



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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- Sep 30 – Last day to complete new YPT

Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

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 For Everyone

 New Article

From Scoutmaster Clarke Green, January 13, 2015 <http://scoutmastercg.com/eagle-scout/>

What is an Eagle Scout?

Asking “what is an Eagle Scout?” sparks interesting conversations among Scouters.

This question got me wrapped around my own axle for a few years; but not anymore.

Conversations about Eagle Scouts commonly unfold like an operatic libretto. The curtain rises on the chorus singing about how once proud standards have fallen because now just anyone can be an Eagle Scout. Stories of overzealous parents, twelve year-old Eagles (good lord twelve!), and other “grave concerns and injustices” unfold dramatically to advance the theme.

In the finale the basso-profundo aria; “Well, we really make our Scouts earn Eagle, we aren’t an Eagle Factory (the chorus gasps in horror) like that troop across town.”

A standing ovation, and the curtain falls until the next performance.

As a new Scoutmaster (mind you, this was thirty years ago) I was in the audience listening to old Scouters sing their aria of complaint. I certainly wasn’t going to be one of those pariahs, a Scoutmaster who just gave away Eagle. No sir, not me! I joined the cast and learned the songs; I built up my own idealized standard of what an Eagle Scout ought to be. Nobody, nobody was going to get Eagle unless they met my standards.

I hadn’t actually answered the question “what is an Eagle Scout?” I had been distracted by a very different question; “who deserves to be an Eagle Scout?”

The answer to the question “who deserves to be an Eagle Scout?” is easy; any Scout who completes the requirements.

That’s it. No more and no less. There’s no Eagle-plus, and no Eagle minus, only Eagle.

During my tenure as a Scoutmaster I presented somewhere north of 100 and south of 120 Eagle Scout badges.

So how did it go?

Not one of the boys who received an Eagle during my tenure ever completely measured up to my idealized, dramatically operatic, and totally unnecessary standard.

Some years ago, thank goodness, I learned that didn’t matter.

The important thing to realize is that once a Scout earns Eagle Rank he begins the lifelong process of becoming an Eagle Scout.

Not one of the 2.7 million or so boys who have earned the rank were an ideal, fully formed, “EAGLE SCOUT” when someone handed them the badge; they have a lifetime of opportunities ahead of them. We have recognized a measure of potential and character in those Scouts, the rest is up to them.

My first Eagles are well into their forties now, and I am privileged that many of them keep in touch with me. Each is busy becoming an Eagle Scout every day.

That’s what an Eagle Scout does.

Our job is not defending the holy sanctuary of Eagledom from the unworthy, quite to the contrary;

... we want to see that every Scout has a chance to complete the requirements for Eagle, that way they can spend rest of their lives becoming an Eagle Scout.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Webelos-o-ree 2018



The date for the 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.

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, first aid, 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 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.

A full 2018 information packet with information on how to register will be on the district website shortly www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/webelos-o-ree/. You can also request a copy of the packet by emailing WebelosORee@GooseCreekDistrict.org

Note: Registration can be done either by the pack or by individuals. Regardless of how, or when, a Scout registers, all Scouts in the pack will be assigned to the same campsite.

Opening for District Communications and Media Chair/Webmaster



Goose Creek is looking for someone to be our new District Communications and Media Chair/Webmaster. Some of the overall responsibilities of this position are:

- Serves as a member of the District Committee.
- Ensures that the district website is constantly updated and follows council and national guidelines.
- Ensures that each district activity or event is effectively promoted on a timely basis.
- Maintains the district distribution lists.

If you are interested in the position or just want to know more about it please contact our District Chairman, Jim Bonfils (JimBonfils@icloud.com)



Goose Creek Arrowman Receives OA Distinguished Service Award



On the evening of July 31st, at the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Bloomington, Indiana, Kyle Raffensperger was presented the prestigious Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service Award. Every three years, the National Order of the Arrow Committee selects a small number of members to receive this award. The selection is based on the recipient's dedication and service to the Order at the Section, Region, and National levels. Since its inception in 1940, less than 1,020 Arrowmen have received this award.

