



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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 New Article



from Bobwhite Blather, <https://bobwhiteblather.com/theyre-walking-in-your-steps/>

They're walking in your steps

Yesterday I was getting ready for a new pack organization meeting. My job is to get everyone excited and then, while my district executive talks to the parents, I take the boys outside to work on Bobcat. Oh, and then we make film canister rockets. When we get back together, I do a little ceremony, a couple of cheers, a song and a closing.

Not happy with the "Follow the Bobcat Trail" help sheet I've been using for a couple years now (it's a 10th generation photocopy of an old mimeograph page, I believe!), I decided to type up a new one. One line describing the Law of the Pack really caught my eye and made me think:

In the Law of the Pack, you say you will follow Akela. This means you will walk in the steps of your Cub Scout leaders...

Walk in the steps of your leaders. That should give us all pause to think!

I've heard a saying that goes Scouting would be a great program if it weren't for the adults. How many times do we see or hear about leaders who are belittling one another, taking shortcuts with the program or safety, spreading rumors or unfounded gossip, talking behind others' backs, making up their own rules, or flat out shouting and fighting with one another? Are any of us foolish enough to believe that, no matter how insulated we may think the boys are, they don't pick up on this? I'm convinced that kids are more perceptive than most people give them credit for. And when they see the leaders acting this way, well, they're going to follow in our footsteps.

But our good behavior needs to extend past "Scout time" and into our regular lives. When I first started out as a leader, the uniform made me self-conscious, and I found that I behaved better when I was wearing it. But street clothes doesn't mean that I'm not a Scouter, does it? I can still be at the store and run into a boy from my old pack, or a kid who went to day camp. I can still sit down in a restaurant and find myself next to a family I know from a training event.

So the uniform probably makes many of us behave better. But should it? Does what we wear change who we are, what our values are? The more time I spend in this program, the more I realize the importance of living the Scout Oath and Law at all times, living by the values of the Scouting program always. If we as leaders are exchanging our values as easily as we take off our shirts, then we haven't given ourselves totally to these values. We're only borrowing them for an "hour a week". Dressing up in costume. Pretending to be something we're not.

When the boys see us slipping in and out of our values, what sort of example are we setting for them? Doesn't that send the message that there's a way to behave when we're at Scouts, and a way to behave the rest of the time? But is that what we want for them?

So take a moment, and think about where your footsteps lead. Ask yourself if they're going in the direction you want your boys to follow. Because like it or not, these boys look up to us and model their lives on ours. They truly are following in our footsteps, for better or worse!

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



2018 Program Launch



What's a "Program Launch"? Are we sending Scouts into orbit? Not quite, but it is time to start planning your unit program for next year.

Program Launch is run by the District Committee and is when Council provides us the Council Planning Calendar for the next program year. At the event the various district committees will be on hand to discuss what resources/events they have for you, and local vendors are invited to show what they can do to enhance your program.

Program Launch will be held in place of the usual May Roundtable, same place (Leesburg United Methodist Church), same time (May 9th, 7:30 - 9).

Town of Leesburg Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Foxridge Pond



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

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

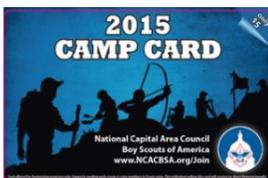
Although this ribbon cutting is not a BSA event, we'd like the Scouts to help kick-start the program at Town-owned storm-water management ponds. We will have 300 native milkweed plants for attendees to place in the natural areas around the pond and stream. Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy will also be there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

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

For further information, contact Anne D. Geiger, P.E. Project Manager. Office of Capital Projects @ AGEiger@LeesburgVA.gov or call: 703-771-2742.

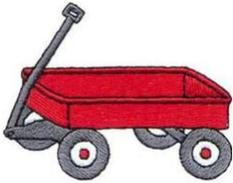


2018 Camp Card – Closing Out on May 15!



This year's "Camp Card" fundraising program ends May 15. If you still have cards and need to close out please contact our District Executive, Ray Posluszny raymond.posluszny@scouting.org, or our District Director, Ben Litten ben.litten@scouting.org.

Day/Twilight Camp 2018



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

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

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

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

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

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

Camp Registration and All Forms: www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/

Camp Director's contact: rumseylight@gmail.com

Volunteer at Day/Twilight Camp



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

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

Staff Volunteer Forms - Can be found on the following website: www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/. The camp director will follow up as to where to drop off forms.

