

# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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## Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Boy Scout /  
Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 New Article



excerpt from *Bobwhite Blather*, <http://bobwhiteblather.com/the-adult-role-at-summer-camp/>

## The Adult Role at Summer Camp

Summer camp is coming up in just a couple weeks. Summer camp is a critical time for our youth leaders to put the leadership they've been practicing into action. It's what they've been working toward all year and looking forward to.

If you are planning to attend summer camp, please keep in mind that this is a time that the boys can manage their own affairs during the week. They are expected to get up on their own at reveille, get themselves ready, assembled and down to the field for morning flags and breakfast on time. They are capable of heading off to merit badge sessions on time and are expected to know where they are (or ask one of the youth leaders for help). They are able to get back in uniform, assembled and down to flags and dinner, then off to special assemblies or evening merit badges.

They can do this without adult involvement or interference. It will look a little rocky the first day or two, but by the time they do it themselves a couple times, they'll fall right in. The patrol leaders have the responsibility to manage their patrols. It's more important that the boys take ownership of their experience and learn from it than it is that they line up straight or tuck in their uniforms.

If a Scout (including your own son) comes to you with a question (What time is dinner? Where is the archery range? Can I use the axe yard?), remind him that he should be asking his patrol leader instead of an adult. Even if you know the answer, and even if it's your son, you are undermining the youth leadership by doing what the boys can do for themselves. (Obviously, if it's a matter of safety, you should intervene.)

Adults don't have to stay isolated from the boys, but you don't run camp, you don't set the agenda, and it's not your responsibility to make sure your son or any other boys get dressed, brush their teeth, get to classes or meals. You're also not there to take care of your own son – let him learn to take care of himself. Feel free to ask your son, or any other Scout, how it's going, what they've been doing, which badges they're working on, how big a fish they caught, and so on. But it's only by boys taking responsibility for themselves and their fellow Scouts that they learn leadership and enjoy an experience in character development unavailable in any other summer camp or youth activity that will help them immensely in the future. You're not the boss of him, for this week – allow him to learn to be self-sufficient in a safe environment.

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The toughest job for any parent is in letting go, especially when it comes to Boy Scout-aged boys. Boy Scouting isn't a "parent-and-son" experience; it's a Scout-to-Scout experience.

## District News

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



### District Court of Honor



On May 24<sup>th</sup> we held the District Court of Honor to recognize those Scouts who made Eagle and the Scouters who have provided outstanding service to their units or to the district.

This year's District Award of Merit honorees were:

**Hal Raffenperger**

**Alexander Williams**

Unit Volunteers of the Year who were recognized were:

Pack 572	<b>Karen Advincula</b>
Pack 786	<b>Amanda Walters</b>
Pack 998	<b>Sara Phillips</b>
Pack 1148	<b>Dallas Cecil</b>
Pack 1151	<b>David Weitzel</b>
Pack 1151	<b>Rich Goodwin</b>
Pack 1154	<b>Josh Bruley</b>
Pack 1158	<b>Scott Cook</b>
Pack 1500	<b>Rick Hawkins</b>
Pack 1576	<b>Zeeshan Rasheed</b>
Pack 2010	<b>Steve Carroll</b>
Troop 572	<b>Ron Moore</b>
Troop 786	<b>Asra Fatima</b>
Troop 969	<b>Vreneli Doyle</b>
Troop 982	<b>Sandra Christman</b>
Troop 998	<b>Greg Johnson</b>
Troop 1154	<b>Jack Golden</b>
Troop 1576	<b>Siddiq Qidwai</b>
Troop 1666	<b>Richard Harsell</b>
Troop 1907	<b>Melanie LeGoullon</b>
Troop 2970	<b>Scott Lambert</b>
Crew 1907	<b>Lorna Davix</b>

And the honorees for the Key 3 Leadership Awards were:

Chairman's Award – **Stacey Noll**

District Executive's Award – **Dimitri Kesari**

Commissioner's Award – **Craig Reichow**

**The newsletter staff is taking the month of July off. The next district newsletter will be August 2017. Enjoy summer camp!**



## Outstanding Educator Award



The Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award is a new BSA award with real potential to result in membership growth. It's named after the professor of education at Columbia University who became the BSA's second Chief Scout Executive, succeeding James E. West.

The Outstanding Educator Award — also referred to as the Fretwell Award — is presented to teachers, educational support staff and school administrators who instill Scouting values in their students. It recognizes a person's work for students in his or her professional role — not for what the person does directly for Scouting.

For clarification, this award recognizes what a person does for students in their professional role within education and not for what the person does directly for Scouting. While a Scouting volunteer who works in education is eligible for the Fretwell Award, there are many awards to recognize the service of volunteers to Scouting.