Kyle began his service in the OA immediately after his Ordeal by joining the Goose Creek Chapter Ceremony Team. He went on to become the Chapter's Vice-Chief and then Chief. Kyle continued his service as the Virginia West Area Chief, Lodge Vice-Chief and then Chief of the Amangamek-Wipit Lodge. He then was selected to serve as the NE-6A Section Chief. Kyle's service continued outside of the Lodge and in 2008 Kyle was a member of the OA Arrow Corp5 contingent at the Manti-La Sal National Forest where he spent a week helping to eradicate an invasive plant species. In 2015 he was selected to be a member of the OA's Northeast Region ArrowTour Road Crew. Kyle visited 29 Councils in the Northeast Region to help set up and deliver the ArrowTour presentation. In 2016 Kyle attended the OA NEXT Conference as a Crew Chief to help train young Arrowman for the "Next Century of Service". In 2017 he was selected to be an Associate Adviser for the Operation Arrow Support Chapter at the National Scout Jamboree. Kyle has attended four National OA Conferences, twice as a member of the Lodge Contingent and twice as a Conference staff member. Kyle has also been a leadership trainer for our Area and Lodge, as well as for the OA National Leadership Seminar in the Northeast Region.

Kyle is an Eagle Scout and an OA Vigil Honor member. Previously he was awarded the OA Founders Award, OA Centurion Award, and the James E. West Fellowship Award. Kyle is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 1910 in Lucketts, VA and is the Social Media Committee Adviser for OA Section NE-6A.

New District Patches



It took a little while to get the order in, but the new Goose Creek District patches are finally here. They will be available at Roundtable from our District Director Ben Litten for \$5 each.



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 of a photo of the crew in the newsletter. Just send a photo of the crew and tell us which trek they did. Send it to

Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org

Troop Participation in the Webelos-o-ree



At the Webelos-o-ree each troop selects an activity/skill that their Scouts teach the Webelos and their parents during a morning and afternoon session. And the cost? Nothing! There is no registration fee for Boy Scouts, even if they camp. The only thing required is a service project to help keep the event running (starting cooking fires, cleanup, food prep, etc.).

If your troop is interested in participating in this year's Webelos-o-ree, even if you were at last year's, please contact Webelosoree@GooseCreekDistrict.org so we can coordinate the activities to be run. We have space for seven troops to camp over and, as always, there is no fee for troops to attend. They just have to supply their own food.

For the past few years we have tried to keep certain activities reserved for the troops that have done them in the past, this has often had us scrambling to fill them in when we finally heard that a troop doing one could not come that year. **So this year all activity slots are open and will be given to the first troop that requests them** (Note: camp cooking has already been taken).

We are also looking for 4-5 Scouts, age 13 and older, and some additional adults who would like to be part of the Webelos-o-ree staff. The service would include helping with the flag ceremonies, running the Webelos challenge event, working the food line for supper, assistance with the campfire, and general "go to" jobs during the day. Meals and work all provided free.



"Cheerful Service Chatter"

Chapter News for our Arrowmen

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



Fall Ordeal



The Mountain West Area Fall Ordeal will be held the weekend of October 26-28 at Camp Snyder. All Ordeal Candidates who did not complete their Ordeal this past spring should plan on attending this event.

Additionally, Brotherhood Conversion discussion and ceremony will be available for Arrowmen who are ready to take the next step in the OA.

Remember, Candidates who do not complete their Ordeal this fall will lose their candidacy and will be required to go through the unit selection process again early next year. Additional information will be provided next month.



Lodge's Fall Fellowship



The Lodge's Fall Fellowship will be held the weekend of September 14-16 at Goshen Scout Reservation. Additional information will be provided when released by the Fellowship Planning Committee.

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Spencer Bergman – Troop 743

Jacob DiGirolamo – Troop 969

Kyle Eberhart – Troop 163

Ethan Ericksen – Troop 953

Daniel Footen – Troop 1158

Michael W Hann – Troop 1907

Malloch Henderson – Troop 969

William Ikutiminu – Troop 572

Lawrence Jimeno – Troop 998

Austin Krebs – Troop 1430

Brian Lai – Troop 1430

Elijah Lambert – Troop 953

Joshua Lawyer – Troop 1173

Soren Lee – Troop 663

Andrew McKenna – Troop 962

Christian Muller – Troop 966

Jeremy Saiguero – Troop 961

Evan Schalow – Troop 2970

Arman Sajid Solanki – Troop 1430

James Wehmann – Troop 1910



How to Make a Cool Wooden Candy Dispenser



Bear Elective Adventure Baloo the Builder Requirement 3. Assemble your materials, and build one useful project and one fun project using wood.

Webelos and Arrow of Light Elective Adventure Build It Requirement 2. With the guidance of your Webelos den leader, parent, or guardian, select a carpentry project and build it.

