



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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## Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

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 For Everyone

 New Article



from Bobwhite Blather, <https://bobwhiteblather.com/a-three-step-problem-solving-process/>

## A three-step problem solving process

One of the greatest virtues of the Scouting program is that it teaches young people how to solve problems in real time with the resources they have at their disposal. They're not usually major problems – at least not to us, but to the Scouts, they can befuddle and confuse until they set themselves in the right direction.

I recently read an article by Tommy Gray, CPBE, in a broadcast engineering trade magazine. We broadcast engineers often face puzzling problems that need to be resolved quickly. Gray offered the advice that you are never totally down if you use your head. There are three things to keep in mind, in his "Engineering Recovery Philosophy". These are:

1. Start where you are
2. Use what you have
3. Do what you can!

Coupled with Baden-Powell's admonition (our motto) to Be Prepared (for any old thing, he elaborated), these three steps can be a powerful aid to setting your mind straight amid a setback or a conundrum.

It's not possible to be prepared for every "any old thing," but you and your Scouts can be reasonably well prepared. Part of this process is the collective learning that has taken place through the life of the troop. Along the way, issues may crop up – tents that start to leak, stoves that won't light – issues that Scouts who have been around for a while may have encountered and learned how to overcome.

For a new-Scout patrol, a sudden rain shower that drenches outerwear prompts discovery of a way to dry jackets, and a clothesline gets put up. The quartermaster thought ahead to bring the rope and knowing the proper knots to use allowed the Scouts to string a clothesline between the trees.

They followed the three-step recovery philosophy without even realizing it: They started where they were (wet clothes), used what they had (trees and rope) and did what they could (put up a clothesline).

Taking it a step further, the committee can use the three steps as a way to help themselves over obstacles. From finding people to do important functions to finding ways to carry out the Scouts' plans, having the available resources in mind and at hand is key to resolving your problems.

When a problem crops up or there's a task to do, start where you are. Use what you have – knowledge, tools resources – and do what you are able to do (this means asking others for help too), and you'll find you have a grip on the situation.

## District News

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

### District Court of Honor



It's that time of year — time to recognize those amazing Scouters who've made a huge difference in the lives of young people here in Goose Creek District - NCAC. All Goose Creek Packs, Troops, and Crews are invited to the Goose Creek District Annual Court of Honor on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Leesburg United Methodist Church, 107 W Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176. Special recipients include the District Award of Merit, District Key 3 Awardees, and the Robin L. Hayes Leadership Award.

We will gather at 7:00pm, open the ceremony at 7:30pm and close with a dessert reception following. Each unit is asked to contribute a dessert to share, preferably cut into single servings.

Thank you for all you do for scouting and we look forward to seeing you at the Goose Creek District Court of Honor!



### Town of Leesburg Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Foxridge Pond



The Departments of Public Works and Capital Projects are inviting Leesburg Cub Scout Packs to a "ribbon cutting" on the morning of Sat., May 5, 2018 from 9:30am-11am at the pond in Foxridge Park. At this event, local residents, Town dignitaries, Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, the Town's Environmental Advisory Commission, and local Girl Scouts are coming to the Foxridge Park pond for the ribbon cutting, and to help plant milkweed for the monarchs.

The Foxridge Park pond, and 2 other storm-water management ponds in Leesburg, have recently been retrofitted to help reduce pollutants flowing to the Chesapeake Bay as mandated by the Clean Water Act as implemented by the Town's MS4 permit. These ponds are perfect spots for creating monarch butterfly waystations. At this event, attendees will learn about the Town's effort to help reduce pollution and will plant milkweed for monarchs that support the NCAC-BSA Milkweed for Monarchs program.

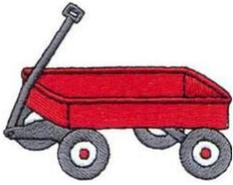
Although this ribbon cutting is not a BSA event, we'd like the Scouts to help kick-start the program at Town-owned storm-water management ponds. We will have 300 native milkweed plants for attendees to place in the natural areas around the pond and stream. Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy will also be there to help educate about the plight of the monarchs and other pollinators.

Parking is at the western half of Foxridge Park next to C. S. Monroe Technical School. From there, it is about a 0.2 mile walk to the pond.

For further information, contact Anne D. Geiger, P.E. Project Manager. Office of Capital Projects @ [AGeiger@LeesburgVA.gov](mailto:AGeiger@LeesburgVA.gov) or call: 703-771-2742.



## Day/Twilight Camp 2018



The Goose Creek Summer camps, Day & Twilight, are loading up our “little red wagon, front wheel's broken and the axle's draggin” and heading east to Claude Moore Park (CMP), Sterling VA. CMP is the right location – offering open space and wilderness that campers look for in a summer camp experience in a setting that's closer to home for many of the Scouting families of Goose Creek. For many living around CMP, they are not aware of the rich history of the land they now live on, once upon a time, it was all farms; providing the milk, butter and cheese shipped out daily by rail to Washington, DC. During the week, campers will get to explore the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum to learn about the past as well as ways to preserve our land, water and air for the future.

There has been an on-going argument in society about whether fishing is truly a sport, but for those who take part in this activity, it is with a passion. We have partnered with ORVIS to offer a “Lunch & Learn” fishing demonstration. Cubs will be instructed in the art of fly fishing at CPM's three-acre pond. The camp director will happily lead by example in the lost art of kicking back on a warm summer day, taking a lazy afternoon nap with a fishing pole at arm's reach.

Goose Creek Summer Camps are developing a new camp activity program called Scout Craft. This activity station will be comparable to a Camp Fire program: skits, songs, jokes, physical comedy & ice-breakers. Scout Craft will not only be entertaining, but also to introduce Cubs into the fun and excitement of the Boy Scout program. The Jr. staff will work with the Cub Scouts, guiding them to develop their own skits for the final day of camp.

The Goose Creek Summer camps continue to partner with the George Washington University Nursing program to conduct First Aid Training. The nursing students instruct Cub Scouts in how to react quickly during a medical emergency, which could mean the difference between life or death. This training not only involves the lecture of concepts, but hands-on application of the lesson plans: splinting broken bones, binding wounds to stop profuse bleeding, and hands-on CPR. Staff will work directly with cubs on the basic skills of First Aid.

With the only constant in life being change, the Goose Creek Summer camps are changing and evolving just like the Scouting program. We are excited about Family Scouting programs, we have had female siblings attending camp for over the past ten years and now welcome them as Cubs. But if parents are uncertain about whether to sign up their daughters for BSA scouting, they have the option to try out the program by registering their daughters in the sibling program. Whether it is learning to tie a Monkey fist, or the art of silk screening at crafts, delving into science projects or developing the skills to become proficient at the shooting sport, the Goose Creek Summer camps will have something for every child. The experienced staff will educate, demonstrate, guide and enable cubs in many areas of interest, creating fond memories they will cherish and wish to share with their own cubs once they are parents themselves.

