



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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 For Everyone

 New Article



from Charles W. Dahlquist II, BSA National Commissioner, in Scouting Magazine, March-April 2018

You can make a Difference

When learning of the Scout motto, someone once asked Baden-Powell, “Be Prepared for what?” BP’s response: “Why, for any old thing.” As Scouts and Scouters, we are always ready, in body and mind, to do our duty to assist others and to “Do a Good Turn Daily,” even when it might not be convenient.

Tom Brokaw was once quoted as saying, “It’s easy to make a buck. It’s a lot tougher to make a difference.” And yet, I regularly have the opportunity and blessing to serve with you and your fellow Scouters as you make profound differences in the lives of the Rising Generation. I learned of one such occasion from Scott Hellen, a Scouting friend who serves as a member of the BSA Disabilities Awareness Subcommittee.

Scott told me the story of Joe, a Scout who has little control over his muscles. Joe came to the Jamboree with a motorized cart and a special aide to help him. On the first morning, the aide asked Joe, “What do you want to do today?” Joe’s response: “I want to go mountain biking!” So off they went to the Summit mountain bike course. When they arrived, a staffer asked Joe, “Have you ever ridden a bike?” To which Joe replied, “No, but this sounds fun!”

As he looked at Joe, that young staff member could easily have said, “We’re glad you’re here, but this course would be just too dangerous for you.” Instead he said, “Let’s see if we can make this work!” He called over another young staffer to assist him. Then they all put on bike helmets and the staffers got Joe on the bike, holding on to the handlebars for dear life! Then, with one staffer on one side of Joe and one on the other, they guided Joe all the way through a most rigorous mountain bike course.

When they finished, Joe was ecstatic. While the two staffers were worn out and doubled over with fatigue, Joe said, “That was super!” Just then, one of the staffers straightened up and said to Joe: “Ever been on a skateboard?” Joe’s response: “No! But it sounds fun!” – and off they went to the Summit skateboard park for another wonderful adventure.

The message in the story is twofold and serves as a tribute to each of you who serves so faithfully. The first: Be Joe! Get up every day looking for an adventure. The second: Be the staffer! Be ready to help a Scout fulfill a dream.

Thanks to each of you for your heartfelt devotion to serving the Rising Generation; to becoming trained yourself; and for giving your time, talents, heart and soul to help accomplish the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



2018 District Pinewood Derby



When: Saturday, March 10th, 2018
Where: Sanders Corner Elementary School
 43100 Ashburn Farm Parkway
 Ashburn VA 20147
Fee: \$5 (\$4 + processing fee if registering before the event at: <https://Pack1154.org/derbyregistration>). Every participant will receive a Collector's Patch.

Time:

Rank Division	Registration and Inspection Priority Time Slot	Race Times (tentative)
Arrow of Light	8:45 – 9:45 am	10:00 – 10:45 am
Webelos	9:15 – 10:15 am	10:30 – 11:30 am
Bears	9:30 – 10:30 am	10:45 – 11:45 am
Wolves	10:15 – 11:15 am	11:30 – 12:30 pm
Tigers	10:30 – 11:30 am	11:45 – 12:45 pm
Lions	11:15 – 12:15 pm	12:30 – 1:30 pm
Open Race (siblings)	11:30 – 12:30 pm	12:45 – 1:45 pm
Grand Finals – 1 st – 5 th from each Rank Division	N/A	2:00 – 3:00 pm

Note: The school will also be open Friday from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM for early registration. No practice runs will be allowed

Only the top 5 finalists in each rank within each Pack in Goose Creek District are eligible for the District Pinewood Derby Race. Siblings may participate in the Cow Cub (Siblings) Race.

All cars must meet the **District** construction rules:

www.pack1154.org/s/Goose-Creek-District-Rules-2018_final.pdf Please note that these rules may differ from your pack's and it is possible that cars that qualified for their pack's races may not meet district rules and be disqualified.

Cars may be registered at any time slot but priority is given as noted above.

All cars must be registered and pass inspection 15 minutes prior to their race!

No race will start prior to the start time noted above!