How to build wood projects is one of the skills that Cub Scouts learn. They’ll be super proud of the handmade wooden candy dispenser that they can make with these instructions: <https://cubscoutideas.com/9176/wooden-candy-dispenser>

Note: The Guide to Safe Scouting prohibits our Cub Scouts from using power tools, so this project will require the assistance of an adult.



Life-to-Eagle Training



Mark your calendars for the next offering of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek in 2018 on August 18th.

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 next one for 2018:

Date: August 18, 2018

Time: 10:30 - 2:45

Place: Sterling Library (Meeting Room), 22330 South Sterling Boulevard, Sterling, VA (in the Sterling Plaza)

We're targeting one more additional Life-to-Eagle Seminar in 2018; most likely in Nov – a week after SFF. 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 in 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.

ESRA Checklist



As all troop advancement chairs know by now (or should) all Eagle Scout Rank Applications (ESRA) are reviewed by one of our District Eagle Reps and then sent to Council for checking before the Eagle Scout Board of Review is held.

Since the ESRA eventually goes to National this checking is very detailed and any small error will cause it to be sent back.

To help prevent this our District Advancement Chair has developed an ESRA Checklist that goes through everything that the DERs and Council look at in an ESRA.

If you would like a copy of this checklist send an email to Alan.Steiner@GooseCreekDistrict.org



Scout 1 (holding up collapsing tent): "Hey, I thought I told you to help me with the tent posts!"

Scout 2: "I did. I posted photos of you trying to set up the tent on Instagram, Twitter, and SnapChat."



Completing Partial Merit Badges



Partials refer to merit badges that for whatever reason are not completed during the summer camp session. The Scout has done some of the requirements towards being awarded the merit badge but for one reason or another, has not been able to cover all of them. Partials may also occur when a Scout starts the badge with a counselor who has since moved away or retired from Scouting while the Scout is still working on the requirements, or most likely, taking a break from working on the requirements.

To finish the merit badge it is up to the Scout to make an appointment with another merit badge counselor to complete the missing requirements. There is no requirement that the original counselor be the one to whom they go or that they have to wait till the next summer camp to complete it. If troop level or district level merit badge counselors exist for the subject badge, the wise Scoutmaster, Troop Advancement Chair, and/or Troop Committee would make certain that the list of those counselors is readily available to the Scout so he knows where to begin the trail to completion.

Important Facts:

- The only expiration date on a partial is the Scout turning 18. If a Scout got the partial when they were 11 they can still complete it when they are 17 years and 11 months old.
- The only requirements the Scout needs to do are the ones not signed on the Blue Card. The new merit badge counselor cannot make a Scout redo a signed requirement as a test or not accept it because they suspect the 'quality' of the work done. If it's been signed then it's done, period. Conversely, if all the Scout has is a worksheet from camp of what was done and it wasn't also signed on the Blue Card then it officially wasn't done and it is up to the counselor on whether to accept it or not.

Changes in the merit badge requirements that have occurred since the partial was done are not to be considered. The Scout must complete only the requirements in place when the badge was started. This means that any new requirements do not have to be done, on the other hand, any requirements that were dropped but were not completed do have to be done.



How to Earn the Cub Scout Nova Award, Swing!



Getting started with the Cub Scout Nova awards is easier than you may think! This post (<https://cubscoutideas.com/9198/cub-scout-nova-award-swing/>) will walk you through how to earn the Nova Swing! award. This module is designed to help you explore how engineering and simple machines called levers affect your life each day.

A requirement for the Cub Scout Nova award Swing! is to read books or watch shows about motion or simple machines. Here are 20 suggestions for them: <https://cubscoutideas.com/9192/books-shows-cub-scout-nova-award-swing/>



Use Google's Morse Code Keyboard to Teach Scouts their Dits and Dahs



Google wants to teach the world Morse code. The company has released a number of high-tech — and low-tech — options for learning this dot-and-dash communication method.

While primarily designed for people with accessibility needs, these new tools are big news for Scouts and Scout leaders, as well, especially for those who want to teach or earn the Signs, Signals and Codes merit badge.

It begins with Google's Gboard keyboard, available for iPhone and Android devices. The keyboard, which replaces your mobile device's existing keyboard, has added an option for Morse code. (Side note: Gboard offers one of the best standard keyboards, too.)

Next, Google has introduced a Morse Typing Trainer game that the company says can teach users Morse code in less than an hour.

But saving our favorite thing for last: they have printable Morse code posters and cards (<https://github.com/googlecreativelab/morse-learn/raw/master/cards.zip>). They're available for you to use, modify and print free of charge. The only requirement is that you provide attribution to Google, LLC.