**Camp Dates:** June 18th - 22nd Location Claude Moore Park Sterling VA

**Camp Registration and All Forms:** [www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/)

**Camp Director's contact:** [rumseylight@gmail.com](mailto:rumseylight@gmail.com)



## Volunteer at Day/Twilight Camp



**Adult Volunteer on Camp Staff** – By serving on camp staff to run a Program Area for all five days of Day Camp parents receive a discounted camp registration for to two Cub Scout at only \$30 each (Day Camp) or \$15 each (Twilight). Once you sign up the Camp Director will provide the codes needed to register you children for camp. An adult has already stepped forward to be the Den Walker for the children volunteering to be on staff.

**Youth Volunteer on Camp Staff** - for youth 14 years or older volunteering as a Junior staff member after volunteering at Day Camp for five days can choose to receive either \$100 credit toward camping at any NCAC Resident camp or Service Hours. A Service Hours letter will be awarded to all Jr. staff, to be used for rank advancement as well meet School or other requirements for cubs. The camp director will provide recommendation letters upon request for the that first job or college application.

**Staff Volunteer Forms** - Can be found on the following website:

[www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/). The camp director will follow up as to where to drop off forms.

**Volunteer Staff Sign-up**

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0845AFA72EA1FE3-daycamp](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0845AFA72EA1FE3-daycamp)

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0845AFA72EA1FE3-twilight](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0845AFA72EA1FE3-twilight)

Contact Joe Nunley ([tylajasa@gmail.com](mailto:tylajasa@gmail.com)) or Rumsey Light ([Rumsey.light@navient.com](mailto:Rumsey.light@navient.com)) on how to join the staff at Goose Creek Cub Summer Camps as a volunteer.

## Goose Creek District 2018 Camporee



The 2018 Goose Creek District Spring Camporee will be held Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, returning again to the superb outdoor facilities of the Harpers Ferry Adventure Center, Purcellville VA. This year's Camporee brings back much of the acclaimed program from previous years with some exciting improvements. The focus remains Outdoor Adventure and promises a Challenge to all who join us!

The Camporee program festivities consist of two major parts, a (traditional-type) Camporee Patrol Challenge of six events, and an Adventure Choice session where Scouts and Adult Leaders can explore a selection of optional Adventure activities.

The Other Half of your day will be filled with a Shooting Range (Archery, .22 cal rifle, and perhaps more), fishing, giant inflatable cushion bounce, and these Adventure Choice activities: Maryland Heights Hike/Harpers Ferry Tour, Crystal Grottoes Caving Adventure, Whitewater Rafting (3-hour run), Zip Line Canopy Tour (7 long zips & a suspended bridge), and Aerial Adventure Park (30- obstacle challenge course). The registration fee will be about \$20 per participant (covers all camping and facility costs); additional fees are required for the Adventure Choice events.

An Order of the Arrow Callout Ceremony and Ghost Story competition will highlight the Saturday evening Campfire, and a Scouts Own Service on Sunday morning will round out the weekend.

**Unit Leaders, please email your estimated participant counts (Scouts and Adults) and your arrival day (Friday night or Saturday morning), plus your Unit Leader's name & contact info, unit type and number, to Mike Sierra ([MiJoSi@theventuragroup.com](mailto:MiJoSi@theventuragroup.com)) as soon as possible.**



## Commissioners Needed in Goose Creek District



Is your scout aging out of the Boy Scout program? If so, and if you're interested in staying in the Boy Scouts and be willing to help other adults keep their units thriving, then we have a position for you!

The Goose Creek District currently has a shortage of Unit Commissioners to effectively provide quality commissioning service to our units. Our ratio of Units to UCs is too high at this time and we need to get it closer to the ideal ratio of 3:1. Now that BSA is adding young ladies to the program, we need both men and women to help our units through the transition.

### So, what is a Unit Commissioner?

A Unit Commissioner (UC) is a volunteer position that serves as a friend to their unit(s), and as a link between the unit and district to ensure Scouts are receiving a quality experience. A UC helps by ...

- Supporting unit growth and retention through the Journey to Excellence program
- Contacting units and capturing their strengths and needs in an on-line tool, and helps their unit develop a Unit Service Plan that enables continuing improvement.
- Linking unit needs to District Operating Committees and other resources
- Supporting timely unit, district and council charter renewals.
- Attending meetings and activities they'd like

### But I've never been a Commissioner; how can I help?

Fear not, training is available, both on-line and/or in-classroom. And what's probably more important is that you simply need a desire to help, and the willingness to find the right resource ... you don't need to know all the answers.

Please consider serving this very honorable position in the Goose Creek District, help our youth learn, instill good values, and become excellent citizens through the Scouting program.

For more information, please visit <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/>

For more details on how to become a Unit Commissioner, contact John Witek @ [john.witek@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:john.witek@goosecreekdistrict.org) or call: 571.354.9904.

## How to Get the Latest District News



Goose Creek District maintains mailing lists for its scouting community. There are lists for Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Venture Crews, as well as other lists for various district groups such as the District Committee. The monthly newsletter is normally sent to all lists to ensure widest distribution.

To be added to a list or to be removed from a list, please send mail to the communications committee – [Communications@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Communications@GooseCreekDistrict.org) – and specify which list you would like to be on (Packs, Troops, Crews).

## Webelos-o-ree 2018



The date for Goose Creek's annual Webelos-o-ree is set for September 22-23 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 show Webelos and their parents what 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, first aid, knife safety. We provide dinner, and in the evening, there is a campfire run by the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow. 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.



## "Cheerful Service Chatter"

Chapter News for our Arrowmen

Lodge Website: [www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA](http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA)



## Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail (GOAT) Crew Opportunity



Every summer, the Order of the Arrow Lodge organizes trail crews to perform trail maintenance at the Goshen Scout Reservation and to participate in the Lenhok'sin Trail Camp. This summer, one Crew will serve from June 17 – June 30 (14 days), and a second will serve from June 25 through July 6 (12 days). The teams spend the first week performing trail maintenance activities and the second week on the Goshen Lenhok'sin Trail High Adventure Camp. The cost is \$ 170 for the 14 day high adventure program and \$140 for the 12 day high adventure program. Interested Order of the Arrow members need to apply as soon as possible, since teams are now being formed.

Web: [www.ncacbsa.org/program/order-of-the-arrow/goshen-order-of-the-arrow-trail-crew/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/program/order-of-the-arrow/goshen-order-of-the-arrow-trail-crew/)

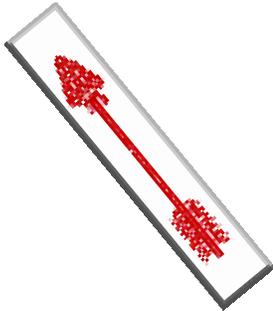
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Applications:

Youth: [www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Youth-Application-2018.pdf](http://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Youth-Application-2018.pdf)

Adult: [www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-GOAT-Adult-Application.pdf](http://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-GOAT-Adult-Application.pdf)

## Spring Ordeal



Arrowmen, this year's Spring Ordeal will be held at the Leesburg Izaak Walton League facility on May 4-6, 2018. **Please note that this is a change to the previously posted date.** In addition to the induction of our newly elected candidates we will also be holding a Brotherhood Conversion allowing Arrowmen who have been an Ordeal member for over 10 months to "seal" their membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Newly elected candidates will receive a Candidate Notification Letter in the mail after the District Camporee. The online registration for the Spring Ordeal will open in mid-April. Please check the NCAC OA web page and select the link for "Chapter Ordeal Schedules" to register. If you have any questions, please contact the Chapter Chief ([chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org)) or the Chapter Adviser Hal Raffensperger ([hal.raffensperger@earthlink.net](mailto:hal.raffensperger@earthlink.net)).

