsletter section of the District website (though it may take our webmaster a few days to get it up on the site from when we sent it to him). We hope you find it as useful as many of you have told us our regular newsletters have been.

Pack 910 and the VFW



On Nov 18 2016, Pack 910 used money that was donated during their popcorn store front sales and purchased items for the U.S. Military. They then packed 61 care packages and mailed them overseas in honor of VFW Post 7589. On Dec 10 2016, Pack 910 met with VFW Post 7589. The Veterans spoke to the Cubs regarding Flag etiquette and taught them how to retire a U.S. Flag properly. Along with the Veterans of VFW Post 7589, Pack 910 retired over 50 flags in a special ceremony. Following the ceremony, the Cubs engaged in a conservation project cleaning up and beautifying the property. During the closing ceremony, a plaque was presented to VFW Post 7589, thanking them for their service. A brief reception followed where the Cubs shared goodies and interacted with the Veterans.

For this service the Pack earned the Messengers of Peace award.



Missing Articles



We always have space all reserved in the newsletter for articles about our units and Scouts but only a few units have sent us any information about what they have been doing. There must be other units out there that have been doing something besides having meetings. We know that Eagle projects have been completed and we expect that some units have had anniversaries or someone who got a special award.

This newsletter should be as much about our Scouts as it is about events coming up. And to do that we need your help. If your unit, den, patrol, crew, or Eagle Scout has done a special service project, gone somewhere different, camped somewhere unusual, or had a special event, we'd like to hear about it and we think the rest of the district would too. What you've done might just be the spark another unit needs to enhance their own program.

We don't require a long article, just a few sentences, and maybe a picture. You don't have to be a great writer, after all, most of us aren't great readers.

When you do have something to brag about please send it to Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org. Please try to have it submitted by the 20th of the month so it can go out in our draft version to the proofreaders. We can take articles later than that but no promises on it making the newsletter being put together (but if not, it will be in the next).



“Cheerful Service Chatter”

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

Annual Dues - 2017



Arrowmen, it is that time of the year again to renew your Lodge membership by paying your annual dues. The dues for 2017 are still \$14 and the annual Lodge Passport is still \$100. The Passport covers your dues as well as the fees for the Annual Banquet, Spring and Fall Fellowships. Please pay your dues online at the Lodge web site <https://scoutingevent.com/082-2017OADues> or purchase your Annual Passport at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-OAPassport2017>.

Please remember that in addition to paying your dues you must also be registered with a unit (pack, troop, crew or team) or the District in order to be considered an active member.

“Onward and Upward” On the Advancement Trail

New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles (Note: this listing includes many Scouts that had earned their Eagle previously during the year but had been reported directly to Council and not through the District):

John Beisler – Troop 969

Joshua Eager – Troop 39

Adam Maxwell Jardines – Troop 39

Rumsey Zachary Light – Troop 711

August Muller – Troop 966

MITRE Scout Engineering Day



MITRE Scout Engineering Day was pioneered in 2012 at the headquarters of The MITRE Corporation in the Washington, DC area. Each year since its inception, Scout Engineering Day has hosted between 300 to 400 Scouts and 70 to 100 Scouters, Merit Badge Counselors and volunteers for an exciting day of STEM activities.

When: Saturday, April 1, 2017

Where: McLean, VA

Who can attend: Open to all Scouts (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts) ages 11 years and older. Scouts must be U.S. citizens to attend.

Registration Fee: \$40. Registration opens after the first of the year at <http://scoutengineeringday.org/boy-scouts.html>

What does registration cover:

- Participation in 1 Full-Day or 2 Half-Day Merit Badge workshops, including all supplies.
- Lunch and Snacks (Scouts with allergies must bring their own food).