The award can be presented at the district, council, area, regional and national levels. There's no minimum or maximum number of awards that can be presented per school year. That said, a good guideline is one award per year per school.

Learn more in this implementation guidebook: <http://scoutingwire.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/522-059-Elbert-K-Fretwell-Guide-Book-WEB.pdf>

If you know of a person in the Loudoun School system that you think is deserving of this award please email us at [Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org) and we will pass it along to the District Committee.

## Venturing Collaboration Survey 2017



Could your crew benefit from collaboration with another crew to give you the expertise, adult support, or numbers needed to make your events more successful?

Venturing Crew 711 is trying to help. We are collecting information from across the Council and the surrounding area to try to bridge the gap between Crews that need each other, especially across district boundaries. Roundtable makes it easier to connect to crews near you, but sometimes the help you need is across district or Council lines.

If you could use a bit of help, or even if you are just willing to be helpful to other crews, please fill out this quick survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/du6ADs0U02yV8lfS2>

Information will be used only to help connect crews to each other. We will provide you and matching crew(s) the contact information you each provide. How you proceed from there is completely up to you.



## Report Those High Adventure Treks



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

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## Webelos-o-ree 2017



The date for the Goose Creek's annual Webelos-o-ree is set for September 23-24 at Camp Snyder. This event is open to all Webelos so mark the date down on your calendar now. Note: Those that are currently Bears will be Webelos this fall and are eligible to attend.

This camping event is designed to introduce Webelos and their parents to what being in a Boy Scout troop is all about. The activities will be run by our own Boy Scout troops and can include such things as: Fire building, cooking, monkey bridge, BB shooting and/or archery, a campfire run by the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow, and much more. For the adults we'll provide plenty of Scout leaders to answer questions about camping, joining Boy Scouts, and camping equipment. We will also hold a Webelos to Scout orientation for Arrow of Light Scouts and an Introduction to Webelos meeting for the new Webelos (this year's Bears) and their parents.

The Webelos-o-ree starts off with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and wraps up Sunday after chapel services. For those who don't want to camp over there are also registration options for staying just for the activity periods and for joining us for dinner and the campfire before going home.



## Archaeology MB at Catholic University of America



At the D.C. Merit Badge University, Dr. Clark gave the some Goose Creek Scouts a morning archaeological site survey tour of the many prehistoric and historic sites at the Catholic University of America campus and then he spent all afternoon with them working in the lab on forensics and recreating ancient tools. The Scouts learned how to study skeletons to determine if the person was female or male, if the person was right handed or left handed, if the person had any physical ailments, if the person was muscular or not and how to determine the person's daily routines from residual analysis studies from associated tools. They also learned how to determine the age of the person at their death from the skeleton. There were many bones, artifacts and ecofacts for the scouts to analyze.



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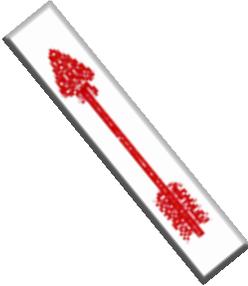
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## “Cheerful Service Chatter”

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

### Chapter Spring Ordeal



The Goose Creek Order of the Arrow Chapter inducted 88 new youth and adult members at its annual ordeal. The ordeal was held at the Loudoun County Izaak Walton League facility. The chapter performed more than 600 hours of community service, despite occasional heavy rain.

During the weekend, the chapter ceremonies team performed eight ceremonies. The cook crew produced sumptuous meals. Following the Saturday night feast, new chapter officers were installed.

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting’s Honor Society, a” Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.”.

## “Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

**Nicholas F Ainey** – Troop 2970

**Colin Bertoglio** – Troop 998

**Ethan Caldas** – Troop 969

**Ryan Connolly** – Troop 1158

**Nathaniel J Coombs** – Troop 2970

**Peter Deer** – Troop 1158

**Andrew Donofrio** – Troop 163

**Daniel Fagan** – Troop 969

**Tyler P. Hess** – Troop 2970

**Samuel Miller Horton** – Troop 1106

**Andrew Jones** – Troop 997

**Evan Masella** – Troop 2011

**Nicholas Matyas** – Troop 969

**Harrison D. Rands** – Troop 663

**Benjamin Robert Rogers** – Troop 761

**Ogul Turkoglu** – Troop 761

**Spencer Wischmeir** – Troop 761

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## ★ Can Cub Scouts get Extra Time to Finish Requirements after School Year Ends?



In many packs, Cub Scouts finish their rank advancement just in time for the blue and gold banquet in February.

This approach lets families gather to celebrate the Cub Scouts' accomplishments well before the end of the school year. It also signals that it's time for Webelos Scouts to begin their transition to Boy Scouting and troop involvement.

June 1 is the traditional date when records change and each Cub Scout advances in rank. Tigers move to Wolf, Wolves move to Bear, etc.