## "Onward and Upward"

On the Advancement Trail



### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

**Zachary Aycock** – Troop 982

**Evan Eitzel** – Troop 2012

**William Fincher** – Troop 163

**Andrew Gold** – Troop 533

**Christopher Sandidge** – Troop 970

**Peter Shaw** – Troop 1550

**James Sheppard** – Troop 533

**Evan Stripling** – Troop 2012

**Nathan Weidenhamer** – Troop 533



### When Submitting an ESRA to Council for Approval



Submitting an Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA) to Council for approval prior to holding the Eagle Board of Review (EBoR) should be done by an adult to maintain Youth Protection standards of no one-on-one communication between youth and adult. That person could be the District Eagle Representative, a unit leader/Advancement chair, or a parent.

Also Margee, who does all of the Council's ESRA approvals, is very busy. When submitting the ESRA please don't include other requests for information in the same email. It is a very real possibility that the additional topics will be overlooked. Send the requests in a separate email.

And finally, the EBoR should not be scheduled prior to receiving Council approval.



## How to Arrange the Eagle Scout Project Workbook for the Board of Review



The recommended order of the Eagle Project workbook is a well thought out format (see page 67 of the NCAC Eagle Scout Procedure Guide, [www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Eagle\\_Scout\\_Procedures\\_Guide-1.pdf](http://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Eagle_Scout_Procedures_Guide-1.pdf)).

- a. The original Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA)
- b. Page two of the ESRA showing Council verification of the records. Sometimes this will be an email with the Scout's name, unit, and chartered organization. This email is in lieu of the signed application when the Council person who checks the application is not in the office and cannot scan the signed page two. The instructions will either say to include the attachment or to include the email as proof of records verification.
- c. Life ambitions and purpose and leadership positions, honors, and awards earned.
- d. The complete workbook: Proposal, plan, and final report.
- e. Next, include project supporting documents such as drawings, diagrams, pictures, receipts, and thank you letters.
- f. Finally, anything else that helps tell who this young person is: Certificates such as Den Chief training, documents from school or outside organizations, ...

A through D are mandatory. All else just gives a clearer picture of what kind of citizen this young person is.

## Life-to-Eagle Training



Mark your calendars for the next offering of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek in 2018. It will be on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>; from 10:30-2:30.

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 as well. 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 first one for 2018:

**Date:** April 21, 2018

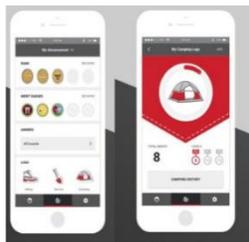
**Time:** 10:30 - 2:30

**Place:** Lovettsville Library, Mtg Rm

We're targeting an additional 1-2 Life-to-Eagle Seminars in 2018, and are currently targeting the months of July, and Sep (or Nov) for those. Locations and times are all "TBD" pending confirmation of meeting 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.

## ★ Scouting App for iPhone and Android helps Scouts Track Advancement on the Go



Scouting adventures can happen anywhere. With the new Scouting app for iPhone and Android, you can track those adventures anywhere, too.

The Scouting app, developed by the Boy Scouts of America, allows youth members and their parents to view and track advancement within Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and Venturing.

It's free and available on iOS and Android devices.

The BSA's Information Technology Group, along with a throng of volunteer beta testers, wanted families to have an easier way to view and track a young person's advancement. So they built the attractive, easy-to-use, official app.

The Scouting app connects to Scoutbook.com to sync existing advancement data. Because this information is stored on your device, you can use the Scouting app offline. That means parents and youth (13 and older) can access their advancement data anywhere, at any time.

### How to begin

After downloading the Scouting app, parents and youth use their Scoutbook.com credentials to login.

Don't yet have a Scoutbook account? Visit [www.scoutbook.com](http://www.scoutbook.com) to create one for free. Note: a youth and parent can set up an account for the new mobile app even if their pack, troop or crew doesn't have a unit-level subscription to Scoutbook.com.

### What the app can do

The initial release (version 1.0) of the app includes the following functions:

- Track a Scout's advancement
- Track logs like service hours, hiking and camping
- View parent and/or Scout profile
- Submit feedback
- Provide parent access to your Scout(s) account

Under settings, the new app also supports a night-mode feature, user default data settings and offline capabilities.

### What's coming soon

Additional features will be introduced later in 2018, including:

- Scout community
- Notifications
- Positions of leadership/responsibility
- Calendar
- Scout challenges

### Feedback is a gift

If you find any issues with the new Scouting app, use the "Submit Feedback" feature in the app for the quickest way to share those concerns.

Look for the "gear" icon within the app.



## Neckerchief Passdown Ceremony



The following information comes from Byan On Scouting (the official BSA blog, <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org>) about a ceremony performed by Pack 33 (unlisted Council).

When the Cub Scouts of Pack 33 level up to the next rank, they pass their neckerchiefs and hats to the Scouts one rank behind them.

This takes place in a yearly ceremony that's equal parts sincere and chaotic.

It's sincere because "it builds fellowship from each group as they help promote the den behind them to the next level," says Pack 33 leader Bruce Andersen.

It's chaotic because, well, it involves dozens of Cub Scouts simultaneously removing their neckerchiefs and placing them on the necks of other Cub Scouts.

Andersen says the Cub Scouts like the tradition because they "get a sense of achievement as they move to the next level in Scouting."

Parents like it, he says, because "it shows the continuity of the Scouting program."

A single Cub Scout neckerchief might have been worn by 10 different Cub Scouts who had 10 different life-changing experiences in Pack 33. It's powerful stuff.



## Cub Scout Wolf Adventure Running with the Pack Dice Gam



The Wolf Cub Scout adventure, *Running with the Pack*, focuses on physical fitness with a dash of healthy eating. The site CubScoutIdeas.com has come up with a fun dice activity combines a craft (making of the dice with activities listed on the sides) and a game to help make the adventure more exciting for the Scouts.

Check this out at <https://cubscoutideas.com/8899/running-with-the-pack-dice-game/>

## Webelos AoL Certificate



Looking for a certificate to give your graduating Arrow Light Scouts?