Additional information:

- Advance registration is required.
- Scouts must wear their uniforms to the event.
- Scouts must have completed some Merit Badge pre-requisites before attending.
- Scouts must be dropped off and picked up by a parent, guardian, or Scout lead.
- A limited number of scholarships are available based on financial need

Modifications to Cub Scout Program Gives Den Leaders More Flexibility



The BSA gathered feedback from den leaders who had delivered the new Cub Scouting program for a year. What they learned was that some den leaders had difficulty fitting into their program year all of the adventures required for advancement. This resulted in boys not advancing. After a thoughtful and deliberate review, the BSA has released some modifications to address this concern.

What are the modifications? Some adventure requirements that previously were mandatory will become optional, in a move intended to give Cub Scouters more control over their den program.

The changes, which took effect Nov. 30, 2016, were approved by the National Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America.

Here's a quick look at what you need to know.

- First of all, **you won't need to buy any new materials.** The new requirements will be posted in a free addendum (see end of article) that will supplement the handbooks in current circulation and for sale online and in Scout shops.
- While the overall feedback from den leaders about the new Cub Scout program has been very positive, some den leaders said a number of the new adventures had **requirements that were too difficult for dens to complete within the Scouting year.**
- The number of new Cub Scouts is up in many areas of the country, but **rank advancement rates have not kept pace**, meaning the BSA's team of volunteers and staff advisers wanted to react quickly to eliminate what might have become a roadblock for some dens.
- A national volunteer task force developed a solution: **Make more of the adventure requirements optional**, giving dens more flexibility to match their unique needs.
- The modifications are designed to ensure that **adventure requirements are achievable by today's Cub Scout dens within a program year.** This means they are achievable by all Cub Scouts, regardless of background or socioeconomic status.
- Most of the modifications involve the number of requirements that must be completed, **reducing the mandate to a number achievable** within the limited time available to many dens. This is done while retaining the rich program options that allow leaders to build strong programs adapted to their needs.
- The changes **increase den-level customization.** Units that can handle more content, perhaps because they meet more often or for longer periods, can — and should! — keep the optional requirements part of their program. On the other hand, those that have struggled to finish the requirements will welcome these changes as a way to meet their needs.
- With the modifications, dens should be able to **complete one adventure in approximately two den meetings.**
- The transition should be seamless, with leaders able to use revised requirements as the den begins any new adventure.

Where to find the new requirements -

www.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/CubScout_Advancement_Modifications.pdf

Scoutbook Update for new 2016 Cub Scout Program Changes



Scoutbook has been updated to support the new 2016 Cub Scout program changes announced November 30, 2016.

- Mapping 2015 Adventure Requirements to 2016 - The team worked hard to make it almost seamless to switch from the 2015 version to 2016 requirements.
- For those adventures with requirement changes, leaders will see buttons to select between the 2015 and 2016 versions for each scout.
- No selection buttons will be displayed for completed adventures or those without changes.
- If an in-progress adventure is switched from the 2015 to 2016 version, any completed requirements will be marked completed or approved if the 2016 version's requirement is completely covered by the 2015 version. There are cases where multiple 2015 requirements map to a single 2016 requirement. In this case, the 2016 requirement will only be marked complete if all applicable 2015 requirements are complete. In other cases, multiple 2015 requirements map to a single 2016 requirement. In these instances, the 2016 requirement will be marked complete if one or more 2015 requirement is complete.
- New scouts and those moving up in rank will have the new rank and all adventures set to the 2016 version.
- Quick Entry Updated with 2016 version of Adventures Radio buttons for the 2015 and 2016 versions have been added to Quick Entry. Scouts not on the selected version will be grayed out and not selectable.
- For Tigers and Wolf, the 2015 rank button has been relabeled 2015-16.
- For Bears, if the leader wishes to use Baloo the Builder for the required adventure, the 2016 version of the Bear rank must be selected.
- For Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light, an additional 2016 rank version button has been added.
- New Requirement Checkboxes to Make Tracking Easier - For the 2016 version of Bear adventure Baloo the Builder, requirement 3 "Assemble your materials and build one useful project and one fun project using wood." has been split so completion of the useful project and the fun project can be recorded separately.
- For the 2016 version of Arrow of Light adventure Scouting Adventure, you will be able to separately record when a scout has visited a Boy Scout Troop meeting. Any adventures which have not been started (or viewed) have been automatically switched to the 2016 version. This follows the program update that requires any adventure that has not been started to use the new, 2016 version.