The "Hello Morse" cards use clever pictographs to help you learn each letter. Take the letter M, for example. In Morse code, an M is dah-dah or two dashes. Two dashes, it turns out, kind of look like a mustache. "Mustache" starts with the letter M.



Got it? Good! You're 1/26th of the way there.

Signs, Signals and Codes merit badge

All this new stuff could help Scouts fulfill requirement 3A of the Signs, Signals and Codes merit badge.

Morse Code Interpreter Strip

Youth and adults who become fluent in Morse code may apply for and wear the Morse Code Interpreter Strip. "Fluent" means you can carry on a five-minute conversation in Morse code at a speed of at least five words per minute.

How to download Gboard and enable the Morse code keyboard

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/07/19/google-morse-code/>



15 Interesting Places Where Cub Scouts Can Visit Scientists



When your Webelos and Arrows of Light are working on the Adventures in Science adventure, they have to visit a place that employs scientists and talk to them about their work. But finding a place can be difficult. Here are 15 suggestions for you: <https://cubscoutideas.com/9598/cub-scouts-visit-scientists/>

Council / National News

Council Website: 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 and reflect changes necessitated with the addition of girls at all levels of the BSA program.

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 any combination of Scouting activities 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



2018 Jamboree-on-the-Air, Jamboree-on-the-Internet Dates Set



The 2018 Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet, empowering Scouts and Venturers to communicate with other Scouts from around the world, will be Oct. 19 to 21.

Just how big of a deal are JOTA and JOTI? Consider this: The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2017 JOTA and JOTI events had more than 1.5 million Scout participants from more than 160 countries.

In addition to talking to Scouts from other countries, participants complete requirements for Cub Scout adventures, Boy Scout merit badges and the International Spirit Award. All that, plus JOTA and JOTI offer a hands-on lesson in STEM — the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

Requirements completed

In addition to being incredibly fun, JOTA and JOTI count toward Scouting requirements:

- For Tigers, this meets requirements for the elective adventure Family Stories.
- For Webelos, it counts toward the Arrow of Light adventure Building a Better World.
- Boy Scouts can check off a requirement for the Citizenship in the World merit badge and the Radio merit badge.
- All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers and adult leaders can count the event toward the requirements for the International Spirit Award.

For more information about these events go to

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/06/21/wave-hello-2018-jamboree-on-the-air-jamboree-on-the-internet-dates-set/>



Leaders Create Homemade Inflatable Gaga Ball Pit



Instead of dropping \$1,000 or more to buy an inflatable gaga pit, a group of Cub Scout leaders in South Carolina found a better solution. They created their own.

With half a roll of duct tape and a dozen pool rafts, the leaders built a homemade playing area for this unofficial sport of Scouting. For the rectangular wall panels, the leaders thought of pool mattresses — easily found for less than \$10 apiece.

They used duct tape to keep it all together, taping first in the direction of the panels and then diagonally.

Wait, what's gaga ball? It's a friendlier form of dodgeball played in a walled pit. Players hit the ball at each other with their hands and are eliminated if the ball touches them on or below the knee. The last player standing wins.

What about durability? Not a problem. "The pit held up through 85 campers and is in storage to make appearances at future events," one of leaders says. "Scout on!"



Get “Hooked on Scouting” this Fall



Hooked on Scouting uses the fun and excitement of fishing to reel in new Scouts this fall. Scouts will learn all the skills and techniques they need to get started fishing along with actual hands-on experience! Parents will get a chance to discover the adventure Scouting can provide their families while sharing the moment their new Scout catches a fish for the first time.

As part of this program, new Scouts who turn in their completed application by October 31 will receive a free fishing bobber. NCAC also will host fishing events in each service area.

All equipment will be provided by our Council with support from partnering organizations. Professional Scouters and volunteer leaders will be on-hand to help with the event, answer any questions, and of course, sign up new Scouts. The only thing families need to focus on is having a great time while getting a chance to try out Scouting.

New Scouts who sign up before the event in their area will receive free admission. Events will be held in late September and October, watch for details on the Council website and Facebook page.

Hooked on Scouting membership recruitment materials – including flyers, lawn signs, and stickers – are available to units at no charge; just ask our District Executive.