Using a frame from the U.S. Scouting Service Project (<http://usscouts.org/images/bsaborder.jpg>) Goose Creek has created a MS Word template that you can modify to include the Scout's name, your pack, and the date awarded (or reset in any other way you want). Both the template and the original graphic can be found in Goose Creek's website, in the Webelos-o-ree section: [www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/webelos-o-ree/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/webelos-o-ree/)

LOL



95% of a backpack's contents could have been left at home.  
The 5% left at home will be needed.

## Council / National News

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



### Every Scouter Must Complete Updated Youth Protection Training by Oct. 1, 2018



The BSA has announced bold, wide-ranging updates to its Youth Protection program as part of an ongoing effort to protect young people from child abuse.

This starts with an enhanced online Youth Protection training course all volunteers and professionals must complete.

Even those Scout leaders who took the previous version of Youth Protection training must log into My.Scouting.org and complete the updated Youth Protection course. **You have until Oct. 1, 2018, to do so.**

The updated course will take about an hour to complete. It includes cutting-edge research from the top experts in the field of child abuse prevention. It covers topics like bullying, neglect, exposure to violence, physical and emotional abuse, and child sexual abuse.

“There is no substitute for hearing directly from experts who have spent their careers studying child predators and abusers,” said Michael Johnson, the BSA’s director of Youth Protection. “They shine a new light on the challenge we all face in protecting kids and how parents and volunteers can put barriers in place to keep them away.”

Next, the BSA has made it impossible for an individual to register as a new volunteer without first completing Youth Protection training. Unit rechartering is affected, too. Packs, troops, posts, ships and crews cannot recharter until all leaders — 100 percent of them — are current on their Youth Protection training.

Finally, beginning June 1, 2018, all adults who will be present at a Scouting activity for 72 hours or more (**the 72 hours are cumulative, not consecutive**) must register as volunteers and complete a background check and Youth Protection training. This includes parents, merit badge counselors and any other adult who will be there for an extended time.

The BSA is serious about fighting child abuse, and you’re an important part of that fight. Thanks for your vigilance and dedication.

#### Who must complete the updated Youth Protection course?

All registered Scouters (volunteers and professionals), including any adult who will be present at a Scouting activity for 72 total hours or more.

The updated course debuted in February 2018; if you took Youth Protection training prior to that, you’ll need to complete the updated course by Oct. 1, 2018.

#### How do I take the updated Youth Protection course?

Here’s a PDF that outlines the steps: [www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/How-to-Guide-for-Taking-Youth-Protection-Training-3-1-18.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/How-to-Guide-for-Taking-Youth-Protection-Training-3-1-18.pdf)



## Update on Program for Girls in Troops



The National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America has confirmed a scheduled February 1, 2019 launch date for the program to serve girls, ages 11-17. This timing is intended to align with the programmatic timeline so that girls who join Cub Scouts in 2018 and will have earned their Arrow of Light are able to cross over to a troop to continue their Scouting journey.

The Board also approved the option of a linked troop structure that would allow existing boy troops and future girl troops the opportunity to be linked through a shared COR and troop committee.

**Q:** Will you change the program to accommodate girls?

Our existing programs are relevant for both young men and women. After all, the values of Scouting as outlined in the Scout Law – trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent – are relevant and important values for both young men and women. As such, the program for girls, ages 11 to 17 will be the same curriculum offered in the Boy Scout program.

**Q:** Will the Scoutmaster position change in the program for girls?

No, the Scoutmaster is still responsible for training and guiding youth leaders in the operation of the troop and for managing, training and supporting assistant scoutmasters in their role.

**Q:** Can a boy troop and a girl troop share the same Scoutmaster?

No. Chartered organizations should have separate Scoutmasters for their boy troop and girl troop.

**Q:** Can both male troops and girl troops share the same committee?

A chartered organization can decide if they want the same or separate committee.

**Q:** Can a boy troop and girl troop meet at the same time?

Yes. Based on the preferences of the chartered organization, the boy troop and girl troop could meet at the same time and place.

**Q:** If a chartered organization is not able to establish a new unit based on the required number of same-gender youth needed, can boy patrols and girl patrols be combined to form a troop?

No. A new unit must be started using the current youth and adult requirements; however, chartered organizations can consider the linked troop model so that the newly-established girl troop will have the same COR and can share the troop committee.

**Q:** Can a boy troop and girl troop meet as one big troop?

Opening and closing of the meetings can be together or separate, depending on space and desire of the chartered organization and unit leadership. The other components of the Scout meeting should be run separately.

**Q:** Can boy and girl patrols make up a troop?

No. Troops must be all male or all female youth members.

**Q:** Must the leaders of a boy troop be men and all the leaders of the girl troop be women?

No. Adult leadership may be men, women, or both men and women together. All youth protection guidelines are to be in use no matter the make-up of the adult leadership.

**Q:** Can a boy troop and girl troop plan events and courts of honor together?

Yes, they can plan events together, as troops currently do.

**Q:** Will all current Boy Scout troops be required to offer a program for girls?

Chartered organizations can decide which programs best serve the needs of their community, which means that the chartered organization can continue to offer Scouting for boys, or they may choose to add a unit for older girls.

## ★ Taking your Pack or Den Camping? At Least One Adult Must take BALOO Training



BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. It's the introductory training Cub Scout leaders should complete before taking Cub Scouts on an overnight camping trip.

Recent updates to this two-part course make the content more impactful, useful and convenient.

The new BALOO combines the previous BALOO and a course called Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders, or OWL.

As of Feb. 28, 2018, OWL is no more. The OWL training code — C33 — has been retired. The training code for the new, hybrid BALOO is C32.

### Who should take BALOO?

The BSA **requires** that you have at least one BALOO-trained adult on every Cub Scout den or pack overnight outdoor event. That includes pack camping and Webelos den overnights.

A BALOO-trained leader should be at any overnights regardless of whether it is a pack, district or council event.

Having at least one BALOO-trained adult will make your Cub Scouts' camping experience as awesome as it can be.

### Why should I take BALOO?

Leaders who complete BALOO training are better prepared to plan pack den or pack overnight events.

You'll learn how to make camping activities and outings fun. You'll discover how to keep your Cub Scouts safe and entertained. And you'll learn how to plan an event that's rooted firmly in Cub Scouting's principles.

Successful experiences in the outdoors make Cub Scouts — and their parents — more likely to keep coming back.

### How do I take BALOO?

BALOO consists of two components: online and hands-on. You'll need to complete both — in order — to qualify as a "Trained" Cub Scout outdoor leader and receive the BALOO recognition patch.

1. Online component: The online portion of BALOO is available 24/7 on the BSA Learn Center. Just log in to <https://my.scouting.org/> to begin. The goal of the online portion is to make the best use of time to allow leaders to experience as much as possible during the practical hands-on training.
2. Practical, hands-on component: This 1.5-day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities. Check with your district or council to see if they're offering a BALOO training soon.

You can download the syllabus here:

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/510-033\(17\)BALOO.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/510-033(17)BALOO.pdf)

## 2018 Fredericksburg National Cemetery Luminaria



On the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend, the National Park Service hosts an annual illumination of the Fredericksburg National Cemetery. This program is free to the public.