National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award



The National Eagle Scout Association has established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award. Each local council will choose a council-level winner, and from that pool, each region will pick a region-level winner. A national winner then will be selected from the four regional finalists. The national award winner will receive a certificate, a silver device for the Eagle embroidered knot, and a cash award of \$2,500 that will be available for the Scout's future educational purposes or for him to attend a national or international Scouting event or venue.

The nomination shall be submitted to the NESAs committee of the council in which the service project was completed on or before January 21 of each year. The submission must include the application (found at www.nesa.org/PDF/542-026.pdf), a name and summary of the project, and the Eagle Scout's contact information. A complete duplicate copy of his Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (previously submitted by the Scout to his Eagle board of review committee) must be attached to the application.

Each local council NESAs committee shall select one service project of the year from among those meeting the submission guidelines. The included criteria and other factors are all appropriate for consideration by the committee in selecting the winners. Evaluation criteria for this award should include consideration of at least the following:

- Project planning required
- Effort to develop the project
- Extent and character of the leadership provided by the Scout
- Extent of achievement of the planned result, including changes or modifications required to complete the project
- Project's impact on the beneficiary and/or on the community at large
- Originality of the project
- Scope of the work
- Time and materials contributed
- Level of skill employed to complete the project

Boy Scout 2016 Requirements



It's January 2017 and the new Boy Scout rank requirements are fully in effect. Any Scouts who have not completed all requirements (including the Board of Review) for their rank must now use the 2016 requirements. There is no 'grandfathering', that's what the last year was for.

This does not mean they have to start completely over; if the wording of a requirement has not changed, their current approval transfers to the new requirement. Note that sometimes the new requirement may be in a different rank.

World Conservation Award has New Requirements, Effective Immediately



Whether you know the World Conservation Award as the “panda patch” or as the award that encourages Scouts and Venturers to think globally and act locally to improve and conserve our environment, there’s something you need to know.

The BSA National Conservation and Environment Task Force has announced new requirements for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturing/Sea Scout versions of the World Conservation Award. The new requirements, which are now in effect, can be found at this link:

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards_Central/WorldConservation.aspx.

Once earned, the award goes in the temporary patch location on the right pocket.

The new requirements reflect the recent changes to the Cub Scout advancement program and the addition of the Eagle-required Sustainability merit badge in the Boy Scout program.

Plus, the Boy Scout and Venturing/Sea Scout versions of the award now seek to build greater awareness of global environmental concerns and a need for social responsibility.

This is done by requiring that the youth applicant participate in a conservation project as part of an approved Scouting program. The project must total at least three hours and address a conservation need common to more than one country.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org

2016-17 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.

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.

Deadlines: The deadline for a student to submit his or her essay is Feb. 5, 2017.

How to enter: Learn more and enter at:

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

The prompt: Civil disobedience is the act of opposing a law one considers unjust and peacefully disobeying it while accepting the consequences. Does peaceful resistance to laws positively or negatively impact a free society? In your answer, incorporate the principles and specific examples (including current events) that support your conclusion.

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Dremel and Lowe's Pinewood Derby Days



The 2017 Dremel Pinewood Derby Days Program, brought to you through Lowe's Home Improvement Stores, aims to provide you with a source for all of the materials and know-how you need to create a winning Pinewood Derby car you can be proud of – regardless of your skill level.

On January 14th and February 18th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., local Lowe's stores will be hosting Pinewood Derby® car clinics to share their tips and tricks for making the fastest cars on race day. Please give your local store a call to see if and when they are hosting one.

