



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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 New Article



from Bobwhite Blather, <https://bobwhiteblather.com/what-shall-we-call-them/>

What shall we call them?

By now, you've heard or read about the Boy Scouts of America's plan to change the name of our venerable flagship program, Boy Scouts, to "Scouts BSA" in February 2019.

The decision is part of the BSA's *Scout Me In* campaign to recruit girls as well as boys into our ranks. As you might expect, though, the name change has seen considerable pushback from the old and new guard alike. After all, our organization is still called the *Boy Scouts of America*. And *boy* has been part of Scouting since Lord Robert Baden-Powell first published *Scouting for Boys*.

But change had to happen. With girls being allowed in for the first time, it really couldn't remain just Boy Scouts. And "Boy and Girl Scouts" doesn't work, especially since there is already the similarly-named Girl Scouts of the USA (which isn't exactly happy about our changes). Regardless of how the separate-but-equal program model works out (and how troops and chartered organizations will choose to deal with it), most people admit it's time to allow girls to have the same experiences and opportunities as we've been providing our boys for over a century. The name is just one thing that'll be changing – Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh says "We're trying to find the right way to say we're here for both young men and young women" – but what won't be changing will be our values.

The change begs the larger question: What do we call them?

Where are the boys going camping next month?

The boys did a great job on the troop gateway at the Camporee.

We have a few boys who would like to help with a service project.

We're so used to working exclusively with boys that we sometimes just call them that as a matter of course. But with girls coming in, we'll have to adapt. "Boys and girls" sounds more like kindergarten, and calling them "kids," when some are sporting facial hair and driving cars, doesn't seem appropriate either.

Why not call them what they are: **Scouts**.

Substitute *Scouts* for *boys* in the sentences above and you'll find that it works just fine. And calling them Scouts sets them apart from "mere" boys and girls – for they are young men and women who are doing their best to adopt the values of the Scout Oath and Law and let them guide their daily lives, both in and out of troop life. (By the way, *Scout* is always capitalized.)

For a hundred and eight years they've been boys in the traditional programs. As we get ready to welcome girls, let's recognize them for what they are: **Scouts**.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



District Events for 2018-2019



For those who didn't pick up a copy of the 2018-2019 District calendar here are the following event dates:

Webelos-o-ree – Sept 22-23

Scouting for Food: Bag Distribution Nov 3, Pickup Nov 10

Annual Business Meeting: Dec 19

Freeze-o-ree: Feb 8-10

District Pinewood Derby: Mar 9

Spring Camporee: Apr 5-7

District Court of Honor: May 1

OA Ordeal: May 3-5

Day Camp: Jun 17-21



Day/Twilight Camp 2018

CUB SCOUT
Day Camp Sessions



Some Important notes about our upcoming Day Camp:

- 1. Training!** Walking Den Leader training will be held on Sunday, June 17th, from 4pm to 6pm.

Training starts at 4:00 p.m. sharp. Training is a BSA requirement for the health and safety of the boys. **Each pack is required to have one representative from Day AND Twilight at training.** We will go over safety, weather situations, emergencies, schedules, parking, camp set-up, etc., and leave lots of time for Q & A.

After training, provided your paperwork is turned in, we will distribute water bottles and T-shirts.
- 2. Papework is due June 1**
- 3. Camp Walking Den Leader Guide.** We will be going to the Cloud! Our Walking Den Leader Guide will be accessible on the Internet. We may not have an App for that, but our WDL Guide will be a PDF document, that you have the option to download or review from a hand-held device. There will be still be a folder handed out to each Pack to take accountability that will contain critical information to keep you apprised on what is going on for that day.
- 4. WDL 5:1 ratio.** BSA guidelines stipulate that each Pack must supply 1 adult for every 5 boys they send to a BSA certified Council run camp. There is no wiggle room on this. You must impress upon your parents that we cannot allow a Pack into camp that does not have the required BSA mandated ratio of adults to children. It's crunch time. Since they must wear a wristband while at camp, we can quickly do the math to determine if your ratio is correct. ;)
- 5.** We have been contacted about Early Bird slots to trade. Some people who have already registered can no longer attend (Summer School, being accepted for travel soccer are a few of the unplanned reasons). Contact rumseylight@gmail.com to make this a Win-Win; you get the Early Bird rate with a refund to the Scout family. Nice when everyone wins out.