Awards will be given to the top 5 finishers in each of the ranks at the District Derby. This means we will have separate races for the Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts. The top 5 finishers from each rank will move onto the Championship Finals and the top 3 finishers will be awarded trophies.

In addition, we will hold a Siblings Race and the top 3 finishers will be awarded medals.

For more information contact: Jason Beshore, jpbarchitect@gmail.com

This event is being sponsored by Pack 1154 who will also be selling snacks and refreshments on Race Day.



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 18th, 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.

In addition to recognizing our adult volunteers, we invite all 2017 Eagle Scouts to please come in Full Class A Uniform for a special recognition.

The Boy Scouts of America is a volunteer organization which relies on dedicated volunteers. If you haven't yet recognized that special volunteer from your unit as the Unit Volunteer of the Year, you still have time. Please submit:

- Your name
- The Unit volunteer of the Year's name (one per unit)
- Unit type (Troop, Crew, Pack) and number (ex., 1154)
- A short description of how this leader upholds the ideals of scouting in your unit

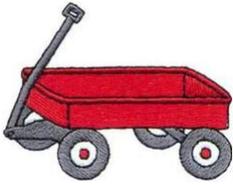
Send this to stevewolfson@verizon.net. Please put your unit, number and unit volunteer of the year in the Subject field of the email (ex., 'Troop 43 Unit Volunteer of the Year' or 'Crew 7070 Unit Volunteer of the Year')

Unit Volunteer of the Year nominations are due March 30, 2018.

In memory of Robin L. Hayes and her dedication to Scouting, the Goose Creek District Committee welcomes your nominations of outstanding Scouters for the Robin L. Hayes Leadership Award. Along with the award, a Campership donation is made to NCAC for a scout to attend the Goshen Scout Reservation for summer camp by the Hayes Family: Tom, Matt and John. In celebration of her leadership and example of service, please send all Robin L. Hayes Leadership Nominations for Scouters to Steve Wolfson at stevewolfson@verizon.net by March 30th. Please include the scouter's name, unit and their amazing scout qualities. List all positions held in their contribution to the unit, district and/or council.

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

Day/Twilight Camp 2018



The Goose Creek Summer Camps staff will be packing up our little red wagon and heading east this year. Our new camp location will be Claude Moore Park in Sterling. We are excited about the move and this year's camp theme: PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE! Not only will Goose Creek Camps offer all the old favorites: Archery, BBs, Crafts, First Aid, Science, Slingshots, but since there is a stocked 3 acre pond, we will be adding Fishing and bringing back Scout Craft and partnering with the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum.

Both Camps will take place June 18th – 22nd

- Day Camp (9 am – 4 pm M-Th, 9 am – 2 pm Friday)
- Twilight Camp (Mon-Thur. 6:30 pm - dusk)

Cost if registering before April 22nd is \$190

Council Website: Please visit <https://www.gotodaycamp.org/> and check out the registration timeline and prices for this year. Early Bird Registration opened February 15th! For those needing financial assistance there are Camperships, available. Make a determination and sign up soon, the normal deadline for Camperships is April 1st.

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

A camp presentation is an excellent way to get your Scouting families excited about the wide variety of summer camps available to Goose Creek Cub Scouts, get the scoop on the Claude Moore Park camp site, and get to ask your questions directly to the camp director. Just send Rumsey Light (rumsey.light@NAVIENT.com), our Camp Director, a date, time, and location and he'll make sure your unit gets a great camp presentation. Goose Creek Summer Camps have been family friendly for years. Female Siblings can still attend camp whether or not they choose to join Scouting.

Book your presentation early and help get families excited about Camp.

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. 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.

Goose Creek District 2018 Camporee



The 2018 Goose Creek District Spring Camporee will be held Friday, April 13th thru Sunday, April 15th, 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 Patrol Challenge events are still being developed but will include favorites from previous years such as Philmont Bear Bag Toss, Northern Tier Canoe Portage, Saw Mill, and Tomahawk Throw. Does your Troop or Crew have a Great Idea to add to our challenge? Please let Camporee Grand-Poobah Mike Sierra know (Mike.Sierra@GooseCreekDistrict.Org or 703-868-7753)!

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 as soon as possible.