The luminaria pays tribute to soldiers who have given their lives for this country. To honor those soldiers, members of the Mattaponi and Aquia Districts of the Boy Scouts of America and the Commonwealth Council Girl Scouts of the USA will light 15,300 candles in the cemetery – one for each soldier buried there. In addition, a bugler will play “Taps” every 30 minutes during the evening and park staff posted throughout the cemetery will tell the stories of soldiers interred there.

**Sat. May 26th, 8:30 am until completed – BAG LAYOUT** – National Cemetery – Meet in the center of the National Cemetery at the Humphrey’s Monument. Please use the UMW parking lot on William Street. From I-95, take Rt. 3 East, pass under Rt. 1, make a left at the 1st light on to William St., pass College Ave., and there will be parking at the UMW lot on the right, at the corner of William St. and Sunken Rd. Walk from the parking lot along Sunken Rd. towards Hanover St. Cross Hanover and pass the Innis House on your left, then proceed through the Main Gate up the hill. **(Bring wagons and water bottles, and dress comfortably.) For all age levels.**

**6:30 pm ASSEMBLE / 7:00 pm - LUMINARIA LIGHTING** – Meet in the center of the National Cemetery at the Humphrey’s Monument - Park in the UMW lot on William St. and proceed through the Main Gate up the hill (see above). There will be transportation running from this parking lot to the Visitors Center from 7:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. **(Bring your own lighters and water bottles. Dress in full uniform.) Due to the use of lighters, this activity is for older scouts: boy scouts, venturing, junior, cadette, senior and ambassador girl scout only, please!**

**8:00 pm – 11:00 pm LUMINARIA EVENT** – National Cemetery. FREE TO THE PUBLIC – Parking at UMW lot on William St. (see above). Handicapped parking available at the National Park Visitor’s Center.

The National Park DOES NOT ALLOW PETS in the cemetery.

**Sun. May 27th, 8:30 am until completed - BAG CLEAN UP** – National Cemetery – (Bring water bottles and dress comfortably.) FOR ALL AGE LEVELS

\*PLEASE REGISTER FOR THESE ACTIVITIES BY CONTACTING Jack & Kim Walmer – [jkwalmer@aol.com](mailto:jkwalmer@aol.com) with which activity(s), Troop/Pack #, number of adults attending, and number of youth attending.\*

After Memorial Day Weekend, Patches can be ordered by using the form [https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA082/document\\_15169387430\\_2573.doc](https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA082/document_15169387430_2573.doc) Questions on patches contact - [scoutfamily4mom@aol.com](mailto:scoutfamily4mom@aol.com) Checks payable to FoFAB

Please allow 8 weeks after the Luminaria for patches to be delivered.

## Scout Challenge Tandem Canoe Race



The Scout Challenge is a tandem canoe race that occurs on the first Saturday in June each year in conjunction with the Great Rappahannock Whitewater Canoe Race ([www.americancanoe.org/GRWCR](http://www.americancanoe.org/GRWCR)) and Rock the River FXBG ([www.rocktheriverfxbg.com](http://www.rocktheriverfxbg.com)).

Proceeds from this 38th annual race support Friends of the Rappahannock, the ACA Stream-to-Sea Initiative, the Fredericksburg Fire Department's River Rescue Team, and the Fredericksburg Chapter of Team River Runner.

**Competitors:** Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts & Venture Crews

**Race Course:**

- Rappahannock River - from Old Mill Park to City Dock
- Approximately 1.8 river miles of moving water

**Classes** - all races are in tandem canoes:

- Men
- Women
- Mixed (1 male / 1 female)

**Logistics:**

- Tandem canoes are provided courtesy of the Virginia Outdoor Center
- Scouts must register and pay online or on-site
- Waivers must be signed; if an individual is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign a Minor Waiver

**2018 Information (Old Mill Park):**

- Thursday, May 31, 2018 - 5:30pm - Practice Date
- Saturday, June 2, 2018 – Race Date, race starts at 2:30 pm

Additional information, including maps, registration and waivers can be found at: [www.americancanoe.org/grwcr](http://www.americancanoe.org/grwcr).

For additional questions pertaining to the Scout Challenge, please contact volunteer Race Director Mike Robinson at [mhrobin@msn.com](mailto:mhrobin@msn.com).

## 2019 World Scout Jamboree



Registration for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve is live. This means prospective youth participants, adult volunteers and staffers — known in World Scout Jamboree parlance as the International Service Team (IST) — can register to join the adventure.

The quadrennial event, held at the BSA's high-adventure base in West Virginia and co-hosted with Scouts Canada and Asociación de Scouts de México, will be the first World Scout Jamboree in the United States in more than half a century.

The World Scout Jamboree will welcome 50,000 Scouts and leaders from 169 different countries. They'll gather to meet friends from around the world, develop mutual understanding and sharpen their leadership skills. They'll do all that at the BSA's newest high-adventure destination, where a playground of world-class adventure venues awaits.

For more information on how to sign up, who can participate and local presentations in your District offering more about the Jambo go to

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/WSJ>

### Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Scout Day Camp is a great means for all Scouts from Tiger through Webelos and their siblings to experience Camp Snyder without the overnight sleeping. Each day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with lunch included in the cost of camp.

Sessions run from Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Day Only / Lunch Included.

Session 1: July 9-12

Session 2: July 30-Aug 2

Cost: \$225 – register by April 13

\$250 – register by May 21

\$275 – register after May 21

\$45 – one adult for a week

(may be a different adult each day)

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

Note: This is a Council run Day Camp and should not be confused with the one run by Goose Creek.

### Cub Scout STEM Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



The NCAC STEM Program is coming to Camp Snyder for one week only (July 24-27). Spaces are limited so sign up early for this unique blend of BBs, Archery, Swimming and STEM! Each day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with lunch included in the cost of camp.

July 23 - 26

Cost: \$250 – register by April 13

\$275 – register by May 21

\$300 – register after May 21

\$45 – adults

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

### Webelos Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Webelos camp is a big step for the Webelos I or II working on rank adventures. Scouts will camp overnight just like when they become Boy Scouts to get the full summer camp experience in a shorter setting. Most of your time will be spent working towards advancing in your Webelos trail on the way to becoming a Boy Scout. There's plenty of other fun activities to fill your week including trips to the pool and more.

Monday 9:00am – Friday 9:00 am, Overnight / Meals are provided from Monday lunch – Friday continental breakfast

July 16-20

Cost: \$275– register by April 13

\$300 – register by May 21

\$325 – register after May 21

\$125 – adults

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

## Cub Scout Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Resident Camp is your bite sized introduction to a Boy Scout summer camp program. All registered Cubs, Tigers – Webelos and their adult leaders/parents sleep on cots in 4-person BSA wall tents that sit on raised platforms, eat in the camp dining hall and experience a whole day into the night program. The program at camp includes opportunities for Scouts to earn Adventure Loops, and several just-for-fun activities. The importance of Cub Resident camp to a registered Cub Scout and their family is tremendous! Resident Camp will develop your son's or dens' self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing learning experiences in which campers acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to their well-being.