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)



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.



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 Executive Ray Posluszny for \$5 each.

The newsletter staff is taking the month of July off. The next district newsletter will be August 2018. Enjoy summer camp!

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 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?

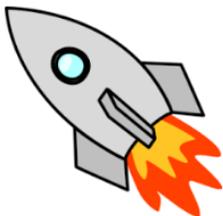
Fear not, training is available, both on-line and/or in-classroom. And what's probably more important is that you simply need a desire to help, and the willingness to find the right resource ... you don't need to know all the answers.

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 or call: 571.354.9904.



Pack 1148 Rocket Launch



Pack 1148 held a rocket launch on 29 April, in conjunction with their pack campout. They launched approximately 175 times from their homemade 10-place launcher. They are willing to share the plans with any Scout organization, contact Glenn Cooley, glenn.cooley@gmail.com





“Cheerful Service Chatter”

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



Order of the Arrow – High Adventure Opportunities



The Order of the Arrow is Scouting’s National Honor Society. Its activities are fun and educational, and they provide opportunities for leadership and service. This article focuses on the opportunities fun and service at BSA high adventure sites, with a reduced cost in comparison to the normal program at the same sites.

The first high adventure opportunity for Order of the Arrow members is in our own backyard at the Goshen Scout Reservation. Our Order of the Arrow lodge sponsors the Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (“GOAT Crew”), which, in turn, engages Order of the Arrow members in a program of service, education and fun at Goshen. The crew members perform important service at Goshen, but also have educational opportunities in outdoor ethics, backcountry skills, and the adventure of the Lenhok’sin Trail camp. The 2018 cost is \$170 for a two week program; scouts must be age 14.

An Order of the Arrow web site (<https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure>) provides a convenient source of information for the opportunities at the national high adventure destinations. All the trail team sites (Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, and Bechtel Summit) have information at this site. The Bechtel Summit requires participants to be age 14 on the day the program starts and under 18 years old on the day it ends. The other programs require participants to be 16 on the start day and under the age of 21 on the end date. All participants must meet the strict health and physical requirements for the facilities.

The cost for these education, service, and fun activities are a steep discount from the normal cost of a trek. OA crew members pay \$500 at Sea Base, \$300 at Philmont, \$250 at the Bechtel Summit, and \$200 at Northern Tier. These costs are for 2018 and exclude transportation to the site.

One of the purposes of the Order of the Arrow is to “Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.” Members have plenty of opportunities to do exactly that, and service is a worthy method of leadership. The Order of the Arrow high adventure activities are a worthwhile way of achieving this purpose, but also in having fun while doing so.



★ Order of the Arrow to Open Unit Elections to Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts



The National Order of the Arrow Committee has approved some exciting updates to Scouting's national honor society.

Beginning Feb. 1, 2019, unit elections will be permitted in Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews and Sea Scout ships. Previously, elections only were for Boy Scout troops.

The Order of the Arrow, or OA, has welcomed female leaders since 1988. This announcement means women and girls who are under 21 will be eligible for election into the service-minded society as well.

What's changing?

The new requirements to be eligible for election will be as follows:

- Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the BSA. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Sea Scout Skipper, be elected by the youth members of their unit.
- Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

What's not changing?

The OA's mission and purpose will not change.

That includes a commitment to recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, promote responsible outdoor adventure and crystallize the Scout habit of cheerful service.



“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Zachary Bennett – Troop 1106

David Chiew – Troop 961

Dignan Getz – Troop 533

Gabriel Allesandro Molina – Troop 572

Michael Nicholson – Crew 1907

Akash Raheja – Troop 572

Jack Ramberg – Troop 39

Samuel Ridderhoff – Troop 962

Jeremy Salguero – Troop 961



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 in August – either the 11th or the 18th; most likely the latter.