Everyone who attends an event will be given a:

- How-to demonstration
- Step-by-step instructions for building your car at home
- Pinewood Derby® Days patch

Important!!! Before building your car make sure you check your Pack's construction rules. If your car is to race in the District derby then it must also follow the District's Derby Construction rules posted on the district website.

Tips for Deducting Scouting-Related Expenses on Your Income Tax Return



When Baden-Powell said "Be Prepared," We're pretty sure he wasn't talking about income tax returns.

But still, there's no better advice than that two-word phrase during tax time.

Scouters who heeded the Scout Motto last year remembered to track and document their Boy Scouts of America-related expenses. And now, they know that they can include those expenses if they plan to itemize their deductions.

But what if you didn't know that BSA expenses were deductible? Or what if your "filing system" is really your glove compartment that's stuffed with gas receipts and crumpled-up napkins? And what qualifies as an eligible expense, anyway?

If you don't know the answers to those questions then you might want to check out Bryan On Scouting article about what is and is not deductible and for some helpful tips from others on how to keep everything organized:

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2011/03/03/tax-time/>

Stargazing at Camp Snyder



The night sky is clear and beautiful at Camp Snyder. Join us as we point our telescopes to the stars to identify constellations and planets.

When: February 18, 2017

Advance Registration: \$5 per family

Event Day registration: \$8 per family

The NOVA Night STEM Event activities are available for an additional fee.

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Plan a Scout Sunday or Scout Sabbath Celebration



Typically held on the Sunday before Feb. 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day), Scout Sunday gives church-chartered units a chance to say thank you and to demonstrate that the unit and the church have similar goals. Scout Sabbath, typically observed on the Saturday after Feb. 8, offers a similar opportunity to units chartered to Jewish congregations. (Mosque-chartered units rarely have equivalent opportunities; Jumu'ah, the time of communal prayer on Fridays, takes place during the school day.)

By participating in worship, you offer a subtle reminder that your unit is a ministry of the congregation, not just an outside group that meets there.

Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath observances don't have to be elaborate. Still, there are some things you can do to make them as meaningful as possible for both Scouts and members of the congregation.

Why Coordination is Key

First, keep in mind that you are inserting yourself into a worship schedule. The earlier you start to plan, the better. You may find that the first Sunday in February doesn't work—that's OK. Talk with worship leaders to compromise on a date.

If the church or synagogue offers multiple services on the designated day, find out which service is most suitable for Scouts to attend.

Once you have a date confirmed, begin exploring ways the unit (and other Scouting units at the chartered organization) can participate in the worship experience.

Possibilities for Participation

Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath participation begins with just that: participation. Scouts, Scouters, and family members should attend the service together, probably in reserved pews in a designated part of the sanctuary.

Beyond simple attendance, there are plenty of ways to weave Scouting into the service:

Worship Bulletins: Offer to provide covers for the service's worship bulletin. ScoutStuff.org sells Scout Sunday bulletin covers, or you could design your own.

Recognition: Whoever handles the greeting and announcements should recognize the Scouts in attendance. Some pastors like to recognize former Scouts as well.

Processional: If the service begins with a processional that includes flags and banners, see if Scouts can participate. Similarly, Scouts who are acolytes could serve this role in uniform.

Greeters and ushers: Have Scouts greet worshipers as they arrive and/or collect the offering during the service.

Readers: If the service involves the reading of Scripture or responsive readings by laypeople, recruit Scouts to handle these tasks.

Religious emblems: If Scouts have earned religious emblems, have the pastor present the badges during the service. This effectively demonstrates the shared values of Scouting and the congregation.

NYLT Training



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.

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

To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their unit.