Order of the Arrow - Unit Elections



The annual OA Unit Election season runs through May 31, 2018. Troops and Teams may hold only one election per season and it is recommended that the election be held prior to April 1, 2018. This will allow all elected candidates to be able to attend the Goose Creek Chapter Ordeal the weekend of April 27-29, 2018. If you wish to have Arrowmen visit your Troop prior to your election, to discuss the OA with your Scouts, please contact the Goose Creek Chapter Chief (ChapterChief@goosecreekdistrict.org).

If you would like to schedule an OA Election, Scoutmasters should send an email to the Vice-Chief for OA Elections (gc_oe_election_request@goosecreekdistrict.org) and provide the following information:

- Scoutmaster Name; email address; phone number
- Troop OA Representative Name
- Troop Number
- Troop Meeting Location & Time
- Requested Election Date
- Alternate Election Date (In case of inclement weather)

The Vice-Chief for OA Elections will confirm the receipt of your request and confirm your election date within one month after receiving your request.

Volunteers for Day/Twilight Camp 2018



Akela is a symbol of wisdom, authority, and leadership. The Goose Creek Summer Camps are looking for a few good Akelas. Who can fill that role:

Boy Scouts in the role of Den Chief – Be able to have an impact on the futures of cubs by leading and working with Cubs in a Day Camp Walking Den at camp as a Den Chief. Mutual learning experiences are created with Cubs having a role model and Boy Scout getting the experience of developing leadership skills. A Scout will help influence Cubs to continue on the path into Boy Scouts.

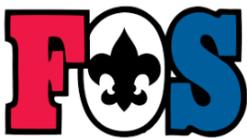
Patrol outing with a Purpose – Why not participate as a Boy Scout Patrol at Cub Scout Camp. Learn all the ins and outs of the Shooting Sports; run an Archery Range, conduct the Safety Briefing for Slingshots or hone the skills of a cub shooting BBs. These are some of the activities that can be executed by Boy Scout using the Patrol method.

Those who don't wear an adult uniform – You don't have to be a Cub, Scout or Assistant Scoutmaster to have a positive impact working with Boy Scouts or Cubs. A willingness to learn and to be a role model is all that is required. Volunteering at Goose Creek Cub Summer Camps allows you to share experience and skills with youth over a one-week span. Being able to assist a Cub master the skill of archery, complete a craft, or just enjoy a day in June sunshine; building a memory that will last a life time is a priceless thing.

Youth over the age of 14 are entitled to a \$75.00 credit that can be applied at any NCAC Goshen Reservation Summer Camp. Youth under the age of 14 receive Service Hours to be used for school or rank advancement. An adult volunteering for the week at camp gets to send up to two children to camp for the reduced fee of \$70 each (\$45 for Twilight).

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

Friends of Scouting



It is that time of year again to begin thinking about Friends of Scouting! Please begin thinking about when you want to have your presentation for 2018. You can begin scheduling these for now through April. We are accepting this information as soon as you have it, so please get it to Ray Posluszny ASAP!

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 – and specify which list you would like to be on (Packs, Troops, Crews).



“Cheerful Service Chatter”

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



What is the Order of the Arrow?



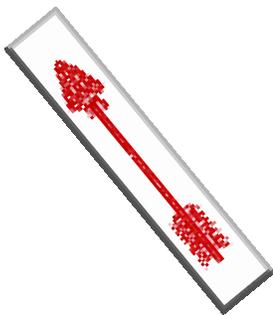
The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. Its purpose is to recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, to promote camping, to develop leaders, and to crystallize helpfulness into a life purpose of cheerful service to others.

The only way a scout can become a member of the Order of the Arrow is to be elected by his troop, and each troop may have one election each year. A scout becomes eligible for election by attaining the First Class rank, having 15 or more days and nights of camping in the previous two years, and having his scoutmaster's approval. Scouts who are elected become members of the Order of the Arrow when they complete a series of tests at an "Ordeal." New members make a pledge of service to others.