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: TBD – pending ability to reserve/confirm Library & mtg room

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 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.

Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates



Each month the district will be submitting a list of our new Eagles to Congresswoman Comstack’s office who will be creating a Recognition Certificate for each Scout.

These will be available for pickup at the monthly Roundtable.



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



17 Excellent Scientists' Biographies Your Cub Scouts Will Love



The Webelos and Arrow of Light elective adventure, Adventures in Science, has the Scouts reading about a scientist. But sometimes, they have trouble choosing who. This resource, <https://cubscoutideas.com/9185/scientists-biographies/>, gives them ideas of scientists' biographies they can read. The list is great for all kids—not just Cub Scouts!



How to Make an Awesome Model Solar System from Toilet Paper



This super fun way, <https://cubscoutideas.com/9182/model-solar-system/>, to make a model solar system uses toilet paper to show the distance between the planets. It's perfect for Webelos and Arrow of Light Cub Scouts who are working on the Adventures in Science adventure. And that adventure counts toward the Swing! Nova award too!



How to Make an Awesome Model Solar System from Toilet Paper



The elective adventure for Webelos and Arrows of Light, Adventures in Science, asks the Cub Scouts to draw a scientific fair test. Make it easy for them with the Cows Mooing Softly acronym. Read all about it at <https://cubscoutideas.com/9179/draw-scientific-fair-test/>



How to Make an Awesome Model Solar System from Toilet Paper



Are you looking for a simple circuit project for Adventures in Science, an elective adventure for Cub Scout Webelos and Arrows of Light? You'll find it here! This one is so easy—no stripping wires! Instead, it uses copper tape. Read all about it at <https://cubscoutideas.com/9187/simple-circuit-project/>



You might have been a Scouter too long when:

- You say "signs up" in a business meeting to quiet everyone down.
- You really love your self-inflating sleep pad.
- You took a chemistry course at the local college to help you develop a better fire starter.

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Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



BSA Unveils Name of Program for Older Boys and Girls



The wait is over, and we now know what we'll call the program for 11- to 17-year-old youth when girls can begin joining during the scheduled launch on Feb. 1, 2019.

Let's hear it for **Scouts BSA!**

Boys and girls who are part of Scouts BSA will be known as Scouts. Just as before, these Scouts will earn merit badges, go camping and work toward the Eagle Scout Award.

The organization name, Boy Scouts of America, will not change.

Scouts BSA builds on the legacy of the Scout name. There's a Scout salute, a Scout rank, a Scout Oath and a Scout Law. The word "Scout" carries with it more than 108 years of character-building tradition, and the young men and young women of Scouts BSA will carry that tradition forward.

"As we enter a new era for our organization, it is important that all youth can see themselves in Scouting in every way possible," says BSA Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh. "That is why it is important that the name for our iconic Scouting program for older youth remain consistent with the single-name approach used for the Cub Scouts."

Beginning during the scheduled launch of Feb. 1, 2019, girls can join all-girl troops. Boys can continue to join all-boy troops. Scouts BSA will not have any mixed-gender, or coed, troops.

Questions and answers about Scouts BSA

Q: Will the name of the organization change?

A: No, the organization's name will continue to be Boy Scouts of America.

Q: When will the change from Boy Scouts to Scouts BSA be effective?

A: The scheduled launch date for Scouts BSA is Feb. 1, 2019.

Q: What will the members of the program be called?

A: Scouts — same as today. A boy or girl might say, "I'm in Scouts BSA. I'm a Scout."

Q: Will the Boy Scout Handbook be updated to reflect the new name?

A: Yes.

Q: What does the change to Scouts BSA mean for Venturing?

A: Nothing about Venturing will change. The BSA's program for boys and girls ages 14 to 20 (or 13 and done with the 8th grade) will continue as normal.



BSA introduces 'Scout Me In' campaign



The BSA has announced “Scout Me In,” a crisp, modern campaign to invite young people and families to be a part of the life-changing experience of Scouting.