Volunteer Staff Sign-up

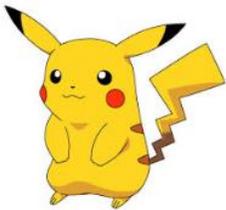
www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0845AFA72EA1FE3-daycamp

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0845AFA72EA1FE3-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.



Pokemon Card Request



Do you have Pokemon cards collecting dust at your house?

Life Scout Noah Esper from Troop 1154 is collecting unused Pokemon cards to build decks for children in hospitals. If you have Scouts who would like to build a donation deck of Pokemon cards, please contact Noah Esper at uncannycanine@gmail.com (and to comply with YPT please copy his mother (ElizabethEsper@yahoo.com [Assistant Scoutmaster T1154] on the email). He will send directions on how to build a donation deck or he may be able to come talk to your Pack or Troop meeting to present details about this project.

Each deck will have 40 cards and each deck needs specific types of cards in order to be a good deck of Pokemon cards to donate to the children.

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).

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.

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

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

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



You might have been a Scouter too long when:

- You go on a family walk around the block and you take a map and a compass along.
- Instead of teaching your one-year old son his ABC's, you teach him the Scout Law and the Scout Oath.
- You spontaneously break into strange songs in public.



“Cheerful Service Chatter”

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



Can't attend the 2018 NOAC? Here's the next best thing



NOAC 2018 — the National Order of the Arrow Conference this summer at Indiana University — is sure to be an exceptional experience for the 8,000 Arrowmen who will attend.

But what about those who can't make it this summer?

For the first time in NOAC history, the Order of the Arrow is offering an all-access NOAC@Home program for those who want to join the celebration from afar. Watch live broadcasts from interesting places on campus, view interviews with Arrowmen, and stream activities and training sessions. NOAC@Home remote delegates will use their phone, tablet or laptop to follow the fun from anywhere.

The cost is \$75 per remote delegate. And like all the best things in Scouting, this opportunity comes with a patch: a NOAC 2018 Remote Delegate patch you can't get anywhere else.

What can remote delegates do?

The goal with NOAC@Home is to allow remote delegates to experience as much of the conference as possible. This includes:

- A unique NOAC delegate pack, including a special remote delegate conference patch.
- Live, produced broadcasts throughout each day at the conference (a morning broadcast, lunchtime broadcast, and “pre-show” broadcast).
- Live streaming of conference activities each afternoon. (Interested in watching the drumming competition? Tune in live or watch the archived broadcast.)
- Live streaming of NOAC evening shows and special broadcasts for remote delegates only.
- Viewership into various NOAC trainings in the mornings.
- A virtual tour of the NOAC museum.
- Various Meet-the-Man sessions with national officers only accessible by remote delegates.
- Viewing of athletic competitions and various recreational activities from the eyes of an on-site delegate.
- Inside scoops and interviews looking into the planning and delivery of NOAC 2018 from the conference management team.
- Taped playback over select activities based on demand.
- Regional group challenges to all remote delegates for various prizes and awards.
- Discounted prices on select NOAC merchandise.

How can I become a remote delegate?

Experience NOAC 2018 from anywhere. Become a NOAC@Home remote delegate today.

Learn more and register here: <https://oa-bsa.org/article/be-noac-delegate-anywhere-world>



Opportunities for Service



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 service opportunities.

The Goose Creek Chapter conducts multiple service projects that benefit the Loudoun County community. Annually, the chapter cleans up a one-mile portion of the W&OD Trail, followed by a pizza lunch and fellowship in a restaurant. The chapter staffs a Scouting for Food reception site. Last year the chapter staffed the LINK site, unloaded about 12 tons of food, and started the tiresome process of sorting the food. The chapter's annual ordeal for new member induction is held at the Loudoun County Izaak Walton facility, where the chapter performs a wide range of maintenance and upgrade activities..

The chapter supports the Council camps by loading and unloading buses bound for summer camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation. Lodge-wide activities provide more opportunities for service. For example, members participated in the Presidential Inaugural Parade as flag carriers.

Order of the Arrow members also have opportunities for individual service. Members can join trail crews to build and maintain camp facilities, and the Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (GOAT) performs this function at the Goshen Scout Reservation. There are also Order of the Arrow trail crews for Scouting's national high-adventure sites, and the cost for these programs is significantly lower than the cost of the normal program. <https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure>

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.