The Order of the Arrow Chapter conducts various activities to help the Goose Creek District and the larger community. It organized and staffed the District Freeze-o-ree, with more than 200 participants and conducts the Arrow of Light ceremony for Arrow of Light recipients. It conducts a trash cleanup along a section of the W&OD Trail, provides maintenance to the Loudoun County Izak Walton facility, and assists with food unloading and sorting at the Scouting for Food event.

Key Take-away: The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society.

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) or the Chapter Adviser Hal Raffensperger (hal.raffensperger@earthlink.net).

LOL



Two Cubs whose younger brother had fallen into a shallow pond rushed home to Mother with tears in their eyes.

"We're trying to give him artificial respiration," one of them sobbed. "But he keeps getting up and walking away."

Spend Spring Break Helping Rebuild BSA Camps in Florida, Puerto Rico



Cheerful service to others is at the heart of the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society. In that spirit, Arrowmen are invited to spend their spring break helping BSA camps in Florida and Puerto Rico rebuild after last year's devastating hurricane season.

There are two opportunities to serve, and each is open to all registered OA members. The opportunities coincide with spring break for many high schools and colleges.

With each opportunity, the BSA will cover all costs once Arrowmen arrive at Miami International Airport or San Juan Airport.

SeaBreak, held March 4 to 10, 2018, is based out of the Florida Sea Base's Brinton Environmental Center. Though the main Sea Base campus was largely spared during Hurricane Irma, there was damage to Big Munson Island, part of the Florida Sea Base. Each facility was hit hard, with camping facilities destroyed.

Arrowcorps Puerto Rico, held March 11 to 17, 2018, is based out of Camp Guajataka, part of the BSA's Puerto Rico Council. The camp was badly damaged during Hurricane Maria.

Requirements: Every participant must be at least 14 years of age by March 4, 2018, be a currently registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and of an Order of the Arrow Lodge, complete a BSA Medical Form (Parts A, B, and C), and meet the height and weight guidelines listed within the Medical Form.

For additional information go to

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/01/12/arrowmen-can-spend-spring-break-helping-rebuild-sea-base-bsa-camp-puerto-rico/>

"Onward and Upward"

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Colin Donohue – Troop 969

Austin Eichelberger – Troop 982

Bryson Scoffield – Troop 982



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 21st; 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: January 20, 2018

Time: 10:30 - 2:30

Place: Lovettsville Library, Mtg Rm (pending Library confirmation)

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.



Eagle Scout Class of 2017



The world needs more Eagle Scouts, and 2017 delivered in a big way.

Exactly 55,494 young men became Eagle Scouts last year. That's the most in a single year since 2013, and it's the fourth-biggest Eagle Scout class in history trailing only 2012 (100th Anniversary of the Eagle Rank), 2010 (100th Anniversary of Scouting) and 2013.

Eagle Scouts and their volunteers completed 8,461,760 hours of service in 2017. That works out to about 152.5 hours per project.

Some might call that amount of service to communities "priceless." But, in fact, you can put a price on it. At the current "value of volunteer time" rate of \$24.14 per hour, that works out to \$204.3 million worth of service to communities.

In all, 2,485,473 young men have become Eagle Scouts from 1912 to 2017.



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/



Lions Moving from Pilot to Full-Time Part of Cub Scouting



On the heels of a successful pilot that introduced new families to Scouting and raised retention rates, Lions – the BSA's Cub Scout program for kindergarten-age youth – will become an official part of Cub Scouting this fall. The decision was made official after a vote early February by the BSA's volunteer-led National Executive Board.

The Lions uniform won't change. Lions will continue wearing the blue Lion T-shirt. There's also an optional cap and new neckerchief and slide. All are suitable for wearing with the T-shirt.

But many exciting changes are on the way based on feedback from families participating in the pilot.

What are these new Lion adventure loops?

Lions, like their older packmates, will get to earn adventure loops. Over the course of a year, Lions will complete all five of the required adventures (compared to at least seven for Tiger and above). They also may complete one or more of the nine elective adventures.

Adventure loops are immediate recognition items, meaning packs should present them to Lions right away — not wait until a big event like a blue and gold. Adventure loops should be worn with pride on the Cub Scout belt.

Do Lions come to every pack meeting?

Lions should participate in at least two or three pack meetings a year. Ultimately, it's up to the family. If they'd like to attend more pack meetings, they are welcome.