“Scout Me In” is more than a catchy tagline. It’s a reinforcement that the values we all celebrate in Scouting — encapsulated in the Scout Oath and Scout Law — are relevant for both young men and young women.

“Scout Me In” is a call to action. A call for togetherness. A call for celebration.

It’s also a call to create a cool new campaign logo.

The BSA has unveiled three versions of the logo: one with the BSA fleur-de-lis, one with the Cub Scout logo and one with the Boy Scouts/Scouts BSA logo. A Spanish-language version is coming soon.

Also coming soon: More than 300 recruiting assets showing boys, girls, and pack activities with boys and girls — all in English, Spanish and bilingual versions. You’ll find those at the BSA Brand Center: <https://scoutingwire.org/bsa-brand-center/>

These recruiting materials will help councils and packs give families the invitation to say, “Scout Me In.”

How to use ‘Scout Me In’

Here are just a few ideas:

- Include the “Scout Me In” assets in recruitment campaigns this fall.
- Add the “Scout Me In” logo and assets to websites, social media channels, emails, newsletters, events, banners and signage. Basically, use it anywhere you can reach volunteers and families.
- Use the “Scout Me In” concept to tell the story of Family Scouting in your community.
- Post with the hashtag #ScoutMeIn when sharing Family Scouting-focused social media content.



National Scouting Museum – Philmont Scout Ranch Opens to Public June 8



The National Scouting Museum – Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico will open to the public beginning June 8 — just in time for trekkers, families attending conferences and visitors to be among the first to venture into this 19,500-square-foot home of BSA history.

On May 29, more than 1,100 guests and Philmont staffers witnessed the museum’s ribbon-cutting ceremony. Philmont Ranch Committee Chairmen Jim Ryffel addressed the crowd. He told them about the new museum and encouraged the staff to deliver another amazing summer to the 22,000 participants who will arrive soon at the BSA’s high-adventure home for hiking.

The museum will open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning June 8.



BSA reaffirms Duty to God aspect



When a young person joins the Boy Scouts of America, one of the first things he or she learns is the Scout Oath, and every member starts the Oath the same way:

“On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God ...”

The wording was not created at random. Duty to God has been one of the most important principles of Scouting from the beginning. In fact, in 1916, James E. West, the BSA’s first Chief Scout Executive, helped install what is now known as the “Declaration of Religious Principle” into the original BSA constitution and by-laws, and it remains there today.

Underscoring just how important it is, the BSA National Executive Board met at the 2018 National Annual Meeting last week in Dallas and adopted a resolution that reaffirms the organization’s Duty to God.

The resolution reads as follows:

Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board Resolution Reaffirming Duty to God

WHEREAS the foundational values of the Boy Scouts of America are reflected in the Scout Oath and Scout Law;

WHEREAS the first part of the Scout Oath declares “On my honor I will do my best to do my Duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;”

WHEREAS the Declaration of Religious Principle in Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America states that:

The recognition of **God as the ruling and leading power in the universe** and the grateful acknowledgement of His favors and blessings are necessary to the best type of citizenship and are wholesome precepts in the education of the growing members. No matter what the religious faith of the members may be, this fundamental of good citizenship should be kept before them.

WHEREAS the **twelfth point of the Scout Law is Reverent** and while the Boy Scouts of America is absolutely nonsectarian in its view of religious training, Reverent means that a Scout is faithful in his or her religious duties and respects the beliefs of others; and

WHEREAS these faith-based tenets have been a part of the Boy Scouts of America since it was founded and, notwithstanding any changes to Scouting programs, the **commitment of the movement to Duty to God is unwavering;**

Now therefore be it resolved that the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America hereby **reaffirms its unequivocal commitment to the Declaration of Religious Principle** as a fundamental component of the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.



Voice of the Scout, the Survey for Scouts, Parents and Leaders



Want to have a say in the future of this great movement we call Scouting? Use your voice. Or, more specifically, use your Voice of the Scout annual survey.

Since 2012, the Voice of the Scout survey has given the Scouting family the opportunity to offer feedback directly to the BSA. Respondents have answered questions about the climate, program delivery, administration and support provided at all levels of Scouting. These answers have turned into improvements at the BSA's National Service Center and BSA local councils.