But what happens if a Cub Scout isn't quite there yet? What if he isn't done with his requirements by the end of the school year? All is not lost.

For more, see the Guide To Advancement ([www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement.aspx)), topic 4.1.0.4. It says the pack committee can allow a few extra weeks at the end of the school year for a Cub Scout to finish up requirements. In other words, the Cub Scout doesn't need to stop cold.

Remember the Cub Scout motto, "Do Your Best"? Apply that here.

### **What about a boy who must repeat a grade in school?**

Generally, repeating a grade does not mean being kept back in Cub Scouting, but it depends on the circumstances and what is best for the boy. The decision is up to the parent or guardian.

## ★ Cub Scout Adventure: How to Build My Own Hero "Sandwich"



One of the requirements for the **Build My Own Hero** elective adventure for Webelos and Arrows of Light is to "discover what it means to be a hero."

To make this activity a little more interesting, your Cub Scouts can build hero "sandwiches." They make their hero sandwich by writing a trait of a hero on each ingredient. The ingredients are cut out and stacked up to make a hero sandwich!

This could be used in a few different ways: 1) As a Cub Scout gathering activity for the meeting where the boys will be making hero plaques, 2) As an individual activity, or 3) As a group guided activity where you talk through it with them.

Start by giving each boy a sandwich handout. They'll need to cut out each item, but it might be easier to have them write the traits on the items before they cut them out. They can write "My Hero" on one of the pieces of bread.

Some boys may have trouble defining hero traits, so guiding the boys through a discussion might be best. Ask them to name characteristics, and write them on a white board or a piece of poster board. If they're really struggling, ask them to name some of their heroes then think about what makes that person a hero.

P.S. This activity would work well for the Wolf elective adventure, Hometown Heroes!

For more about this activity go to: <http://cubscoutideas.com/7848/build-my-own-hero-sandwich/>



## Life to Eagle Seminars



The first installment of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek in 2017 (held on April 1) caught many by surprise, with very low attendance, so we're going to try to avoid first-of-the-month scheduling from now on.

These training conferences are primarily targeted for the Life-to-Eagle Advisers & Coordinators at the unit level – but are by no means limited to same. Life Scouts and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend. The key goal is to get each of the unit Eagle Advisers up to speed on changes to the process, and some of the district-level mechanics of same. That way, they can help share the message to the Life Scouts in their units on a more frequent basis.

- The next one in 2017:
  - Date: July 15
  - Time: 2 – 5 PM
  - Place: Ashburn Library, Mtg Rm B (pending Library confirmation)
- Remaining ones in 2017 are being targeted for: Sep/Oct, and possibly again in Nov. Dates, locations and times are TBD pending confirmation of library room availabilities.

Also, if you ARE a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit, and have not attended one of these within Goose Creek within the last 2 years, you really should make an attempt to do so. Lots of things have changed over the years, and even the long-standing and experienced L2E Advisers will learn something new.

## Graduation is Approaching



Do you have an Eagle Scout graduating from high school? Does that school allow Honor Cords? If so the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) has the perfect gift to give him! An Eagle Scout Honor cord available at the NESA Store will look great with his cap and gown:

<http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=egKOJ0PCldLMKSPIF&s=omL7JkM3LIUK8NSJsE&m=cILSLgNXLkK0KdP5E> Don't miss this opportunity to show his Eagle spirit.

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Did you know there was an eye test for summer camp? Anyone who doesn't see the skunk gets sent home immediately.

## Council / National News

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



### Everyone Who Drives Scouts Should take this Free Online Training Course



Accidents are quite rare in Scouting. But when one does occur, it probably didn't happen while camping. It likely didn't involve backpacking, canoeing or climbing, either. The majority of Scouting accidents happen on the way to or from Scouting activities. They happen on the road.

As a Scout leader responsible for driving Scouts or Venturers to Scouting activities, you should do all you can to be a safe driver. That means requiring seat belt use, never texting while driving and obeying local traffic laws.

The latest step in that preparation: The Hartford Driver Improvement Program, which can be found on the BSA Learn Center. The course is free, requires no advance registration and can be completed online in about 35 minutes.

Once you finish, you'll get a completion certificate, and your official BSA training record will be updated.

#### Why should I take this training?

Because you care about the safety of Scouts. And if it's been a few years since driver's ed. A quick refresher is a good idea.

You'll learn how to drive defensively, recognize hazards and prevent collisions.

#### How do I take this training?

To complete The Hartford Driver Improvement Program, do the following:

1. Log in to My.Scouting.org.
2. Click the red BSA Learn Center box on the right.
3. Scroll to the heading "Expanded Learning."
4. Click the box marked "Program Safety."
5. Look for "Program Safety" again and click "+Add Plan."
6. Click the "Program Safety" link, then click the "Drive Safely" link.
7. Begin the training.