National Day of Service



Through a partnership with our great friends at The Trust for the National Mall and the National Park Service, the Boy Scouts of America have scheduled September 22nd as a National Day of Service right here in our nation's capital. To register, please visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-ServiceProjectMall2018>

For each Youth and Adult, a special Council Shoulder patch is being secured to thank each registered participant for their dedication to this project, benefiting our National Mall.

As the days grow closer, the National Park Service will be confirming the exact meeting location and a list of projects. Projects that may be undertaken include painting posts and chain, painting park benches, landscaping work, and/or debris removal.

To best manage this project, there will be two groups of volunteers with the first starting at 8:30 am and the second group taking over after lunch at 12:30 pm.



CPR/AED and First Aid Training



If you need to complete BSA Lifeguard requirement number 6 to finish your BSA Lifeguard certification training, the NCAC Aquatics Committee is offering American Red Cross First Aid and American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer training at Camp Snyder on September 15. We use the Red Cross blended learning version so you complete several hours of online knowledge development beforehand at your convenience. Then the short in person skill session reviews and practices the hands on skills. Find more information and register at www.NCACBSA.org/Aquatics.



Flashlight Etiquette



Your eyes are beginning to adjust to the growing darkness. The trail in front of you is becoming clearer and clearer. And then, like a firework on July 5th, something unexpectedly bright fills the sky. You're momentarily blinded.

Whenever someone switches on one of those super-bright flashlights or headlamps, that person ruins the night vision for everyone else. At best this is annoying; at worst, it could mess with your circadian rhythm and affect your sleep.

Scenarios like this one play out every weekend as packs, troops and crews go camping. It's time to clarify that while flashlights are an important Scouting tool, you don't need baseball-stadium lighting to camp in the dark.

Ways to be a better flashlight user

- Hide the light source (bulb or filament) from view to reduce the harshness and impact on night vision. You could bounce the light off the ceiling of your tent, pop-up or pavilion.
- Equip younger Scouts with LED glowstick necklaces instead of bright headlamps. They're cheap and easier to track and identify in the dark.
- When walking down paths or looking for gear in bags, all you really need is a zipper pull-style pinch LED light.
- Lights with red bulbs won't disturb others or ruin night vision. They can be found as an option in flashlights, headlamps, or even those zipper pull lights.
- Don't drive through campsites at night. If you camp in your car, disable internal and external lighting that is usually automatically activated when a door opens.
- Be aware of where your flashlight is pointed at all times. If you point it at someone's tent when you walk by at night, reflective fabrics cause the whole tent to light up. This disturbs the sleep of the tent's occupants.



Backcountry Bingo Cards



On your next walk in the woods, encourage your Scouts to look closer at what's around them. In fact, why not make a game out of it?

A Scouter in California has created a Backcountry Bingo Hunt game to encourage his Scouts to pay attention to the natural world. He's made the cards available to fellow Scouters for free.

You can download and print the cards at this link (www.kbgraphicstudio.com/ftp/backcountry-bingo/backcountry-bingo.pdf). There are 12 different configurations, and the game can be played individually or in teams of two or more.

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>

September STEM Family Camping at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



The STEM Committee is planning an exciting day of 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>

More information, the application form, and where to send it all is available at: <http://Scouts.Virginia-SAR.org/Eagle-Scout.htm>

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 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>

On-Line Resource of the Month

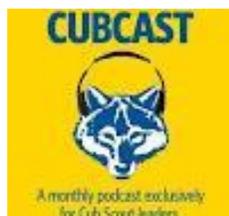


ScoutWiki (<http://en.scoutwiki.org>) is a free encyclopedia which consists of worldwide Scouting and Guiding related articles. Anyone can participate by creating a new page or by editing an existing article. The English version of ScoutWiki currently has 2,637 articles in English. However, most of these articles could use some improvement, as compared to (e.g.) the Finnish, the French and the Dutch ScoutWiki's. Some of the categories in the sites are: History, Publications, Ideas for activities, Scouting skill, Methods and manners (uniforms, flags, badges, ...), Camping, Events, Equipment, Scouting in the world, and Tips and tricks for scout leaders.

Podcasts



CubCast – July 2018 - All-Girl Dens: Challenges and Success Stories

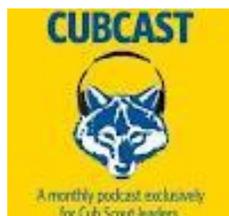


We're now about six months into having all-girl dens in the Cub Scouting program and you're probably wondering – hmm, how's that working out? We were curious about that ourselves, so, we invited Jenny Hickey, the Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 4 in Portland, Oregon, to share her challenges and how she overcame them as well as her success stories. (A tip for listening to the successes – you might want to have a tissue handy.)