The Voice of the Scout survey — VOS, for short — is sent out on the first Tuesday of every month to one-twelfth of the Scouting population. That means you'll get it once a year.

You respond on your computer, phone or tablet, and the whole thing takes just a few minutes.

Here are some things to know about this important tool.

1. VOS goes to parents, youth, volunteers and chartered organizations.
2. You get one survey per year. Just be sure you have a current email address in your My.Scouting profile.

To update or change your profile information you will need to do the following:

- a. Login to My.scouting.org
 - b. Once logged in, click the menu icon in the upper left of the webpage, then select My Dashboard.
 - c. Once on My Dashboard, select the icon adjacent to My Training, which looks like 3 stacked horizontal lines, then select My Profile.
 - d. Make any necessary changes to your profile information. Please note that your Member ID and login username cannot be modified.
3. VOS surveys are sent on the first Tuesday of the month.
 4. VOS surveys are anonymous. Your answers to the questions will never be connected directly to your name. The BSA combines your answers with others and reports them in a group.

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.

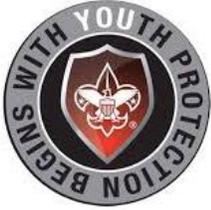
Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.

July 27-29

Cost: \$310
\$75 – adults

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/

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 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



Lyme Disease



Want to have a say in the future of this great movement we call Scouting? Use The map below shows where Lyme is an issue when camping and hiking in the outdoors.

Consult this CDC website (<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/>) for a comprehensive set of resources to better understand Lyme and how to prevent it.

This PDF document (http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/toolkit/factsheets/10_508_Lyme%20disease_HikersCampers_FACTSheet.pdf) offers succinct advice for campers and hikers.

This FAQ site (<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/faq/index.html>) is helpful for getting answers and clarification of common (mis)information.

This PDF brochure (<http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/brochure/LymeDiseaseBrochure.pdf>) gives a detailed look at transmission, diagnosis and prevention.

Reported Cases of Lyme Disease -- United States, 2012



1 dot placed randomly within county of residence for each confirmed case

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>



Choosing the Right Insect Protection



Excerpted from an article by Buck Tilton in the pages of *Camping Life* magazine

In a galaxy here and now, the camper's war against the bugs continues, as it has for eons, ever since something sort of human swatted something mosquito-like. Bugs bite with their front parts or sting with their back parts, and sometimes it itches, sometimes it hurts and sometimes we get sick later. At all times we need to be armed - with knowledge and weapons - to put up the good fight. We'll never completely vanquish the dark hordes, but we can do our very best to win a few battles.

Mosquitoes - You can fight the itch with topical anti-itch products, such as Sting-Eze. If the product contains benzocaine, expect some pain relief as well. Oral anti-histamines like Benadryl will also reduce the itch. Steroid creams have little to no effect. Bites scratched open, especially on kids, should be monitored for the increasing redness, swelling and pain that indicate infection. And those bites should be washed well and bandaged.

You can prevent many 'skeeter bites. Clothing thick enough or tightly woven enough keeps their mouthparts from reaching our skin - and if the sleeves and pants are long, so much the better. Mosquitoes show a preference for dark colored clothing, so go light with, say khaki. You can use an insect repellent, and be sure the mosquito netting in tents remains in good repair. Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk - good times to be behind netting. And try to avoid mosquito prone areas: standing water, dense vegetation and places where people say, "wow there sure are a lot of mosquitoes over there."

Ticks - All ticks should be removed as soon as they are found. Don't touch the tick with bare hands, but, if possible, put it in a bottle or some such container, saving it for lab tests in case of later illness. After removal, the wound should then be cleaned with soap and water or a disinfectant and an adhesive bandage applied. Tweezers should be cleaned after use.

An article in the *Journal of Wilderness and Environmental Medicine* revealed that 20 percent of tick attachment sites on humans are places where the biter (tick) cannot be seen by the bitten (you). The sites, in order of preference by ticks, were lower limbs, the lower abdomen and genital area, the back at chest level and the buttocks. The message: During tick season, the twice-a-day tick check we need to perform will require a mirror or someone we know well.