### STEM University



The NCAC STEM Committee is hosting STEM University on June 10, 2017 at Camp Snyder! Youth are invited to display their Supernova projects at our Einstein's Science Fair, or attend the hands-on activities at Camp Snyder's makerspace, Sally's STEM Shack. Adults may take Nova Counselor & Supernova Mentor trainings, learn how to organize STEM events in the unit or district level, and learn about STEM Activity kits. Register at

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-STEMU>

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## Program Launch 2017-2018



In lieu of printing all of the material for Program Launch Council has placed it on a website for you. It can be found at: [www.ncacbsa.org/programlaunch](http://www.ncacbsa.org/programlaunch)

### Anti-Bullying Video Program

1. Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Intimidation Programs
2. Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Intimidation Program Pricing for Packs/Troops/Crews/Posts

### Aquatics

1. 2017 Aquatics Activities
2. American Red Cross Lifeguard Training For Scouts and Scouters 2017
3. BSA Swimming & Water Rescue Course
4. CPR/AED First Aid Training
5. Paddle Craft Safety Course
6. Scuba Jam Flyer

### Camp William B. Snyder (CWBS)

1. 2017 Campmaster
2. Camp Snyder Brochure – Summer Emphasis
3. 2017 Family Camping Weekend Flyer

### Goshen Scout Reservation

1. Lenhok'sin High Adventure 2017 Brochure
2. Goshen Scout Reservation 2017 Magazine
3. Goshen Family Camp Weekend 2017 Flyer
4. Venturing 2017 Brochure
5. Trail to Eagle Brochure 2017
6. STEM at Goshen 2017

### High Adventure

1. NCAC High Adventure Promotional Flier
2. Philmont Information
3. Seabase Information
4. Summit Information
5. Northern Tier Information

### Journey to Excellence (JTE)

1. Internet Advancement
2. Service Hours Instructions
3. Service Hour Reporting
4. Training

### Membership

1. NCAC Pack Membership Chair Promotion and Recognition Program
2. Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!

### Popcorn

1. NCAC Why Trails End for Leaders

### STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics)

1. 2017 STEM Power Point Presentation
2. STEM University 2017 & summer STEM events

### Venturing

1. Program Capability Inventory
2. Nov 5-7-2017 Venturing Camporee
3. Helpful Venturing Resources
4. Venturing Fast Facts
5. Venturing Activity Interest Survey
6. Venture Awards Tracking Sheet
7. Sample Crew Budget

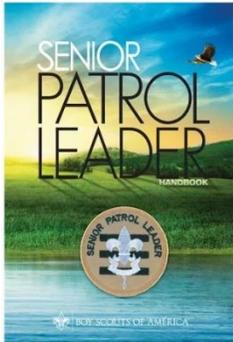
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## New Patrol Leader Handbook and Senior Patrol Leader Handbook



The leadership lessons learned in Scouting aren't taught in schools, but you can find them in a book.

That is, provided that book is the *Patrol Leader Handbook* or *Senior Patrol Leader Handbook*.

These essential guides for Boy Scout leaders have been updated for 2017. They include ready-to-use tips to help Boy Scouts become effective leaders at troop meetings and on the trail.

What's new in the latest editions:

- Key concepts from ILST and NYLT are included.
- Various styles of leadership are defined and contrasted. This includes controlling, doing it all yourself, intimidation, wanting everyone to like you and servant leadership. The handbooks give examples of when and how those styles may (or may not) work in the Scouting environment.
- A focus on servant leadership as the preferred method of leadership in Scouting. Servant leadership, put simply, is a choice to give more than the leader receives.
- A discussion of the stages of team development: forming, storming, norming and performing
- A discussion on the Leading EDGE and how a youth leader's approach must be adjusted as their troop or patrol progresses (or regresses) from one stage to the next.
- An expanded section on commonly encountered scenarios that challenge the leadership of senior patrol leaders and patrol leaders.
- The inclusion of the new Scout Planning Worksheet, a resource to teach all Scouts essential planning skills.

The books are \$11.99, and you can buy them at your Scout Shop or at ScoutStuff.org.



## Potomac Nationals - Scout Night Sleepover



Bring your troop, pack, or den out to Pfitzner Stadium for one of our scout nights, presented by Virginia Virtual Academy, during the 2017 season. The dates for 2017 are: Saturday, July 8th; Saturday, July 22nd; and Saturday, August 19th. Along with a great baseball game, you will have the opportunity to spend the night in the outfield, watch a movie on the video board and receive a patch to commemorate your experience! Before the game, Scouts will have the chance to walk the warning track in our Scout Parade!