“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Spencer Anderson – Troop 533
Colin David Baker – Troop 58
Zachary Bebbett – Troop 1106
Brandon Dean Carroll – Troop 2970
John D Footen – Troop 1154
Dominic Fornatora – Troop 1154
Sean Gallagher – Troop 998
Jackson Gearhart – Troop 982
Justin Hughes – Troop 2970
Joseph Karpovich – Troop 997
Michael Kellogg – Troop 998
Turner Leigh – Troop 969
Matthew Ortega – Troop 533
Austin Spring – Troop 58
Matthew Tiufekchiev – Troop 956
Thomas Torbinski – Troop 2970



Lions Arrive



At the end of the current school year, Lions will become the newest Cub Scout rank beginning in the Fall of 2018. Cub Scout packs will welcome the new den of Lions to meetings at that time. While not participating in summer programs, these Lions will be ready to start participating in adventures to earn their badge of rank. Both all girl dens and all boy dens will be organized within a pack.

A taste of what you will soon see JUST for Lions?

- The youth handbook will get a new cover and is now called the Lion Cub Scout Handbook.
- A new rank patch will be available which can be placed on the T-shirt over their heart.
- Stickers are designed for the youth to place in their new handbooks as they complete adventures.
- Adventure Loops will be awarded and placed on the Cub Scout belt.
- A Lion advancement chart will also be available for recording and watching advancement grow

As the pack welcomes the new Lion den, more excitement is ahead as the Cub Scout family grows. For more information, visit the Lion website:

www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/lion/



Scoutbook vs. Blue Cards



Technology is a great thing but sometimes what we think it will do for us is not exactly the way things turn out. Take for example the wonderful world of Scoutbook (the BSA-owned, record-keeping program). This extremely useful software tool was developed to help units, parents, and Scouts to monitor advancement progress.

Scoutbook offers numerous applications, however there are limitations and restrictions to what Scoutbook can and should do. Most importantly, Scoutbook is not an official advancement document nor is it a replacement for the “Application for Merit Badge”, aka- the “Blue Card” (No. 34124).

The Blue Card is the Scout’s official record for keeping track of merit badge advancement. Blue Cards provide information beyond the data stored on Scoutbook. Blue Cards show when the Scout met with their unit leader to discuss the badge and received acknowledgement to pursue the merit badge. Blue Cards list when various requirements have been completed as verified by the counselor’s initials as well as provide helpful information for the merit badge counselor.

More importantly, Blue Cards are the documented record needed for any historical proof that a merit badge was earned. Thus, if it ever became necessary, the Blue Card is the source of proof that a merit badge was indeed earned. Should a dispute arise such as a rank appeal, including for the rank of Eagle Scout, the Blue Card could decide the issue.

Though some might suggest Scoutbook can do the same, note that digital platforms change over time, occasionally get corrupted and cannot provide proof that all the steps in earning a merit badge (Unit Leader discussions and signature, Merit badge counselor final signature) have been completed.

In essence, though it is useful to use the Scoutbook platform for entering information, it does not replace the required signed Blue Card which must be retained by the Scout, the Scoutmaster, and the Merit Badge counselor.



How to Easily Complete the Webelos Cyber Chip Teachable Recipes



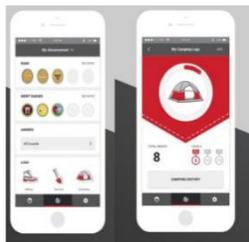
The Webelos Cyber Chip requirements help the Scouts understand the potential impact of the internet in a more tangible way by using “Teachable Recipes.”

The Webelos Cyber Chip requirements are a bit more rigorous than the Cub Scout Cyber Chip requirements. The Scouts get to be the teachers for this requirement. Not only is this fun for them, but it helps reinforce the message. But how exactly do you complete these requirements with a den of 8 or 10 Webelos?

Learn how to easily integrate this Cub Scout Cyber Chip requirement into your den meetings with this article from *Cub Scout Ideas*:

<https://cubscoutideas.com/8989/webelos-cyber-chip-teachable-recipes/>

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



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

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

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

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

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

How to begin

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

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

What the app can do

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

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

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

What's coming soon

Additional features will be introduced later in 2018, including:

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

Feedback is a gift

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

Look for the "gear" icon within the app.