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.

Session 1: July 13-15

Session 2: July 20-21

Session 3: Aug 3-5

Cost: \$235 – register by April 13

\$260 – register by May 21

\$285 – register after May 21

\$75 – adults

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

## September STEM Family Camping at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



The STEM Committee is planning an exciting day STEM activities. After a fun day of activities at Sally's STEM Shack Scouts and their families will camp overnight.

Date: Sept 15-16, 2018

Cost: \$30 per Scout/sibling, \$10 per adult or Boy Scout sibling, \$5 for those 5 and under.

To Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16547>, this event is also available as a Day Event Only: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16548>

## Cub Scout STEM Weekend Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Everything that you love about our Resident Weekend program + Science Technology Engineering Math. What's not to like?

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping.

Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.

July 27-29

Cost: \$260 – register by April 13

\$285 – register by May 21

\$310 – register after May 21

\$75 – adults

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

## Cub Scout EXPO and Family Camping at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Come for the Expo, stay for the night! Cubs can enjoy camping with family and scouting friends in crisp fall air. The event fee includes full access to the Cub Scout Fall Expo! There will be vendors, shooting sports, games and activities for Cubs and Cub aged siblings.

All participants must bring a complete BSA health form parts A & B with them to check-in.

If you have food allergies, a medical condition or you require a special diet for religious reasons and plan to purchase the meal plan please complete the Special Dietary Request form and submit it to [Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org](mailto:Camp.Snyder@Scouting.org) no later than October 1, 2018.

Date: Oct 20-21, 2018

Cost: \$30 per Scout/sibling, \$10 per adult or Boy Scout sibling, \$5 for those 5 and under.

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16549>

## Webelos and Boy Scout EXPO at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Activities include Air Gun Shooting ranges, Archery, Tomahawk throwing, rock wall climbing and more.

We plan to have vendors from around the area showcasing recreational activities of all kinds.

Units are encouraged to camp with us Friday and Saturday night to take full advantage of all that the Great Outdoors! event has to offer.

Date: Nov 17, 2018

Cost: \$30 per Scout/Cub Scout aged sibling, \$10 per adult or Boy Scout sibling, \$5 for those 5 and under.

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16550>

## Spring Family Camping at Camp Snyder



Join us for BB gun shooting, archery, slingshots and more! After a fun day of camp program you and your pack can stay overnight.

When: Saturday, May 19-20, 2018

To register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16546> (closes 5/5)

Cost:

- Scouts/Cub Scout age siblings: \$30
- Adults: \$10
- Siblings age 5 and under: \$5
- Boy Scout age sibling: \$10

A late registration fee of \$5 (per person) will be added on starting 4/21.

## Adult Adventure Weekend at Summit Bechtel Reserve



Throughout your time as a Scouter, you've helped young people shine.

You've watched them plan trips — and then driven them safely to their destination. You've mentored from the sidelines as they take on top leadership roles. You've smiled with pride as they enjoyed one life-changing adventure after another.

Now it's your turn.

At Adult Adventure Weekend, held June 20 to 24, 2018, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, adults get to unleash their inner Scout.

This first-of-its-kind event invites adults to try SBR activities usually reserved for Scouts and Venturers. Adults will get to ride the zip lines, climb rocks, shoot guns, ride bikes, fish, tour, eat great food, hang out with friends, and experience the best adventures at SBR and the New River Gorge.

You've given your time, energy and resources to Scouting. Because of you, youth can participate in the grand adventure of Scouting.

Now, for one weekend this June, it's your turn for a grand adventure. It's your turn to treat yourself.

**How much:** \$295 per person. There will be an additional fee of \$75 if a rafting elective is added. Payment is due in full at the time of registration.

Go to [www.summitbsa.org/AAW](http://www.summitbsa.org/AAW) to register and for additional information.

## Goshen Family Camping 2018



There are now two opportunities during the year for Family Camp at Goshen! We have the traditional Labor Day Family Camp and, new in 2018, Memorial Day Family Camp!

We will have the Waterfront, Shooting Range, Handicraft and COPE Giant Swing up and running!

Cost: \$20/camper, bring your own food and camping equipment. We supply all programming free of charge.

Memorial Day Camp: May 25-28

Labor Day Camp: Aug 31 - Sept 3

For additional information and to register go to [www.gotogoshen.org/events/family-camp/](http://www.gotogoshen.org/events/family-camp/)

## Whitewater Challengers Cub-O-Ree Weekend



Dates: June 15 – 17, 2018  
 Price: \$49.95  
 Location: White Haven, PA, 18661

This fun filled weekend is for Cub Scouts and their families and includes two nights of camping under the stars, a tour of historic Eckley Miners' Village (shuttle included), bag n' go lunch, games and competitions, a nature show, group campfire and a free Scout patch and certificate of achievement!

Bring your own tent, rent a tent or rent a bunkhouse for your overnight stay. Additional meals including breakfast and dinner buffets are available for purchase.

To register go to [www.whitewaterchallengers.com/scouts](http://www.whitewaterchallengers.com/scouts) and about half way down the page you'll see the entry for Camp-O-Ree Weekends.

The contact point for this event is Barbara Acker,  
[barbara@whitewaterchallengers.com](mailto:barbara@whitewaterchallengers.com) or 800.443.8554

**Note:** This event is sponsored by Whitewater Challengers; it is not run or endorsed by National Capital Area Council, BSA.

## Bullseye!



The NCAC Shooting Sports Committee & Camp Snyder are 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.

When: Saturday, April 21-22, 2018

To register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-16530> (closes 4/7)

Cost:

- Scouts/Cub Scout age siblings: \$30
- Adults: \$10
- Siblings age 5 and under: \$5
- Boy Scout age sibling: \$10

A late registration fee of \$5 (per person) will be added on starting 3/11.

## Arlington National Cemetery - #Flower on Every Grave



Memorial Day has become a holiday celebrated with barbecues, drinks and special discounts, but the actual meaning of the day is often forgotten. This day, brought to fruition in the 1800s and originally called Decoration Day, is meant to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and fighting for our country. With that in mind, RallyPoint, the largest military network in the U.S., created the #FlowerOnEveryGrave movement to bring back the true meaning of Memorial Day. They are on a mission to place a #FlowerOnEveryGrave across the country.

For information on how to volunteer and what needs to be done on either the Sunday before Memorial Day, Memorial Day, or the Saturday after for clean-up, go to <https://memorialdayflowers.org/web/volunteers-arlington-national-cemetery/>



2018 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key:  Available  Almost Full  Full

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

Week 1 – 6/24 to 6/30

Week 3 – 7/8 to 7/14

Week 4 – 7/15 to 7/21

Week 2 – 7/1 to 7/7

Week 4 – 7/15 to 7/21

Week 6 – 7/29 to 8/4

Fees:

If paid by April 13: Youth \$360, Adults \$225

If paid by May 18: Youth \$400, Adults \$265

After May 18: Youth \$440, Adults \$305

- All units will receive two free adult leaders!

