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Newsletter Key:

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 New Article



The Aims of Scouting

It is important to remember why we are doing this.

It is so easy to get distracted by trying to get things organized for the next camp out or den meeting. Or the parent who doesn't understand the difference between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Or those who aren't pitching in. Or the personalities not working well together

Refocusing on the Aims of Scouting will help us push the distractions aside and stay positive in our efforts.

The Boy Scouts of America enumerates three aims of Scouting – Character, Citizenship, and Fitness.

Character development is probably the most recognized of the three. When the public thinks of a Boy Scout, hopefully they are picturing a young man who is willing to help others and follows the points of the Boy Scout Oath and Law. The same should be true for Venturers and Cub Scouts. Scouting helps young men and women develop confidence, independence, and skills. They adhere to their own religious beliefs while respecting the beliefs of others. They are honest and trustworthy.

Citizenship training benefits our nation and our communities. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers learn to take pride in our national heritage. They understand how they fit into the larger community. They understand the importance of taking care of the environment for the benefit of everybody. They put others before themselves by organizing and participating in service projects.

The third aim is fitness. This includes mental and physical fitness. This enables them to enjoy full, rich lives. Physical fitness is encouraged through sports and outdoor activities. Scouts also learn about the importance of eating right and taking care of themselves. They promise to stay away from drugs, alcohol, and other substances which can harm themselves or others. They strive to do their best in their studies and be mentally alert. They learn to think before they act so they can make good decisions.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Webelos-o-ree 2018



The date for the Goose Creek's annual Webelos-o-ree is set for September 22-23 at Camp Snyder. This event is open to all Webelos so mark the date down on your calendar now.

This camping event is designed to introduce Webelos and their parents to what being in a Boy Scout troop is all about. The activities will be run by our own Boy Scout troops and can include such things as: Fire building, cooking, monkey bridge, first aid, BB shooting and/or archery, a campfire run by the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow, and much more. For the adults we'll provide plenty of Scout leaders to answer questions about camping, joining Boy Scouts, and camping equipment. We will also hold a Webelos to Scout orientation for Arrow of Light Scouts and an Introduction to Webelos meeting for the new Webelos and their parents.

The Webelos-o-ree starts off with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and wraps up Sunday after chapel services. For those who don't want to camp over there are also registration options for staying just for the activity periods and for joining us for dinner and the campfire before going home.

A full 2018 information packet about the event is on the district website www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/webelos-o-ree/ and can also be downloaded directly at https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA082/document_15348599030_2780.pdf

The link to register your unit for the 2018 WOR is <https://scoutingevent.com/082-22300>

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

Opening for District Communications and Media Chair/Webmaster



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

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

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



The Best Way to Welcome New Members



It's fall! In much of the country that means football. For Scouters, it also means recruitment.

This fall thousands of boys and girls will be joining Cub Scout packs. And, come February, thousands of youth – both boys and girls – will be joining Scouts BSA troops. It is an exciting time for them, their families, and their units. Everyone is looking forward to the fun of Scouting.

It also can be a confusing time for those families. Even those families with a Scouting background might have challenges with all the new friends, new activities, new uniforms, and new ways of doing things. And while it is all fun, it can be overwhelming. Too overwhelming. The truth is, a lot of those families don't stay in Scouting without a friend in the unit who can help guide them along the way. That's where the New Member Coordinator comes in.

If your unit doesn't have one yet, now is the time to recruit someone. All you need is a friendly person who is excited about Scouting and is not serving in another capacity in the unit. Having someone there to say "Welcome" and able to anticipate questions goes a long way to ensuring that the family gets engaged quickly. And engaged families mean more help and more help means opportunity for a better program and a growing unit. All of that leads to more fun for everyone.

Check out the information at <https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/councils/new-member-coordinator/> and the training materials in the Learn Center at my.scouting.org. Having someone there to say "Welcome!" will make all the difference this fall.



Report Those High Adventure Treks



If your troop has a crew or two doing one of the BSA high adventure camps this summer we would like to post a photo of the crew in the newsletter. Just send a photo of the crew and tell us which trek they did. Send it to Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org

New District Patches



The new Goose Creek District patches are finally here. They will be available at Roundtable from our District Director Ben Litten for \$5 each.



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Troop Participation in the Webelos-o-ree



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

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

So far, we have the following troops participating:

- Troop 572 – Gaga ball and Human Foosball
- Troop 761 – Monkey Bridge
- Troop 982 – Wilderness Survival
- Troop 997 – Dutch oven cooking
- Troop 998 – Axes and Saws
- Troop 1666 – Camp Cooking

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



"Cheerful Service Chatter"

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

Fall Ordeal



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

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

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



First rule of camping: Every flat surface is a table or seat.