Eagle Scout Recognition Certificates

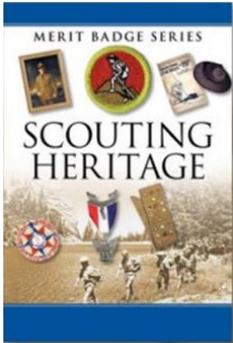


Each month the district will be submitting a list of our new Eagles to Congresswoman Comstack's office who will be creating a Recognition Certificate for each Scout.

These will be available for pickup at the monthly Roundtable.



Scouting Heritage Merit Badge



One of the optional requirements (4B) for the Scouting Heritage merit badge is to visit the National Scouting Museum. Currently, that museum is in Texas, but that location will soon be changing. The new site will be at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

To accommodate boys who wish to complete this requirement while the move is in progress Scouts may use new requirement 4C, instead. In this option, Scouts are instructed to discover Scouting heritage within their local community to give them a sense of the history of Scouting in their area. If they meet with a Scouting historian or memorabilia collector, they'll benefit from that personal interaction, too. Here's how the new requirement is stated:

Scouting Heritage merit badge requirement 4

Requirement 4 is a fun and hands-on way for Scouts to learn about the BSA's rich history. A Scout has three options, each involving keeping a journal or writing a report.

- A. Attend a BSA national jamboree, world Scout jamboree OR a national BSA high-adventure base.
- B. Write or visit the National Scouting Museum.
- C. Visit an exhibit of Scouting memorabilia or a local museum with a Scouting history gallery or visit with someone in your council who is recognized as a dedicated Scouting historian or memorabilia collector.

Meanwhile, Scouts and Scouters seeking information about the new museum location may write to Philmont Museum, 17 Deer Run Road, Cimarron, NM 87714.

When Submitting an ESRA to Council for Approval



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

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

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

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Higher Score, Lower Price: Get Cheap SAT and ACT Test-prep Software



Boy Scout families — both current and former — can score \$350 SAT or ACT test-prep computer programs for \$20. That means the study materials, instructor-led videos and multimedia lessons can be yours for about half what it costs to take the actual tests themselves.

It's \$20 for either the SAT or ACT test-prep program, which includes 11 hours of video instruction, 120 lessons and 122 drills, hundreds of practice questions, and 20 automatically graded tests.

What you need to know

The software is technically free but requires a \$20 student fee that includes streaming costs, customer and technical support and updates.

Have a student who's taking both tests? Grab both programs for \$25 — a huge savings over the \$600 list price.

Mac or PC? Doesn't matter, because the programs are streamed instantly online or you can get a DVD download — works on any operating system, platform, or device.

How to order

Request the almost-free programs online at www.eknowledge.com/bsa.asp



Recognition Item Honors Eagle Scouts Who Have Fallen in the Line of Duty



After trading their Boy Scout uniform for a police, fire or military uniform, some Eagle Scouts make the ultimate sacrifice.

The Line of Duty Fallen Eagle Recognition from the National Eagle Scout Association honors those Eagle Scouts who have died while serving as police officers, firefighters or members of the military.

"It is important that we recognize the sacrifices of Eagle Scouts, who, by their service, allow us to live the American dream," said Rep. Pete Sessions, an Eagle Scout and NESAs committee member.

Rules vary by state, but a Line of Duty Death can be the result of a traumatic event or an occupational illness, disease or injury. Any Line of Duty Death ruled by the agency the Eagle was representing at the time of death will be honored.

The process for applying for this recognition is outlined at www.nesa.org/site/c.9oIFJMPsGgIWF/b.9545941/k.995E/Line_of_Duty_Fallen_Eagle_Recognition.htm. NESAs will verify the fallen person's Eagle Scout status, notify top BSA volunteers and professionals, and contact the deceased's home troop and council.

Next, a presentation Eagle medal will be sent to the fallen person's local council. The council will present the medal to the deceased person's family at an appropriate time. Finally, NESAs will notify the Congressional Eagle Scout Caucus. The caucus will inform the members of Congress who represent the fallen Eagle.

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

★ Eagle Scout's Free Service a Must for any Parent Concerned about Product Recalls



More than 900 million products were recalled in the U.S. last year. Many of those products are still in families' homes.

Eagle Scout (2007) Chris LoPresti and his team decided to do something about this potentially dangerous problem. They launched Bonnie (<https://bonnie.ai>), a free recall monitoring service that automatically analyzes your purchases and alerts you when a product you own has been recalled or has a safety issue.