For additional information:

[www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?sid=t436&ynd=20100302&content\\_id=8651532&vkey=tickets](http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?sid=t436&ynd=20100302&content_id=8651532&vkey=tickets)



## 27 of the Most Helpful Cub Scout Service Project Ideas



Coming up with good Cub Scout service project ideas can sometimes be difficult. There are many factors to consider when choosing a project for your den or pack.

- Are the Cub Scouts old enough to participate? Can they do the work?
- How much time or money will it take?
- Is it big enough for the entire pack? Or is it small enough for the den?
- Will the boys learn something? Is it worthwhile?

There are 11 Cub Scout adventures that have some type of service requirement, but the benefits of volunteering are much greater than simply crossing off a requirement.

One study found that “volunteering is also associated with the development of greater respect for others, leadership skills, and an understanding of citizenship that can carry over into adulthood.” Sounds exactly like the Boy Scouts of America’s vision, doesn’t it?

Here are 27 Cub Scout service project ideas to consider when you’re choosing your next pack or den service project: <http://cubscoutideas.com/3802/cub-scout-service-project-ideas/>



## Smithsonian Sleepover – Udvar-Hazy Center



**Where:** National Air and Space Museum’s Udvar-Hazy Center

**When:** Saturday, July 15, 7 pm – 8:30 am  
 Saturday, July 29, 7 pm – 8:30 am  
 Saturday, August 12, 7 pm – 8:30 am

There’s no more perfect setting for dreams of flight! Take off for a night filled with games and activities. Embark on a mission to explore the whole world of flight, from its pioneering days through the era of commercial aviation to the excitement of today’s space program.

For ages 8-12, chaperone required.

**Price:** \$135 General Admission (\$120 Smithsonian Associate members). Each child and adult must have a ticket. Price includes exclusive access and activities in a Smithsonian museum, evening snack, interactive exploration, arts and crafts activities, and light breakfast.

**Register at:** [www.SmithsonianSleepovers.org](http://www.SmithsonianSleepovers.org) (sleepovers are also available for the American History and Natural History museums)



## Scuba Certification and Scuba Diving Merit Badge



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

**Who:** This course is for Scouts at least 11 years old and adults.

1. Participants younger than 15 years old will receive PADI Junior Open Water Diver Certification.
2. 15 years and older receive PADI Open Water Diver Certification.

**Where:** A.B. Sea's Diving, Fairfax Station VA (orientation, classroom, pool session) local quarry (open water training dives)

**When:**

1. (Day 1) Orientation – Jul 30 1-3pm;
2. (Day 2 and 3) class/pool sessions – Aug 12 & 13 9am-5pm,
3. (Day 4 and 5) open water training dives – Aug 19 & 20 10am-1pm;
4. (Also Day 5) Scuba Diving merit badge counseling session - Aug 20

**Cost:** Scuba certification class and merit badge session - \$550 (includes all equipment); Scuba diving merit badge session fee is \$5.

**Registration:** Deadline is July 24, <https://scoutingevent.com/082-11875?draftmode=1>



## V3 Hike-o-ree 2017



The 28th Annual V3 (Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held October 27-29, 2017, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration is limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Scout units including Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Varsity Teams, Boy Scout Troops, and Girl Scout Troops.

Units are encouraged to form trail crews consisting of no more than twelve members, including at least two adults. Participation minimum age for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is 13 years old as of January 1, 2018.

Registration on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS begins on September 1, 2017, on the BSA National Capital Area Council website.

An initial unit deposit is required to reserve a particular hike not later than October 6, 2017. After you register for a hike and pay your deposit, you will be sent a confirmation email with the leader's package and detailed information about the hike you have selected.

The cost of the Hike-o-ree is \$18.00 (\$20.00 for extra extra large shirts) per participant.

For more information and to register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-Hikeoree2017>



## ScubaJam 2017



**What:** The ScubaJam Virginia program was created to provide a great SCUBA diving experience to BSA registered youths, boys and girls, ages 11-20. The event has been created by interested divers representing dive shops, scuba training operations, and various BSA Troops and Venturing Crews.

**Where:** Lake Phoenix, VA (1 Quarry Ln, Rawlings, Virginia 23876)

**When:** Sept 1-4, 2017

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

### Prerequisites for Participation:

1. Youth must be 11-20 years of age
2. Hold an Open Water Certification Card or be under the training supervision of a current and insured Scuba Instructor (Non Divers are welcome to camp and snorkel. Or better yet – get certified before you arrive!); and
3. Be registered with a participating BSA Troop or Crew or other youth group and the group must (1) register themselves and their members with the event, (2) take responsibility for meeting youth protection and control requirements of their respective organizations and (3) must have a dive professional attached to the registration.

If you are a small group of less than 6 youth divers or an individual, please contact [info@scubajam-va.org](mailto:info@scubajam-va.org). Volunteer staff can assist you with joining another small group and if needed, ensure you have a Dive Pro available for a safe diving experience.