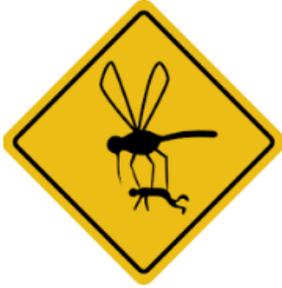
Wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, with light colors more useful, allows us the chance to see a tick before it reaches our skin. Tucking long pants into high socks gives us even more protection. And we should try to avoid contact with tall grass and low bushes where they like to hide and wait.

Insect Repellents That Work

- DEET (N, N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide): Continuing studies show it to be the best. The *New England Journal of Medicine* (2002) reported a concentration of 23.8% DEET kept bugs away completely for about five hours. People occasionally react negatively to DEET on their skin. Very rarely is the reaction serious.
- Picaridin: A chemical alternative to DEET that works well but not as long as DEET. Unlike DEET, no negative reactions are known.
- Lemon Eucalyptus Oil: Products with this oil offer complete protection for about two hours. And it smells kind of nice.
- Soybean Oil: Products with this oil keep bugs off for about an hour and a half.
- Permethrin: This is a potent insect neurotoxin synthesized, and proven safe, for human use. Apply it to clothing, not to skin, and bugs are killed after contact.



Ways to Stop Mosquito Bites from Itching



Mosquito bites. They itch and itch and itch until you just can't take it anymore. Scratching solves one problem, yet scratching releases more histamines in the body, which makes the bite itch more. One bite is annoying, several can be miserable, hundreds over the course of a few months can actually help you build an immunity to their saliva, but probably not the best way to get rid of the itch.

So how can you get the itching to stop while at camp without a nearby drugstore? Here are some surefire ways to stop the itching from mosquito bites:

- Dr. Oz says a dab of honey applied to the site can sooth skin because it is a natural antibiotic. It can also prevent infections if you have scratched your bite open with fingernails that aren't clean.
- Apple cider vinegar also has anti-itch benefits due to the acidity in the vinegar. Once pressed against the wound, the acidic liquid will reduce swelling and take away that huge urge to scratch.
- Garlic is a proven remedy due to its chemical properties, though you can also make matters worse. Rubbing a clove of garlic directly on an open site can result in severe stinging and burning.
- Sounds strange, but doctors also say using the inside of a pulpy banana peel can be an appealing way to get rid of the itch, when applied directly on a bite thanks to the peel's oils.
- Toothpaste is another trick to take the itch out of mosquito bites. A small amount on the bite can provide hours of relief due to toothpaste's anti-inflammatory properties and ingredients like menthol and baking soda.
- A bar of wet soap may be your new best friend if you're itching. The chemicals and fat in soap can be soothing, dry out the bite and reduce the need to itch. Rub it over the affected area and wait a few hours before removing.
- Or grab that roll-on antiperspirant for a quick fix. The aluminum chloride salts usually found there will help absorb the fluid in the mosquito bite, and itching goes away.

Another interesting home remedy that many swear by? Apply a small piece of Scotch Tape to the bite. From here some find it works best to leave it on for a few hours- something about closing off the air to the site reduces itching- while others simply very gently remove it directly after applying, which helps remove some of the mosquito saliva that is the heart of the itchy problem. Best to do this as soon as possible after receiving the bite.

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>

Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program



For many years the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) has recognized the many common bonds of purpose and principles of the SAR and the Boy Scouts of America.

Young men who achieve the rank of Eagle Scout have demonstrated their belief in these common principles. For this reason, the SAR believes that Eagle Scouts deserve special recognition for their accomplishment and dedication.

The SAR Eagle scholarship is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application (the application year is the calendar year, 01 Jan to 31 Dec). The year that the Eagle was awarded is not restricted. College plans do not need to be completed in order to receive the cash scholarship.

Entrants need to complete only one application – the one for the chapter competition. If it wins the chapter competition, it advances to the state competition, and if it wins the state it advances to the national competition.