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



CubCast – June 2018 - Preparing for School Night



So, you might think that preparing for School Night for Scouting simply means handing out some fliers and you'll get a big turnout. Host Aaron Derr tells us he did that his rookie year as Cubmaster and the results were less than stellar. Tune in to find out what he and guest Chris Jones did to get successful attendance results for this specific recruiting opportunity.

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ScoutCast – July 2018 – Recruiting Campaigns



If you're a regular listener (and of course you are), you'll recall that back in May we discussed what you need to do to start a new unit. But first, you need the youth for that unit. Now is the time to start recruiting. We need some fresh ideas for the digital times we live in, so join us to discuss recruiting campaigns with Hayley Cordaro, the Social Media Specialist with the Communications Team here at the National Service Center. One of her main responsibilities is developing digital strategies for the BSA.

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ScoutCast – June 2018 - Everything You're Doing Is Already STEM



Back in March of 2015, we did an episode about introducing STEM into your unit, and we talked about some pretty cool STEM activities. Since then, STEM has gotten pretty popular, and units are really taking their activities to the next level. In this episode, Emily Campbell, Roundtable Commissioner for the Gulf Coast Council in Pensacola, Florida, shows us how STEM can be integrated into stuff you're already doing to earn the Nova and Supernova awards.

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Training Opportunities



Pow Wow 2018



What is Pow Wow? Pow Wow is a supplemental, action-packed training event for adult Cub Scout Leaders, Pack Committee Members, Charter Organization Representatives, parents of Cub Scouts and Cub Scout-interested persons. You'll spend the day learning new ideas, concepts and having hands-on experiences that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scouts.

Training sessions are offered on relevant topics for every Cub Scout position and are designed to help you make your Cub Scout program more fun for the Scouts ... and for you too!!!

Pow Wow is an all-day adult training event and the course sessions are intended for adults only. All courses have limited enrollment and many fill very quickly. Courses that reach maximum enrollment will not be available when you electronically pre-registration or at walk-in registration.

When is Pow Wow? Pow Wow is Saturday, October 27, 2018. Doors open at 7:30 am with 8:00 am for walk-in registration. Opening ceremony begins at 8:25 am. The first training session starts at 9:00 am.

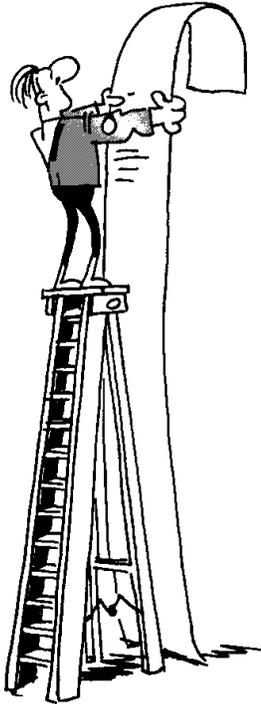
Where is Pow Wow? Not yet confirmed but usually Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, VA.

What's included for the registration fee? The fee includes a day of training (as many as six courses, an event patch, lunch with beverage and a cookie), and as much scout fellowship, spirit, and networking you can take-in during the day!!

For more information about PowWow go to: www.ncacbsa.org/training/pow-wow/



District Calendar



August 2018

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 18 **Life to Eagle Training**
- 22 District Committee
- 23 First Day of School
- 24 Commissioner Mtg.

September 2018

- 3 Labor Day
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 22-23 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 26 District Committee
- 30 **New YPT training**
MUST be completed by ALL Scouters

October 2018

- 8 Columbus Day
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 20-21 **IOLS**
- 24 District Committee
- 26-28 OA Fall Ordeal
- 27 **Pow Wow**

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
- 8-10 **Freeze-o-ree**
- 9 Scout Sabbath
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 18 President's Day
- 27 District Committee

March 2019

- 9 **District Pinewood Derby**
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 27 District Committee
- 29 School Holiday

April 2019

- 1 Student Holiday
- 5-7 **Spring Camporee**
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15-19 Spring Break
- 24 District Committee

May 2019

- 1 **District Court of Honor**
- 3-5 **OA Spring Ordeal Program Launch**
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 22 District Committee
- 27 Memorial Day

June 2019

- 7 Last Day of School
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 17-21 **Goose Creek Day Camp**
- 17-20 **Goose Creek Twilight Camp**
- 26 District Committee

July 2019

- 4 Independence Day