Can Lions camp?

Yes. Lions can participate in family camping with their pack.

Lion dens shouldn't participate in overnight den-specific camping, but pack and family camping are encouraged. Day camp and activities such as shooting sports are reserved for older Cub Scouts. Lion dens should focus on exciting (and age-appropriate) adventures and fun family outings.

Can Lions participate in the Pinewood Derby?

Yep! You can include Lions in your pack's regular Pinewood Derby routine or encourage Lions to use the wedge car available at Scout Shops — no cutting required.

Will Lions wear the blue Cub Scout uniform shirt?

No. They'll wear the blue Lion T-shirt and blue Cub Scout belt. The hat, neckerchief and neckerchief slide are optional and can be worn after the completion of the "Gizmos and Gadgets" adventure.

What is the Lion rank strip?

Once Lions complete their rank, they can wear the rectangular Lion patch on the upper left of their T-shirt. (That's the Lion's left, or over his or her heart.)

When Lions move into Tigers, they can sew the patch under the left pocket — below where the Tiger rank patch will go.

The previously introduced diamond-shaped Lion patch is going away.

Do Lions now earn Bobcat first before working on the Lion rank?

No, Lions work on their Lion rank first. When they become a Tiger, they'll begin to work on Bobcat.



Service Project Ideas for Tigers (Cub Scouts)



Coming up with feasible service project ideas for young Cub Scouts can be a challenge. Tigers (who are in first grade) need to do a service project for the Tiger Circles adventure. There are many possibilities:

- Collect canned goods for your local food pantry
- Make Valentine's day cards for a nursing home or for shut ins
- Make no-sew fleece blankets for children at a local homeless shelter
- Collect DVDs and video games for a treatment center for children with mental health issues
- Go to an animal shelter and play with the pets.
- Plant a tree at a local park.
- Make posters for school to encourage students to walk, bike, or carpool to help the environment.
- Collect board games for your local homeless shelter
- Make cards for members of the armed services who are overseas
- Clean up litter at your chartered organization or a local park
- Create care bags for the homeless with toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, lotion, sunscreen, band aids, deodorant, and other items
- Visit a nursing home and play board games with the residents
- Rake leaves for an elderly citizen in your neighborhood
- Make cookies and deliver them to first responders
- Collect baby clothes and donate them to a women's shelter

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Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Family Program: Camping and Outdoor Activities



So, your pack has decided to adopt the Family Program and now you have either an all-girl or a coed pack. Congratulations on embracing this new chapter of Scouting! Now comes the fun part of planning the activities, especially camping and outdoor activities. Can you simply repeat the things you did last year? Dianna Marsh, Cub Scout Camping Director for the Michigan Crossroads Council in Lansing, Michigan, shares with us how it's going to be easier than you imagine in this February CubCast:

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



3 Places to Get Answers to Your Questions About Family Scouting



After the historic 2017 decision to offer our iconic programs to both to boys and girls in 2018, many people have had questions about what that means and how to introduce those expanded program offerings in their communities.

The three key places where you can find answers to your questions about Family Scouting, including Cub Scouts and the Scouting program for older girls, are as follows:

Family Scouting website - www.scouting.org/familyscouting

This is the first and best place to get answers to your questions about Family Scouting. The site features facts, an FAQ, an infographic, links to key marketing resources, videos, and more. It's a one-stop shop that is updated regularly. That means it has the most recent information available. While it's impossible to anticipate every question, more questions and answers are added to the FAQ regularly as more information becomes available.

Marketing and Membership Hub -

<https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/3482216/>

There are many people already participating in the Early Adopter program as well as others seeking resources they can use to promote the expanded program offerings in their communities. While a full suite of resources is in development, there are existing interim marketing resources available now for download in the Brand Center of the Marketing and Membership Hub.

All Other Questions - family.scouting@scouting.org (email)

If you've searched through the FAQ and other information on the Family Scouting website looking for answers to your questions about girls in the Boy Scouts of America but you can't seem to find what you need, the above email is a dedicated email address where you can send questions.

As you hear from others who also have questions, please help spread the word on the best sources for the most up-to-date answers.