Applicants need to submit:

- Application form
- Four generation ancestry chart
- Original patriotic themed essay of not more than 500 words.

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



BSAUniforms, <http://BSAuniforms.org> an easy-to-use uniform Web site is targeted at new Scout families. It was developed courtesy of the folks in BSA's Program Impact and the Supply Group.

Click on the appropriate Scouting program — Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Leaders, and Dress Uniforms (professionals). From there, you're presented with a list of required and awarded patches that you can drag and drop to where they belong on the uniform. It's simple and fun.

What you're seeing now is Phase 1, which gives you an idea of what's possible with this useful tool. The next step is to include everything found in the Guide to Awards and Insignia. It's a working project that will get better over time.

Podcasts



ScoutCast – May 2018 – New-Unit Development: Providing Scouting to Girl



We all know by now that girls will be able to join Scouting in 2019, but it's already May, which means 2019 is just seven months away. That seems like a long time but we all know it'll be here before we know it. Gene Butler, the Business Development Specialist for the National Alliances team at the National Service Center, joins us to explain what's needed to start a troop so we're ready on day one to provide this wonderful program we call Scouting to girls

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



Scoutmaster Clarke Green – Eagle Scout Advancement – Podcast 372



When thinking about Eagle Scout advancement we ought to ask “what is an Eagle Scout?” rather than “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.

Podcast: <https://scoutmastercg.com/podcast-372-eagle-scout-advancement/>



Scoutmaster Clarke Green – Working With Older Scouts– Podcast 370



Working with older Scouts between the ages of 14-18 is both challenging and rewarding. What interests keep them involved? Simply turning up the 'wow' factor doesn't do much to keep them engaged, because they are looking for much more than fun. Respecting and understanding what older Scouts need takes patient observation and an open dialogue

Podcast: <https://scoutmastercg.com/podcast-379-working-with-older-scouts/>

Training Opportunities



Den Chief Training



Date: Sunday June 17th 2018

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Cost: No fee for training session,
Den Chief Handbooks will be available at cost

Location: Claude Moore Park
21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road,
Sterling, VA 20164

Training Facilitator: Dave Weitzel (david@weitzel.com)

Training Registration site: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-20634>

A Den Chief is a Boy Scout, Venturer or Sea Scout assisting a Cub Scout den. But the story is far more important than those words suggest as the Den Chief:

Serves as a Scouting role model for the Cub Scouts in the den, as well as the entire pack;

Promotes Scouting in general and the local troop in particular;

Encourages the transition of Webelos Scouts into Boy Scouting;

Holds a leadership position in the troop or crew, thus fulfilling an advancement requirement in the unit.

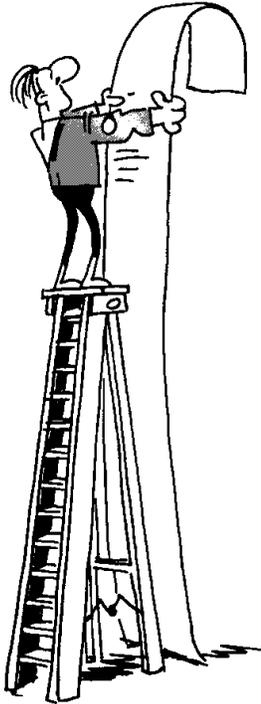
In addition, a trained Den Chief:

- Assists the den leader with planning and conducting den meetings;
- Understands the Cub Scouting program and the differences between Cub Scouts and other Scouting programs;
- Understands the den leader's duties and confidently helps lead portions of the den meeting program;
- Knows a variety of resources for age-appropriate activities for Cub Scouts in the den;
- Brings a repertoire of activities that Cub Scouts enjoy.

This training is designed to build on each of these ideas using a framework that will allow the new Den Chief, or perhaps the experienced Den Chief looking for new ideas, to have fun and learn the role.

*This training is required in part to achieve Den Chief Service Award

District Calendar



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
- 30 **New YPT training MUST be completed by ALL Scouters**

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
- 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