Setup takes about 10 seconds. Once it's activated, the service scans your inbox for emailed receipts and compiles a list of your purchases. You can also manually scan receipts for purchases made at a physical store.

After that, Bonnie works behind the scenes — ceaselessly searching for items that have been recalled. If there's a match, the user receives an alert and instructions on how to resolve the issue.

"Bonnie is a great service for anyone, though it's particularly helpful for busy parents," LoPresti told Forbes last year. "There are plenty of reasons why the majority of recalled children's products are not promptly removed from the home, but the primary issue is that it's just hard to keep up."

With stories about privacy and technology dominating the news, *Bryan on Scouting* asked LoPresti what he tell a parent who is skeptical about Bonnie because it requires access to email.

"We take privacy and security seriously at Bonnie, and we built Bonnie with a security-first mindset," he said. "We protect individuals' data with encryption and other security best practices, we don't use data in ways that individuals don't agree to, and anyone can change their mind at any point and opt out."

★ 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.

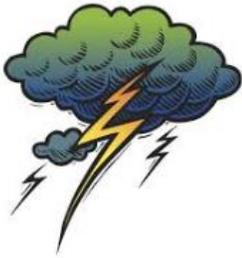
Applicants need to submit:

- Application form
- Four generation ancestry chart
- Original patriotic them 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>



'Trained' Leader Designation to Require Hazardous Weather Training



Effective April 30, new direct contact leaders must complete Hazardous Weather Training to be considered position trained. And here is one story about why this is so important.

Imagine as a leader with a group of excited Scouts you arrive at a council camp for a camporee on a rainy Friday afternoon. Saturday morning is filled with the sounds of Scouts participating in the scheduled activities, only to have the weather turn blustery with sustained winds of about 30 mph and gusts up to 48 mph. The trees of the heavily forested area start swaying madly back and forth.

As a leader, what would you do? Would you continue with the camporee or evacuate the camp?

This was exactly the situation experienced earlier this year at Pacific Harbors Council's Klondike Derby held at Camp Thunderbird. According to the National Weather Service, sustained winds of about 30 mph with gusts up to 48 mph were recorded near the camp between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday. It soon became apparent to leaders that conditions had become unsafe and, around midmorning, with input from the council representative and Camp Thunderbird's ranger, leaders decided to evacuate the camp.

"We made sure that we followed the Boy Scout Guide to Safe Scouting and our hazardous weather training to ensure that all scouts and adults made it home safe," said Barb Dyer, Klondike committee chairwoman. "It was the right decision to cancel Klondike. While it's disappointing that the boys couldn't have the fun-filled weekend that was planned, I'm eternally grateful that safety is first with the BSA."

A good decision it was, as several large trees and branches dropped on or near Scout campsites during the storm. No injuries were reported, but it could have turned out differently. Rebecca Ledford, an adult leader with Troop 4100, shared a photo of her son's tent, which had been impaled by a heavy fallen branch — right where his pillow was.

On Sunday morning the "all clear" was given for scouts and leaders to return to retrieve their belongings and break down their campsites.

This course is available around-the-clock in the BSA Learn Center by logging in to your account on My.Scouting.org.



Frederick Keys – Scout Night Sleepover



The Frederick Keys are having a Scout Night Sleepover on Saturday, June 2 when they will be playing the Lynchburg Hillcats. Participants will be part of the pregame parade on the field, watch a fireworks display and movie after the game, and have reduced prices for concessions and ticket prices.

For more information and how to get tickets go to:

www.ncacbsa.org/seneca/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2018/03/2018-Scout-Night.pdf



How to DIY Fun and Creative Cub Scout Skits



Cub Scout skits are a super fun part of den and pack meetings. But doing the same skits over and over can get boring. Let the Scouts' creativity shine with this fun activity where they create their own skit using prompts written on craft sticks!

Check out how to do this at <https://cubscoutideas.com/8173/diy-cub-scout-skits/>

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/>

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 tables, tables & Wi-Fi), and all program equipment, with exception of the optional ½-day whitewater rafting trip. (Fee for this is TBD)

For more information go to: www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/

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.



Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award



The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award is the award for scouts of the Sons of the American Revolution. It is an honor due to members of the SAR who act as role models and provide dedicated service to the young men in the Boys Scouts of America.