Registration is now live for Goshen Scout Reservation's 2018 program:

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

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 (\$600 after April 30, 2018)

ADULT REGISTRATION FEE: \$400 (\$500 after April 30, 2018)

Fees include meals (Sunday dinner through Friday breakfast), campsite (w/tents, showers, dining flies, 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/)

## One Day Religious Retreat for Boy Scouts



Get away from all the electronics for a day--- A day devoted to Duty to God and A Scout is Reverent. Units are asked to bring scouts in groups of three. Events will be worked on in threes.

- Birds of the Air---all 3 lessons will be covered and the patch earned. Patches presented at closing. Birds of the Air is one part of the Bible Basics program developed by Programs for Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y).
- Learn about: Putting Duty to God into your troop program , Chaplain's Aide Training, and how to earn the Religious Emblem for your Faith-- if you have done: God & Church or God & Life bring your materials for part of a round robin discussion, or if Catholic bring your Emblem materials for the discussion.
- Learning the art of Colonial Tin Punch – will make ornaments and a plaque to take home. If you use frozen juice or lemonade, save the metal discs on the opening end, wash them, and bring them with you to turn in.

Sponsored by the NCAC Protestant Committee, this retreat is for Protestants and Catholics.

When: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Location: Groveton Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Cost: \$12 per scout, \$10 per adult (adults do patch & can try tin punch)-includes lunch. Must preregister (check on the dates in the NCAC calendar, they are working to get it listed) & pay with registration by April 1, 2018 - no walk-ins accepted. Program begins at 9:30am and will be finished by 4pm

If you have questions please call Mrs. Mary Castles at 703-765-0855 or email [mecastles@yahoo.com](mailto:mecastles@yahoo.com)

## On-Line Resource of the Month



Nothing beats a day spent in the outdoors, hiking, padding, climbing or cycling – and nothing makes it better than satisfying food for the belly! Packit Gourmet ([www.PackitGourmet.com](http://www.PackitGourmet.com)) delivers a whole new delicious alternative to the "fuel behind the reason" we all trek into the Great Outdoors!

Packit Gourmet meals allow you to start the day off right - with a delicious breakfast that will "jump start" your day; inventive quick-and-easy mid-day boosters to fuel you through the end of the day; and rich home-style comfort-food dinners to end the day not on JUST a positive note - but a resounding belly-rubbing Ahhhh!

Check out their Scouting Resources area for information on Scout Partnerships (15% off for all scout troops!), articles, helpful links and more.

## Podcasts

This is a new section for the newsletter where we will be posting short articles about podcasts from some of the more popular Scout sites. .



### CubCast – March 2018 – The Webelos Den and Your Scout Troop



In this special CubCast/ScoutCast episode, Amy and Bryan chat with Linda Baker, Program Vice President of the Northeast Region, about preparing both your Webelos Den and your Scout troop for the Webelos-to-Scout transition plan. Linda is currently working on the task force updating the Cub Scout handbooks and is a local Troop Committee Chair, so she has a great perspective from both sides of the transition process.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/Cubcast/2018.aspx>



### ScoutCast – March 2018 – The Den Chief



Why are we talking about Den Chiefs in ScoutCast? Because not only is a Den Chief great for a den (and we'll talk about that, too), but Northeast Illinois Council Commissioner John Duncan shares with us how it's fantastic leadership training for your Scout or Venturer.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/Scoutcast/2018.aspx>



### Scoutmaster Clarke Green – Scouting is a Game – Scoutmaster Podcast 361



Baden-Powell employed the “Scouting is a game” analogy long before anyone else, and it is the best analogy I've found for explaining the wonderfully complex, intriguing, idea that is Scouting.

We have to be careful because analogies break down at some point. While Scouting is a game in many ways, it's actually something far more than that. In this podcast I'll kick off a series of foundational talks about Scouting. I'd hesitate to call these talks introductory, because we'll be trying to wrap our heads around some very big ideas. My hope is they help you make sense of just what we are up to as Scouters.

Podcast: <https://scoutmastercg.com/scouting-is-a-game/>



### Scoutmaster Clarke Green – Developing Youth Leadership – Scoutmaster Podcast 367



Most Scouters think a youth led troop is the brass ring of Scouting. What exactly do we mean when we talk about youth leadership?

Podcast: <https://scoutmastercg.com/podcast-367-developing-youth-leadership/>

## Training Opportunities

### Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills



Outdoor skills are critical to the success of any Scouting program. Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) provides leaders with the basic outdoor skills needed to start a program right and keep it going.

IOLS is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on building confidence and competence in Leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (S11) will be presented on **April 7-8, 2018**, at Locust Grove at Camp Highroad, 21164 Steptoe Hill Road, Middleburg, VA. Driving directions will be provided following your registration. The course will begin at 8:00am on Saturday morning and will complete at 1:00pm on Sunday.

All Leaders should wear their Class A Scout Leader Uniform.

Please bring a chair and a water bottle for class sessions. Also bring full camping gear for an overnight stay; camping overnight is part of the course.

Meals will be provided. Please provide any dietary restrictions.

There is a \$35 fee for this class.

Please Register online. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-18535>. For more information contact [Walt.Johnson@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:Walt.Johnson@goosecreekdistrict.org)

### Wilderness First Aid Training hosted by Troop 500



In anticipation of their trip to Philmont Scout Ranch, Boy Scout Troop 500 has arranged for the MEDIC SOLO Disaster Wilderness Medical School / Wilderness First Aid training to be taught at the church where they meet -- Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church -- on May 19-20, 2018. They're very pleased to make this training resource available in DC at a reasonable price (just \$160) as opposed to some of the more far-flung options.

Wilderness First Aid is a must have for any Troops or Crews looking to do high adventure trips, and if you're getting ready to transition from a Cub Scout to Boy Scout leader, this is an amazing training to have in your back pocket.

- More information about the course is available online at [www.solowfa.com/course-info-MEDIC-SOLO-WFA-WFR/wilderness-first-aid-course.htm](http://www.solowfa.com/course-info-MEDIC-SOLO-WFA-WFR/wilderness-first-aid-course.htm) .
- Registration is open now on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, go to <https://www.solowfa.com/register-SOLO-disaster-wilderness-first-aid-course.htm> and select the course from the drop-down menu.
- You must attend both May 19 and May 20 sessions; on-time arrival and full attendance are required for education and certification.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Aaron Marrs ([awmarrs@gmail.com](mailto:awmarrs@gmail.com)), Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 500 and Committee Chair, Crew 500.

## American Red Cross Lifeguard Training for Older Youth and Adults



**What:** BSA Lifeguard is professional level training that meets the requirements of government agencies for professional lifeguards at regulated swimming activities. The course will include American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED Certification in addition to BSA Lifeguard training.