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

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

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

2017 Course Dates

WINTER NYLT - Camp Snyder

14 - 16 January 2017 and 18 - 20 February 2017, (both weekends must be attended)

The cost for the Course will be \$250

SUMMER NYLT – American Legion Youth Camp, Cheltenham, MD (3 separate courses are available)

18 - 23 June 2017

25 - 30 June 2017

1 - 5 August 2017 (Sunday Friendly)

Early Bird cost for the Course will be \$225 until 1 June 2017 then the cost is \$270.

To register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-NCACNYLT>

VFW Scholarships



The mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; serve our veterans, the military, and our communities; and advocate on behalf of all veterans.

The vision of the VFW is to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country. In achieving the mission and vision, the VFW is the Chartering Organization to more than 1,000 Packs, Troops and Crews nationwide. Several, annual scholarship awards recognize outstanding youth and adults.

Youth: Scout of the Year

The Scout of the Year program provides members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who display standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country with the opportunity to be rewarded with college scholarships of up to \$5,000.

High school students who are at least 15 years of age; registered, active members of a Boy Scout Troop or Venturing Crew; have received either the Eagle Scout Award, the Venturing Silver Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award; and have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting, and the community are invited to apply.

Deadline is March 1, 2017 to a local VFW Post. Girl Scouts also compete in this award category.

This must be submitted through a local VFW Post. Membership in VFW not required of the parent.

Use this link to get full details: www.vfw.org/Scout

Adult: VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program

Through a cooperative effort with the Boy Scouts of America, the VFW national headquarters offers Wood Badge scholarships to assist selected chapter members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities.

Use this link to get full details:

<http://bsaseabase.org/home/media/relationships/vfwoodbadgescholarship.aspx>

Inauguration Information





Looking for the latest information on the 2017 Presidential Inauguration? So are we! There are still some key issues being resolved by our federal friends; as soon as we get the info we will open up registration. Keep watching the Council's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/NCACBSA) and website for updates!

2017 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key: Available Almost Full Full

Camp (as of 03/25/2015)		Week					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bowman (opens one day sooner than other camps) (Patrol Cooking)						
	Marriot (Patrol Cooking & Heater Stack)	LDS Week					
	Olmsted (BS Dining Hall)						
	Lenhok'sin High Adventure	LDS Week					
	PMI (Dining Hall)						
	Ross (Dining Hall)						

Week 1 – 6/18 to 6/24

Week 2 – 6/25 to 7/1

Week 3 – 7/2 to 7/8

Week 4 – 7/9 to 7/15

Week 5 – 7/16 to 7/22

Week 6 – 7/23 to 7/29

Fees:

If paid by April 14: Youth \$360, Adults \$225*

If paid by May 19: Youth \$400, Adults \$265*

After May 19: Youth \$440, Adults \$305*

- All units will receive two free adult leaders!

Registration is now live for Goshen Scout Reservation's 2017 program:

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/goshen-camps/register/>

2017 Goshen Summer Camp Staff Applicant



Every year, the seven camps and programs which make up the Goshen Scout Reservation employ close to 250 highly motivated individuals to participate in the experience of a lifetime. If you are 14 years of age or older by this summer, you could be a part of something huge!

Staff must be able to work from June 17 until August 9, 2017.

Interviews will be the first two Saturdays in January.

Please call or email Goshen Reservation Director Phil Barbash at (301) 214-9195 or Philip.Barbash@scouting.org with any questions.

Bullseye!



The NCAC Shooting Sports Committee & Camp Snyder is planning an exciting day of BB gun shooting, archery, slingshots and more! After a fun day on the ranges Scouts and their families will gather for an evening campfire program and then camp overnight. Cook your meals in camp or take advantage of our \$15 per person meal plan.