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.

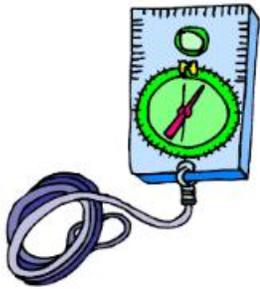
Memorial Day Camp: May 25-28

Labor Day Camp: Aug 31 - Sept 3

For additional information and to register go to www.gotogoshen.org/events/family-camp/



13th Annual NCAC Scout Orienteering Meet



Test out your troop or crew member's navigation skills at this exciting map and compass competition. Scouts and Crew members will compete in age groups and different course levels in the morning as individuals. The afternoon event is designed around competing as a unit (Troop or Crew) to gather the greatest score.

When & Where: Saturday 03-24-2018 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Prince William Forest National Park

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED -- Please be aware that your unit must register online to take part in this event. There is no walk in registration. Adjustments to the number of members from a unit can be made on the day of the event, but refunds may not be given. A unit is defined as at least two scouts and two adult leaders. Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-2018ScoutOrienteering>

Summary: This event is open to all Boy Scout Troops, Girl Scout units (ages 10 and up) and Venturing Crews. Scouts will be paired up (buddy system applies) and compete for awards to be presented to the first 10 places in each event. The morning sessions will include: instruction Orienteering course for Scouts new to the sport, competitions in one of four levels of orienteering courses, and other skill-building competitive events. Each Scout pair will have an opportunity to choose two events in the morning. We strongly recommend instruction take place at a unit level prior to your arrival. The instructional Orienteering course is a "no compete, no awards" hands on teaching course that your scouts can learn by using the Teaching EDGE method to learn the art of Orienteering. To ensure fairness, competition will also be broken into two age groups for most events in the morning, under 14 years of age and Scouts 14 years of age or older. Venturing Crews with members over 18 years old may be scored as a third grouping based on judging decision on the day of the event. After a brief break at 1pm, the afternoon event will be a 90-minute Orienteering score course. The afternoon event is a unit based competition with youth leadership taking charge of their units in planning and directing their teams. The event will be completed with awards from the morning events at 5:00 pm.

Cost is \$10 per youth and includes an event patch for all youth participants. Adults may purchase patches at cost on the day of the event pending availability.

This event is run with volunteers from and supported by the NCAC and has the added experienced of help from the Quantico Orienteering Club.

Buddy system is strictly enforced with all events and adults are not permit "in the woods" during the competitions.* The morning competition will be on the individual (scout) pair level and on the unit level. Each troop or crew unit will have a unit score from this event based on the average of the unit's top five pairs from that unit.

Camping will be available on both Friday and Saturday nights. You will need to register online for the event first and add the number of campers for each night during the registration process. The cost is \$2 per night per person.

This event is restricted to Scout Troops and Venture Crews only: Because of the large volume of Scouts attending this event and the level of competition, we cannot accommodate Cub Scouts or Webelos at this event. The youth must be registered member of a Troop, Team, Ship or Crew.



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 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 Questions on patches contact - scoutfamily4mom@aol.com Checks payable to FoFAB

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



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 to register and for additional information.



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/>

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) and Rock the River FXBG (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.

For additional questions pertaining to the Scout Challenge, please contact volunteer Race Director Mike Robinson at 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/

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/

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/

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/

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/

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>

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.



Tips for Deducting Scouting Expenses on your Tax Return



When Baden-Powell said “Be Prepared,” we’re pretty sure he wasn’t talking about income tax returns.

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

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

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

Your fellow Scouters and Bryan On Scouting are here to help (<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/02/06/tax-time/>). Along with other Scout leaders on Facebook, Bryan collected some tips to help you track and deduct your BSA-related expenses. This text, first published in 2011, was updated Feb. 6, 2018, with 2017 tax season info. This includes a complete refresh and an accuracy review by a CPA.

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 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 or 800.443.8554

Note: This event is sponsored by Whitewater Challengers; it is not run or endorsed by National Capital Area Council, BSA. Please help support our sponsors and let them know how grateful we are for their support of Scouting!

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.