## VenturingFest 2018



As you may know, VenturingFest 2018 will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) from July 1st-6th, 2018 to celebrate Venturing's 20th birthday! Join us for quick access to the latest activities at the Summit, social events with Venturers from across the nation, an incredible birthday celebration, and the opportunity of a lifetime!

VenturingFest 2018 is a special Scouting event at SBR that's open to registered Venturers, Scouts and adult leaders across the U.S. This six-day high-adventure festival invites participants to explore the best the SBR has to offer. We're talking rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, and so much more!

### Registration & Payment

YOUTH REGISTRATION FEE: \$500\*

ADULT REGISTRATION FEE: \$400\*

Fees include meals (Sunday dinner through Friday breakfast), campsite (w/tents, showers, dining tables, tables & Wi-Fi), and all program equipment, with exception of the optional ½-day whitewater rafting trip. (Fee for this is TBD)

For more information go to: [www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/](http://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/)

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## CPR/AED Pro and First Aid Training



This is the training required for, but usually not included with, BSA Lifeguard. (BSA Lifeguard requirement #6).

The course will use the blended learning method. This combines online sessions done at your convenience with the scheduled hands-on in-classroom skills session.

You will have a 2 week window to complete the 3 hr 20 min online components. The in-person skills session will be 16 September from 9am-Noon at Fairfax Presbyterian Church.

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

Certifications that will be issued upon successful completion:

1. American Red Cross CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and Health Care Providers
2. American Red Cross First Aid

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

**Where:** Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax VA 22030

**When:** Sept 16, 2017

**Registration:** To register, contact Mike Meenehan (703-400-2176) [mmmeenehan@cox.net](mailto:mmmeenehan@cox.net). You will be given a link to the American Red Cross to register and complete the online training portion. Registration deadline is 11 Sept.

**Cost:** \$25 to American Red Cross plus \$10 for CPR mask, if you don't have one)

**Maximum registrations:** 6

## Insurance Rate Changes



Starting in 2018, NCAC will change the way insurance fees are collected.

Insurance fees on mid-year registrations and the \$1 per day per Scout at events will go away; instead, every registered member - youth and adult - will pay \$6 annually at recharter time. This covers primary general liability and secondary accident and sickness coverage for ALL Scout participants at ALL Scouting events. More information will be rolling out at Roundtable and at Recharter time.

## Bring your Family to Experience the 2017 National Jamboree as Visitors



Want to experience the fun of the 2017 National Jamboree but can't be there for the whole 10 days? Become a Jamboree visitor. Bring your family or friends and live the adventure for a day or two — or more.

The Jamboree is July 19 to 28 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia; visitors are welcome July 21 to 27. The per-day visitor price? Less than half the cost of a day at Disney.

This year there are two types of visitors: observers and participants. It's helpful to go over each separately.

What can observers do? "Observer" visitors get to enjoy the Summit Center, the hub of Jamboree activity. That means access to:

- Stadium shows
- Military exhibits
- Conservation trail
- Disabilities Awareness Area
- Sustainability Treehouse
- Merit badge areas
- Retail shops
- Food stores
- Brownsea Island
- A wide variety of other exhibits and displays

Visitor access to activities is based on availability. Activities may be closed because of unsafe weather conditions. Jamboree visitors can visit with participants, but visitors do not have access to the base camps or participant-only activity areas.

What can participants do? For an additional cost, "participant" visitors can enjoy everything listed under observers, plus:

- Boulder Cove (a bouldering area)
- Challenge course
- Skateboard plaza
- Mountain biking
- Climbing
- BMX bike riding

To find out more about this go to :

[www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/2017-day-visitor-pass-information/](http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/2017-day-visitor-pass-information/)



## Scouting Alumni & Friends



The Scouting Alumni Association has changed its name to Scouting Alumni & Friends, a reminder that the group is open to anyone who wants to help further Scouting's mission — even those who were never in Scouting as young people.

### What does Scouting Alumni & Friends do?

Scouting Alumni & Friends is Scouting's alumni network, and it helps individuals reconnect with Scouting and the specific Scouting organizations that are important to them.

The group provides a way for Scouting alumni to reconnect with their Boy Scout troop, Sea Scout ship, Explorer post, Venturing crew, summer camp staff, Wood Badge troop, Alpha Phi Omega chapter, Order of the Arrow lodge and more.

It also helps Scouting friends connect to the program in new and interesting ways.

Scouting Alumni & Friends provides best practices for alumni groups, powerful tools like its alumni database, and training courses at the council level and the Philmont Training Center.

Scouting Alumni & Friends also offers awards programs such as the Alumni Award and knot, special recognitions for years of service, and the Regional Alumnus of the Year and National Alumnus of the Year awards.