When: Saturday April 22-23, 2017

Pre-register online (not yet available) by 4/8 -Scouts/Cub Scout age siblings: \$30*

Pre-register online by 4/8 – Adults: \$10*

Siblings age 5 and under are free

Optional meal plan (lunch/dinner/continental breakfast)

\$15 per person (Siblings age 5 and under eat free)

*A \$5 late fee is assessed after 4/8/2016

2017 Camp Snyder Summer Camp Staff Applicant



Camp Snyder is seeking friendly, outgoing, fun and responsible individuals age 15 and up to be program wide Camp Counselors, and age 18 and up to lead our Fort, Big Dig, Ship, Nature, and Handicraft program areas. We are looking for age 18 and up to direct BB and Archery ranges. 21 and up to be Camp, Program and Aquatics Directors.

Registration is now open. Contact Camp Snyder for more information. Phone: (571) 248-4904, Email: Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org

To register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-2017CWBSSummerStaff>

Goshen@50 Camporee



NCAC is commemorating the opening of the Goshen Scout Reservation in 1967 with a council-wide celebration! Mark your calendars for this one of a kind camporee on Memorial Day Weekend 2017.

The Camporee will be a great event for Scouts (of all ages and program levels) and their families. Activities will include waterfront, shooting sports, COPE and climbing courses, as well as a special arena show, campfires and Scouting skill competitions. There will also be Alumni events honoring key contributors to Goshen's history.

For more information visit the Goshen@50 website at:

www.ncacbsa.org/goshen50/

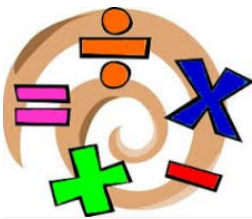
2018 VenturingFest will Celebrate the Program's 20th Anniversary



Venturing turns 20 in 2018, and you and your crew are invited to the party. The BSA's high-adventure program for young men and young women has announced that the next VenturingFest, celebrating the program's 20th anniversary, will take place July 1 to 6, 2018, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

As always, the best place to get Venturing news first is on the Venturing Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BSAVenturing/). Be sure you're following the updates there.

On-Line Resource of the Month



The following is a good STEM-Math resource for Scouts (and adults) to use. Coolmath.com LLC has a set of three sites to make math enjoyable for people who thought it couldn't be fun.

www.Coolmath.com – offers math for ages 13-100, with explanations that are easy to grasp on topics like algebra, pre-calculus and more.

www.Coolmath4Kids.com – for ages 12 and under. This is an amusement park of math, games, and more, designed to teach math and make it FUN.

www.Coolmath-Games.com – this is the brain-training site, for everyone, where logic and thinking meets fun and games. These games have no violence, no empty action, just a lot of challenges that will make you forget you are having a mental workout.



Leader's Survival Checklist

- When the Pack won't pay attention and you feel like blowing your top, count to ten. Several times if necessary. Do it again in Greek, then French, then ...
- So you tied the flag on upside down. Smile knowingly like you planned it that way. Praise the Cub who saw it.
- Accept the boy for what he is. If that's impossible, just be thankful he isn't your son.
- Learn to laugh at yourself. The Cubs probably think you're hilarious anyway.
- Too many Cubs and not enough leaders? What a compliment! It must be YOU they like!
- When everything goes wrong think about the story of Job from the bible. At least you don't have boils.
- Remember you're a human, no matter what the boys might tell you
- Do you find that running a meeting is a breeze? You're in trouble! Go take a Supplemental Training course.

Equipment / Gear / Tips

The MPOWERD Luci Solar Inflatable Lantern



The Luci — a “little solar lantern with a big impact” — is made by MPOWERD. It's very simple in design, but very powerful in its uses. It's lightweight, compact, solar powered, easy to use, and fun. At just \$18, you really get a lot for your money.

When inflated, Luci's measurements are 5" diameter x 4.5" tall, and its deflated height is a compact ½". Because it only weighs a hair over 3 ounces, it won't weigh you down — making it perfect for any EDC or bug out bag. Since it is about the same size as a CD (and barely thicker than a CD case), the deflated lantern can literally fit in your back pocket (or any pocket in a pair of cargo pants). The Luci has 4 settings that can be cycled through by pushing the button in the center of the bottom — press once for bright (50 lumens), twice for super bright (65 lumens), three times for strobe (emergency flashing), and the fourth time will turn the unit off.