2018 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key: Available Almost Full Full

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



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

On-Line Resource of the Month



The Genius of Play (www.thegeniusofplay.org), a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting play in our kids' lives, has identified six important benefits of play.

Physical – When children are involved in active play, they are practicing coordination, balance and motor skills. Physical play helps them develop habits leading to an active lifestyle as adults.

Emotional – Children aren't born knowing how to express and control their emotions such as fear and aggression. By playing make-believe games, kids can learn to self-regulate their emotions.

Social – Social skills such as sharing and empathy are practiced during cooperative play.

Cognitive – Play helps children strengthen their reasoning and thinking skills.

Creative – Play develops a child's creativity whether they are building a new Minecraft world or designing an obstacle course for their friends.

Communication – Play gives kids a chance to practice their communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.

Whether in Cub Scout den or pack meetings, at school or at home, playing gives our boys a chance to grow in these six areas. So, as you're planning your next Cub Scout meeting, turn the discussions into games! The boys will gain more than just the Scouting knowledge. Through The Genius of Play website and social media channels, den leaders can find facts, useful tips and expert advice on how toys and play can help kids build confidence, creativity, critical thinking and other skills that will serve them throughout their lives. Plus, you can get ideas on how to keep playtime fun and fresh!

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



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 .
- 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), 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



Major Updates to Youth Protection Training and Procedures



As anticipated, the Boy Scouts of America has issued some major updates to our landmark Youth Protection procedures.

The program is being expanded and strengthened, and will include youth training in youth protection for the first time (aside from our traditional *A Time to Tell* and *It Happened to Me* programs). The requirement for all adult volunteers to take Youth Protection Training, often spotty in the past, will be strictly enforced, and there will be professional help and guidance available for those having questions about what to do as well as for those who have experienced abuse under Scouting's umbrella in the past. There's also new training for camp staff covering youth-on-youth situations.

Here is a summary of the changes affecting volunteers and units that are now in effect:

- A **new, fully updated, revised and expanded Youth Protection Training**, known as YPT-2, is available on my.scouting.org now under the same YO1 course code. The course has three modules – Overview and Policies, Sexual Abuse, and Bullying – and a final test. It's presented in a graphic format with narration and subtitles, and features video segments by experts in the field of youth protection.
- As of January 1, 2018, **no new adult volunteer can be registered** without first having taken YPT.
- As of January 1, 2018, no council, region, or national leader will be allowed to override this requirement.
- As of September 1, 2017 (the recharter cycle just passed), no unit can recharter without all of its adult volunteers having current YPT, and registrars may not override this.
- **Non-registered adults going on outings for 72 hours or more** (such as summer camp) must take the new YPT (the 72 hours are cumulative, not consecutive)
- **All volunteers must re-take the new Youth Protection Training prior to October 1, 2018**, regardless of when your current training expires.
- A ScoutsFirst helpline has been established to assist unit leaders with questions about youth protection. To ask a question or find out how to handle something they have seen or to report a possible incident, you can call the new helpline at 1-844-726-8871 (SCOUTS1). You can also e-mail scouts1st@scouting.org
- Through the same helpline, professional support and counseling is available for any youth member, former youth member or family member who has been the victim of abuse within Scouting. The service is free, unlimited and available 24/7.
- In-person Youth Protection Training will be revised and updated and available in June 2018.
- Updated Spanish-language resources are expected by August 2018.
- Youth Protection Training for youth members is slated for release in 2019.

As before, general questions may be addressed to the BSA's Youth Protection team at youth.protection@scouting.org. Plan to take the new course soon, and ensure that all your volunteers and parents take it sooner rather than later, but by October for certain.

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 9th, Saturday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Session 1 – August 11th, Saturday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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

National William T. Hornaday Adviser Training 2018



The National Capital Area Council Hornaday Committee is hosting the BSA National William T Hornaday Adviser Course at Camp William B. Snyder on May 5 and 6, 2018. The course will begin at 8:00 a.m. with check-in available at 7:30 on May 5th. The class will last until 6pm on May 6th. A camping site is available (at no additional cost) for those who want to bring their tent for Friday and Saturday nights! The course fee also includes Saturday lunch & dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch. For those camping, Friday arrival time is 6 PM.