### Who can become a member?

There's only one requirement: You have to be a fan of Scouting. Anyone who has been positively impacted by Scouting is welcome to join.

### Why become a member?

In addition to supporting local Scouting, members get a number of alumni-only discounts, perks and services.

Learn more at the Scouting Alumni & Friends site:

[www.scoutingalumni.org/site/c.ejIPK1NNLgJ0E/b.9309477/k.BF3E/Home.htm](http://www.scoutingalumni.org/site/c.ejIPK1NNLgJ0E/b.9309477/k.BF3E/Home.htm)

## 75 Pack Activities for the Summertime Pack Award



The National Summertime Pack Award is given to packs that have at least one activity each month during the summer. It's intended to help keep packs active during those months when they might not otherwise meet. There aren't any specific guidelines for the National Summertime Pack Award activities. The application simply says that your pack qualifies by conducting a pack activity each month.

Here are 75 activity ideas from *Cub Scout Ideas* your pack can do during the summer months: <http://cubscoutideas.com/6276/75-pack-activities-for-summertime-pack-award/>



## Frederick Keys - Scout Night Sleepover



An established tradition the Frederick Keys, their Scout Night Sleepover (Saturday, July 9th versus the Myrtle Beach Pelicans) is one of the most exciting events of the season. The Keys are proud to invite local Scout troops to camp out under the stars at the ballpark, right where the future Baltimore Orioles patrol the outfield each home game! Take advantage of this annual event and bring your Scout group out to enjoy the game, a spectacular fireworks show and the best sleepover ever! They even offer food options to make your sleepover as easy as 1-2-3!

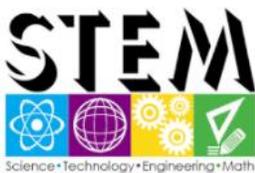
### BENEFITS:

- The first 1,000 campers to re-enter the gates for the sleepover will receive a special Keys Scout Night patch
- The first 450 participants to purchase their spots will receive complimentary upgraded seating
- Campers will get to take part in a pre-game parade on the field before the Keys game
- An exciting fireworks show will take place after the game
- After the fireworks, campers can cozy up in their tents and watch a movie on the big screen
- Groups of 15 or more will get to be recognized over our PA system and on the video board

For more information go to:

[www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?ymd=20140114&content\\_id=66606312&sid=t493&vkey=team4](http://www.milb.com/content/page.jsp?ymd=20140114&content_id=66606312&sid=t493&vkey=team4)

## On-Line Resource of the Month



Though the site [MastersInDataScience.org](http://MastersInDataScience.org) is mainly for those looking for advanced degrees in the sciences it does have a large list of 239 Cool Sites About Science, Technology, Engineering and Math for kids K-12:

[www.mastersindatascience.org/blog/the-ultimate-stem-guide-for-kids-239-cool-sites-about-science-technology-engineering-and-math/](http://www.mastersindatascience.org/blog/the-ultimate-stem-guide-for-kids-239-cool-sites-about-science-technology-engineering-and-math/)

## Equipment / Gear / Tips



### DIY Spice Kit



If you're getting ready to gear up for a hike or just a night away from home, this simple spice kit can deliver big flavors when you're on the go — for just \$1!

The kit is made from a daily pill container found at the local dollar store and filled with spices from home. It's perfect for camping and adds a little extra protection that zip top bags might not offer as they can puncture easily.

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## Microfiber Towels

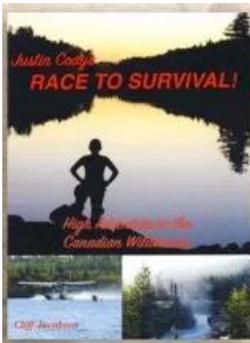


Towels take up a lot of space, and they're difficult to dry quickly. However, compact microfiber towels are an excellent alternative. They are designed specifically for campers and travelers who are frequently on the move. They might not be as large and comfy to use as a full-sized fluffy bath towel, but they're certainly practical. They take up a fraction of the space of normal towels and can absorb twice their weight in water. Wring them out and use them again and again.

## Books/Apps



### Download 'Race to Survival,' a Free Book for Teens Written by an Eagle Scout



Justin Cody is no outdoorsman. He's forced to take a canoe trip in Canada with his grandfather, but he'd rather be at home texting his friends and playing videogames.

But when Justin's grandfather is kidnapped during the trip, the 13-year-old must learn canoeing and camping skills to save himself and his grandpa.

That's the plot of *Race to Survival*, Cliff Jacobson's new book for teens. Jacobson, a Distinguished Eagle Scout and longtime Scouting magazine contributor, has interlaced practical outdoor skills in an adrenaline-filled book.