No more heavy batteries, smell of propane or candles. The Luci is 100 percent solar powered. It's great for traveling because when deflated it packs down very small. Just set it in the sun or window during the day, or hook it to your backpack, and you will have plenty of light at night. The light is not too bright, not too dark, but just right. The low setting is nice for reading at night and the high setting is bright enough to cook a camp meal by. While the lantern will charge with incandescent lighting, it will hold its charge longer with direct sunlight. It takes about 8 hours to develop a full charge, and once charged will withstand 8-12 hours of constant use on bright setting (not super bright) before needing to be charged again.

The Luci has a strap on both ends for use as handles, so you can hang the lantern from the ceiling of your tent (or primitive shelter) with a carabiner or some 550 cord (this glow in the dark paracord would be cool) and pretty much light up the entire area. If you had a few of these lanterns, you could hang them in strategic locations around your camp and bathe the entire area in a soft glow for hours. Speaking of bathing, since it's waterproof, you can also use the Luci as a light for your camp shower tent, too.



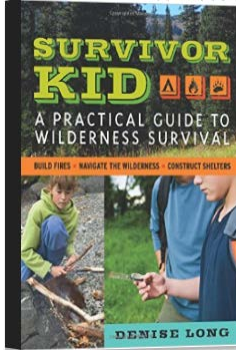
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Books

Survivor Kid: A Practical Guide to Wilderness Survival



Anyone can get lost while camping or on a hike and *Survivor Kid* teaches young adventurers the survival skills they need if they ever find themselves lost or in a dangerous situation in the wild.

Written by a search and rescue professional and lifelong camper, it's filled with safe and practical advice on building shelters and fires, signaling for help, finding water and food, dealing with dangerous animals, learning how to navigate, and avoiding injuries in the wilderness. Ten projects include building a simple brush shelter, using a reflective surface to start a fire, testing your navigation skills with a treasure hunt, and casting animal tracks to improve your observation skills.

Here are the chapters from the book:

1. Anyone Can Get Lost (And what to do if it happens to you)
2. Building a Shelter
3. Finding Water
4. Signaling for Help
5. Building a Fire
6. Avoiding Dangerous Animals
7. Getting The Best of Bugs
8. Dealing with Extreme Weather
9. Finding Food
10. Learning to Navigate
11. What To Do if You or Someone Else is Injured
12. Packing a Survival Kit

Paperback, around \$9.

Training Opportunities

University of Scouting



When: 02-18-2017 8:30AM to 5:00PM

Where: Hayfield Secondary School
7630 Telegraph Rd
Alexandria, VA 22315

With 160 different courses to choose from, this training event is not to be missed! Last year more than 960 Scouters attended - help us break 1000 for 2017! University of Scouting has five specific program areas to choose from: Cub Scout College, Boy Scout College, College of Adventure, College of Elective Programs, and College of District Operations. Plus enjoy a Scouting museum and vendor displays along the midway!

Online registration will open in early January and closes at midnight on Sunday, February 12, 2017. After that, the tuition goes up to \$50.

For more information go to: www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting/

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

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Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS)



This course is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Explorer). This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders. All participants must have completed Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing, Varsity or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course, and be able to meet physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

The target audience are leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedowns will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure. Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills is offered by the Council Training Committee as an optional follow-on to the basic course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

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

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

2017 Spring Course

Classroom: Sat. 18 March, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Scientist Cliffs Community (Alder Rd and Acacia Rd) 3500 Alder Rd, Port Republic, MD

Overnite: Sat. 22 April, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 23 April, 1:30 PM. American Chestnut Land Trust 676 Double Oak Rd, Prince Frederick, MD

2017 Fall Course

Classroom: Sat. 23 September, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Aldersgate United Methodist Church 1301 Collingwood Rd, Alexandria, VA

Overnite: Sat. 21 October, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 22 October, 1:30 PM. Camp William B. Snyder 6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket, VA

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)



Goose Creek and Powhatan Districts will be holding a joint IOLS Training class at Camp Highroad on April 29-30, 2017. More details to come in the following month.