**Who:** The program is open to all registered adults and older youth (minimum age 15). It is a recommended adjunct to the Aquatics Supervision awards for unit leaders who wish to expand their water safety. Youth who wish to work on the aquatics staffs at BSA camps need this training. Participants must attend all scheduled sessions.

**How:** This course includes the Red Cross blended-learning Lifeguarding course. This requires participants to complete 7 1/2 hours of online training at their convenience before the June 2 session. The online training allows us to minimize the classroom lecture time.

**When & Where:**

- May 20, 2-4 pm - Sea Dragon Aquatic Center, 9446 Taney Road; Manassas, VA 20110 - Prerequisite swim test and orientation
- June 2-3 and June 9, 9am—5pm Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket VA

**Note:** You must attend ALL sessions to complete the course

**Registration:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-17309> Registration deadline is May 12 and course is limited to the first 16 participants.

**Cost:** \$130

## Swimming and Water Rescue (SWR)



**What:** This is the hands-on, in/on water training for supervisors of any scouting swimming or boating activity. It covers the skills needed to meet Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat policies applied at the unit level. This is the training referenced in BSA's Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat guidelines. The training consists of a classroom portion and water sessions.

**Prerequisites:** Safe Swim Defense (available online at <https://myscouting.scouting.org/>)

The Swimming and Water Rescue course has 4 major components:

- 1) BSA Swim test
- 2) Classroom session
- 3) Written test
- 4) In-the-water session

**Fee:** \$55 (includes the required course text – Aquatics Supervision No. 34737) \$25 if you already have the book.

**Who:** Older youth (min. 15 years old) and adult leaders.

**Where:** Camp Snyder.

**Dates:**

- Session 1 - June 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Session 1 – August 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Registration:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-17302>

## Aquatics Supervision Training: Paddle Craft Safety (PCS)



**What:** This is the hands-on, in/on water training for supervisors of any scouting swimming or boating activity. It covers the skills needed to meet BSA's Safety Afloat policies applied at the unit level. This is the training referenced in BSA's Safety Afloat guidelines. The training consists of a classroom planning session and a moving water training session.

**Who:** Older youth (min. 15 years old) and adult leaders.

**Prerequisites:** (available online at <https://my.scouting.org/>)

- a) Safety Afloat
- b) Current BSA physical Part A & B
- c) BSA Paddle Craft Safety Basic Course

**Paddle Craft Safety Course Requirements** - Please view PDF at [https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA082/document\\_15136500220\\_2629.pdf](https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA082/document_15136500220_2629.pdf)

The Paddle Craft Safety course has 4 major components:

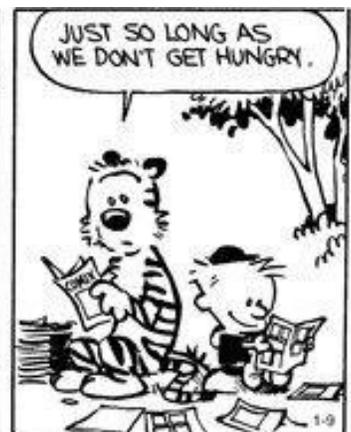
1. Pre requisites including medical form, Safety Afloat Training, PCS Basic Course completion
2. View and discuss the ACA/BSA video
3. On-river skills training
4. Float plan development

**Where:**

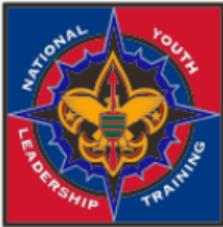
- Planning session – Camp William B. Snyder on May 6
- River session – Potomac River at Violet's Lock area on May 12

**For additional information and to register:** Go to

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-17372>. Registration is open until April 30. Cost is \$25 with an additional \$30 for the PCS manual if you don't already have it.



## National Youth Leadership 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 met the following qualifications by Jan 1, 2018:

- Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts
- Completed Unit Leader Training
- At least 14 years of age (or 13 with the Course Director's approval), Youth 12 years of age and younger will not be able to attend
- Home Unit Leader approval

### 2018 Course Dates

**SUMMER NYLT** – registration opening in January 2018

17 – 22 June 2018

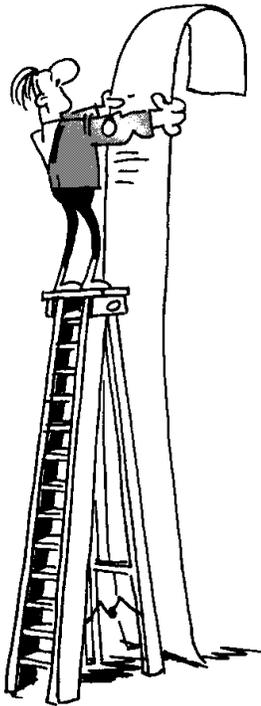
24 – 29 June 2018

29 July – 3 August 2018

5 -10 August 2018

**Cost** - \$250.

# District Calendar



**APRIL 2018**  
 2 Student Holiday  
 7-8 **IOLS**  
 9 Student Holiday  
 11 Roundtable  
 11 OA Chapter Meeting  
 13-15 **Spring Camporee**  
 18 **District Court of Honor**  
 21 **Life to Eagle Training**  
 25 District Committee

**MAY 2018**  
 4-6 **OA Spring Ordeal Program Launch**  
 9 OA Chapter Meeting  
 23 District Committee  
 28 Memorial Day

**June 2018**  
 11 Roundtable  
 11 OA Chapter Meeting  
 13 Last Day of School  
 18-22 **Goose Creek Day Camp**  
 18-21 **Goose Creek Twilight Camp**  
 27 District Committee

**July 2018**  
 4 Independence Day

**August 2018**  
 8 Roundtable  
 8 OA Chapter Meeting  
 22 District Committee  
 23 First Day of School

**September 2018**  
 3 Labor Day  
 12 Roundtable  
 12 OA Chapter Meeting  
 22-23 **Webelos-o-ree**  
 26 District Committee

**October 2018**  
 8 Columbus Day  
 10 Roundtable  
 10 OA Chapter Meeting  
 24 District Committee

**November 2018**  
 3 **SFF Bag Distribution**  
 5-6 School Holiday  
 7 Roundtable  
 7 OA Chapter Meeting  
 10 **SFF Food Pickup**  
 21-23 School Holiday  
 28 District Committee  
 30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

**December 2018**  
 12 Roundtable  
 12 OA Chapter Meeting  
 19 **Annual District Business Meeting**  
 21 Winter Break Starts

**JANUARY 2019**  
 1 Holiday  
 9 Roundtable  
 9 OA Chapter Meeting  
 18 Moveable School Holiday  
 21 MLK Jr. Day  
 23 District Committee

**FEBRUARY 2019**  
 3 Scout Sunday  
 8 Scout Jumuah  
 9 Scout Sabbath  
 13 Roundtable  
 13 OA Chapter Meeting  
 18 President's Day  
 27 District Committee

**MARCH 2019**  
 13 Roundtable  
 13 OA Chapter Meeting  
 27 District Committee  
 29 School Holiday