"I figured an adventure story would draw kids in, while the how-to material would teach them right," Jacobson says.

The book, which is for readers ages 11 to 17, blends fictional action with real-life tips explained in illustrations and sidebars.

*Race to Survival* normally sells for \$5.95, but Jacobson has a great deal exclusively for Scouts and Scouters. You can download it for free at <http://cliff-jacobson.com/digital-download/digital-download-r4miC9o-ebook.shtml>



### 100 Books Every Boy Should Read



For more than 100 years, *Boys' Life* has featured thousands of great books for boys. Here are the 100 titles they think every boy should read: <http://bookzone.boyslife.org/100-books-for-boys/>.

Keep in mind that they are constantly updating this list as new titles release. So, you may see some new books from time to time. Also, some books may require parental guidance. As always, before choosing a book to read, check with your parent(s) first.



## Exploring Science



Looking for a cool summertime project book? Discover the wonders of the universe in *Exploring Science: Space An Amazing Fact File and Hands-On Project Book: With 19 Easy-To-Do Experiments And 300 Exciting Pictures* by Ian Graham.

The book offers 19 do-it-yourself experiments like an dish antenna and solar heat conductor. Plus, there are hundreds of NASA-approved photos.

Hardcover, around \$11-12

## Training Opportunities



### Wood Badge



Wood Badge is advanced Scout leader training that began in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first director. It came to America in 1948 and has been updated to reflect current BSA policies and programs. Incorporating the best techniques available, Wood Badge has become the most advanced leadership training course in Scouting!

Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training and provides you with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and the district and council. The 1st half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. You'll learn what makes leadership work for you in Scouting and your personal life. The 2nd half offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help you learn the application of leadership skills. Finally, you will write and complete a "Ticket". The "Ticket" consists of five written goals. These goals connect your new leadership knowledge to your role in Scouting.

Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

The dates for the Fall Wood Badge Class are Sept 8-10 and Oct 7-9, both sessions must be attended. The course is held as Camp Snyder and the cost is \$300.

For more information and to register go to: [www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/)

Editor's Note: Many people say that they'll take Wood Badge later, when their son's are a bit older. When they eventually do take the course they then say that they should have done it earlier, when they could actually have applied all that they had learned. So don't wait, take it now, you'll actually enjoy the training.

## 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.

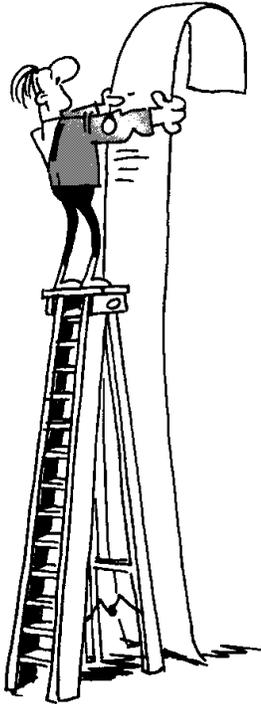
### 2017 Fall Course

**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



# District Calendar



**June 2017**  
 7 Roundtable  
 7 OA Chapter Meeting  
 9 Last Day of School  
 19-23 **Goose Creek Cub Scout Day Camp**  
 21 District Committee

**JULY 2017**  
 4 Independence Day  
 19-28 National Jamboree

**AUGUST 2017**  
 9 Roundtable  
 9 OA Chapter Meeting  
 23 District Committee  
 24 First Day of School

**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  
 23 School Holiday  
 25 District Committee

**November 2017**  
 4 **SFF Bag Distribution**  
 6-7 School Holiday  
 8 Roundtable  
 8 OA Chapter Meeting  
 11 **SFF Food Pickup**  
 15 District Committee  
 22-24 School Holiday  
 30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

**December 2017**  
 13 Roundtable  
 13 OA Chapter Meeting  
 14 **Annual District Business Meeting**  
 18-31 School Holiday

**JANUARY 2018**  
 1 Holiday  
 10 Roundtable  
 10 OA Chapter Meeting  
 15 MLK Jr. Day  
 24 District Committee  
 29 Moveable School Holiday

**FEBRUARY 2018**  
 10 Scout Sabbath  
 11 Scout Sunday  
 14 Roundtable  
 14 OA Chapter Meeting  
 19 President's Day  
 28 District Committee

**MARCH 2018**  
 1 **AOL Recognition Ceremony**  
 7 Roundtable  
 7 OA Chapter Meeting  
 21 District Committee  
 26-30 Spring Break

**APRIL 2018**  
 2 Student Holiday  
 9 Student Holiday  
 11 Roundtable  
 11 OA Chapter Meeting  
 25 District Committee

**MAY 2018**  
 9 **Program Launch**  
 9 OA Chapter Meeting  
 23 District Committee  
 28 Memorial Day