This course is for any Scouter, Parent, Unit Leader, District or Council Volunteer who has an interest in the Hornaday Awards and wants to foster a conservation ethic in youth, or who is involved in the application and endorsement process for the Hornaday Application and Nomination forms.

Upon completion of this course, participants will understand each award's requirements, appropriate project scope, and the documentation criteria for the awards. Participants will be able to assist Hornaday Award Candidates during the planning, execution, and review of their Award Application. Participants will also be prepared to promote the Hornaday Program through presentations at units, District Round Tables, and training events. Participants will be recognized as a National Hornaday Adviser.

Class size is limited, please join us and help create success stories for our youth!

Cost of the class is \$90 and to register go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-17574>

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.

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

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.

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Earn this Special Patch to Celebrate 70 Years of Wood Badge in U.S.



On July 31, 1948, William “Green Bar Bill” Hillcourt served as Scoutmaster at the first official Wood Badge course in the United States.

Seventy years later, Wood Badge has grown into an essential training experience for adult volunteers. You’ll find proud Wood Badge alumni in every council in the country.

Celebrate the 70th anniversary of Wood Badge in the United States with a special award available only in 2018. It can be earned by completing five of the nine requirements listed below during the anniversary year — Jan. 1, 2018, to Dec. 31, 2018. Think of this like a second, easier-to-complete Wood Badge ticket.

1. Register as member of the Scouting Alumni and Friends, at any level.
2. Attend a district, council or national level training course either as a participant or staff member OR serve as staff on a Wood Badge course.
3. Participate in a 70th Anniversary celebration in your Council such as a reception, reunion or other special acknowledgement at a Council wide event such as annual recognition or F.O.S. dinner.
4. Recruit another individual to attend and volunteer at a Boy Scout training event or Wood Badge service activity.
5. Share the values of Wood Badge and Scouting by recruiting an individual to take Wood Badge.
6. Promote Wood Badge training at a unit, district, council area, region or national event.
7. Contribute \$7 or \$70 or whatever larger amount you can to an existing council custodial fund for Wood Badge scholarships.
8. Solicit another individual to join you in contributing \$7 or \$70 or whatever larger amount they can to an existing council custodial fund for Wood Badge scholarships.
9. Become a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America at the unit, district or Council level. Consider such opportunities for service as: district committee, commissioner, roundtable staff, Alumni or NESA committees and more.

Visit this site, www.americanwoodbadge.org/70th-anniversary-award, to learn more and apply. Applications must be completed by Dec. 31, 2018. Award recipients get a commemorative certificate and the special patch.

Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Outdoor Ethics



When and Where?

Friday 04-13-2018 5:00 PM to Sunday 04-15-2018 12:00 PM

Izaak Walton League Rockville Chapter

12057 Clopper Rd

Gaithersburg, Maryland

What is the purpose of this class?

The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Guides. Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have at least one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer.

We recommend that Boy Scouts complete this course before serving as in the troop Outdoor Ethics Guide position.

Who should attend?

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

What will I learn?

This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin and patch, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

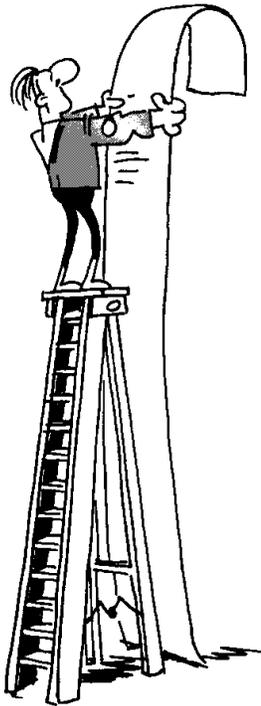
This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers. Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required.

(Campsite location, equipment list, and other course details will be emailed to participants upon registration. Each participant will have an assignment to prepare for the training.)

Registration

Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-LNTTR> , cost for the class is \$50.

District Calendar



MARCH 2018	
1	AOL Recognition Ceremony
10	Pinewood Derby
14	Roundtable
14	OA Chapter Meeting
21	District Committee
26-30	Spring Break

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