The award is presented to members of the SAR in good standing who are currently active in a Scout unit, district, or council or members who have displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting program. Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in Scouting, is the criteria for this award.

For information contact: Col. Robert Fagan (Ret) – Chapter Chairman – Eagle Scout Program, 1432 Moore Place SW, Leesburg, VA 20175, 703-483-1206, RJFMLF99@HotMail.com.

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.

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.

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: \$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: \$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: \$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: \$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: \$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>



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)						
 Marriott (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 2 – 7/1 to 7/7

Week 3 – 7/8 to 7/14

Week 4 – 7/15 to 7/21

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/>

On-Line Resource of the Month



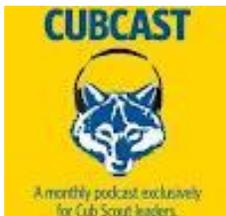
Boy Scout Store (www.boyscoutstore.com) is an independent website and provides scouting collectibles since 1996. The store is not affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America®, the Girl Scouts of the USA or the World Organization of Scout Movements.

Their site has Merit Badges, Merit Badge Books, Council Shoulder Patches, Order of the Arrow Flaps, Spoof Patches, Books and Handbooks, Eagle Scout, Cub Scout items, National Jamboree, World Jamboree, Scouting Coins and much more.

Podcasts



CubCast – April 2018 – Youth Protection Training



In this special crossover CubCast/ScoutCast episode, BSA Director of Youth Protection, Michael Johnson, explains how the revised Youth Protection training helps volunteers and professionals maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at the national, regional, area, council, district, and unit levels.

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



ScoutCast – March 2018 – The Webelos Den and Your Scout Troop



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

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



Scoutmaster Clarke Green – Developing Youth Leadership – Podcast 367



Why is Scouting designed around youth leadership? Most Scouters think a youth led troop is the brass ring of Scouting. What exactly do we mean when we talk about youth leadership? There's much confusion and misunderstanding of this than nearly any other aspect of Scouting. Our perspective is often narrowly focused on things that aren't all that important.

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



Scoutmaster Clarke Green – Constructive Discipline – Podcast 368



Scouting discipline is constructive because it builds character through applying the Scout oath and law. When we think of discipline we often think of systems of rules and punishments. These things are more familiar to our Scouts than open-ended situation where they follow principles. Asking them to judge themselves rather than issuing judgments may be something new. They will catch the spirit of this, but it takes a little time, and a consistent message.

Podcast: <https://scoutmastercg.com/podcast-368-constructive-discipline/>

Training Opportunities

Swimming and Water Rescue (SWR)



What: This is the hands-on, in/on water training for supervisors of any scouting swimming or boating activity. 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 (<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 Youth Leadership Training



NYLT (Impeesa) is the National Capital Area Council's presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their scouting program and in LIFE. NYLT brings together scouts from all over the Council to learn and practice the leadership techniques in a risk free, scout friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

While it remains the responsibility of the unit leaders to train the youth leaders, this course is designed to supplement the adult leaders' role in the training process. NYLT skills build on the fundamental leadership skills presented in the unit basic leadership training in their home unit. This training conference has six specific objectives.

To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their unit.

- To give participants the most contemporary, successful, and useful leadership tools available and allow them to "experiment" with them to help them better relate these skills to their unit responsibilities.
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other scouting programs.
- To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at its best.
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and their adult leaders.
- To have fun!

In order to attend the course each participant must certify that they have met the following qualifications by Jan 1, 2018:

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

2018 Course Dates

SUMMER NYLT – registration opening in January 2018

17 – 22 June 2018

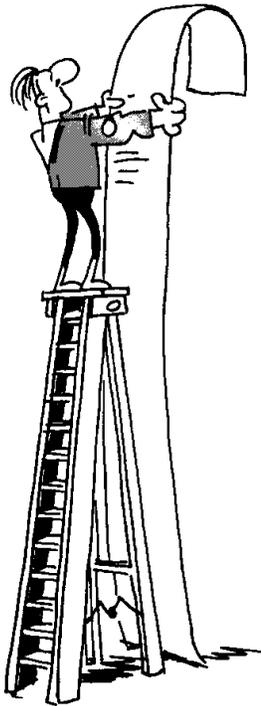
24 – 29 June 2018

29 July – 3 August 2018

5 -10 August 2018

Cost - \$250.

District Calendar



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
 1 **New YPT training MUST be completed by ALL Scouters**
 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