Leave No Trace Trainer Classes – BSA Outdoor Ethics



What is the purpose of this class? The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Trainers. Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have at least one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer. A Boy Scout must complete this course before he can serve in the Troop Leave No Trace Trainer position.

Who should attend? Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Boy Scouts aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

What will I learn? This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills.

This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, 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 Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

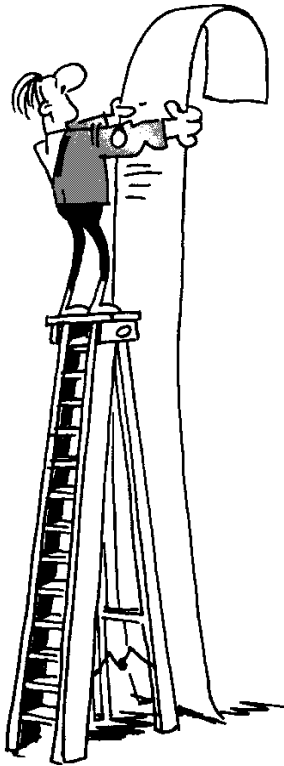
This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers. Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required.

When: Mar 31, 2017 (5pm) – Apr 2 (10am)

Cost: \$75, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals are included. Registration for all courses is via the NCAC website www.ncacbsa.org/training/outdoor-ethics/

Where: Northern Virginia (Editor Note: their site and flyer doesn't give the full address, please contact Victor Bieniek at vbieniek@gmail.com or 703-855-8428 (cell))

District Calendar



JANUARY 2017
 2 Winter Break Ends
 11 Roundtable
 11 OA Chapter Meeting
 16 MLK Jr. Day
 25 District Committee
 27 Moveable School Holiday
 27-29 **Freeze-o-ree**

FEBRUARY 2017
 5 Scout Sunday
 8 Roundtable
 8 OA Chapter Meeting
 11 Scout Sabbath
 18 **University of Scouting**
 20 President's Day
 22 District Committee

MARCH 2017
 2 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**
 8 Roundtable
 8 OA Chapter Meeting
 11 **District Pinewood Derby**
 22 District Committee

APRIL 2017
 7 Student Holiday
 10-14 Spring Break
 12 Roundtable
 12 OA Chapter Meeting
 15 Student Holiday
 26 District Committee
 28-30 **OA Spring Ordeal**
 29-30 **IOLS Training**

MAY 2017
 10 **Program Launch**
 10 OA Chapter Meeting
 24 District Committee
 26-29 Goshen @50 Camporee
 29 Memorial Day

June 2017
 3 **Soda Bottle Rocket Derby**
 7 Roundtable
 7 OA Chapter Meeting
 9 Last Day of School
 21 District Committee

JULY 2017
 4 Independence Day
 19-28 National Jamboree

AUGUST 2017
 9 Roundtable
 9 OA Chapter Meeting
 24 District Committee

September 2017
 4 Labor Day
 13 Roundtable
 13 OA Chapter Meeting
 23-24 **Webelos-o-ree**
 27 District Committee

October 2017
 9 Columbus Day
 11 Roundtable
 11 OA Chapter Meeting
 20-22 JOTA/JOTI
 25 District Committee

November 2017
 4 **SFF Bag Distribution**
 8 Roundtable
 8 OA Chapter Meeting
 11 **SFF Food Pickup**
 15 District Committee
 30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

December 2017
 13 Roundtable
 13 OA Chapter Meeting
 14 **Annual District Business Meeting**