Second rule of camping: Any liquid spilt in a tent automatically doubles in volume.

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Alex Bower – Troop 956
Varun Chharia – Troop 163
Himanshu Dubey – Troop 961
Nicholas Fugazzotto – Troop 163
Michael Hann – Troop 1907
Harry Hughes – Troop 961
Cameron Jones – Troop 663
Maxwell Knowlton – Troop 956
Matthew Lanzer – Troop 2011
Michael Leibolt – Troop 163
Austin Little – Troop 982
Brooks Keith Poole – Troop 962
Zachary Stoner – Troop 982
Nathan Stroud – Troop 956
Caleb Varghese – Troop 712



Life-to-Eagle Training



Mark your calendars for November 17th the last 2018 offering of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek. Location and timing are still to be determined, dependent on library availability.

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.

Date: November 17, 2018

Time: TDB

Place: TDB

We’re targeting one more additional Life-to-Eagle Seminar in 2018; most likely in Nov – a week after SFF. Locations and times are all “TBD” pending confirmation of meeting room availabilities.

Also, if you ARE a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit, and have not attended one of these in Goose Creek within the last 2 years, you really should make an attempt to do so. Lots of things have changed over the years, and even the long-standing and experienced L2E Advisers will learn something new.

★ Top 5 Merit Badges Scouts Could Earn While Completing Assignments or School



Here's a word problem to ponder: How can one homework assignment count twice? Easy. By getting credit for that work at school and in Scouts.

Turns out several merit badge requirements align perfectly with schoolwork. And there's no BSA rule against going for double credit. (Same goes for service projects done at school. The Guide to Advancement says that "counting service hours for school or elsewhere in the community and also for advancement is not considered double counting since the hours are counted only once for advancement purposes.")

Makes that 10-page essay seem a little more palatable, huh?

Now that school is back in session, let's look at the top 5 merit badge Scouts can earn while completing homework, group projects or other school assignments.

Scholarship

The Scholarship merit badge, where Scouts must show an improvement in their grades and demonstrate good leadership skills at school, is the most obvious inclusion here.

Reading

Scouts who find and read six books from a variety of genres have completed the most time-consuming step for the Reading merit badge.

Our favorite requirement for the Reading MB is the four service hours needed for requirement 4. Scouts could complete that by volunteering at their school library or reading to children.

Theater

To paraphrase William Shakespeare: All the world's a stage, and the Scouts who are part of the cast or crew of a school musical or play should work concurrently on the Theater merit badge.

While Scouts design sets or costumes, memorize lines, or install stage lighting for a school production, they can check off one requirement after another.

Programming

More and more schools offer classes in computer programming, where students learn skills that employers crave.

It's also why the BSA in 2013 released the Programming merit badge, giving Scouts a STEM-focused introduction to a skill that is both fun and practical.

Athletics

Athletics merit badge challenges Scouts to improve their performance in activities like running, weightlifting or basketball.

This merit badge could easily be completed in a season of school sports or semester of PE class.



Eagle Scout Projects—Two-Deep Adult Supervision Requirement



For most Eagle Scout projects, a certain amount of physical work is provided by those assisting the Eagle Scout candidate. Boy Scouts of America is constantly reviewing and providing assessments to ensure that all Scouting activities are conducted safely for the youth members. Recently, the youth protection policy has been revised and becomes effective October 1, 2018.

Beginning on that date, adult supervision on “all Scouting activities,” which includes Eagle Scout projects, must consist of no less than two Youth protection trained, BSA-registered adults—both at least 21 years of age. Please refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting – Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/>).



Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award



The Boy Scouts of America has partnered with The Award USA to offer The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award! This award, which has been around for more than 60 years internationally allows Scouting achievements to be recognized worldwide by providing unique international accreditation of a Scout’s experiences.

For the Scouting program, the award provides a structure that Scouts/Venturers can use for their program development while increasing retention, STEM exploration of the outdoors, and BSA high adventure camp participation.

There are a few items to note about the award:

- The award is open to Scouts/Venturers (and other youth) between the ages of 14 and 24.
- The award has 3 levels – bronze, silver, and gold. These awards, similar to the BSA advancement program, are progressively more challenging.
- The award concentrates on 5 key areas of focus – service, skills, physical recreation, adventurous journey, and residential project (gold level only).

More information about this award can be found at <https://usaward.org/about/>.

Note the BSA specific URL at the end. This and all other international Scouting awards can be found at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/program-impact/international/>



How to Make a Dinosaur Dig Activity



Lots of kids LOVE dinosaurs, and Cub Scouts are no different. That’s what’s cool about the Wolf elective adventure, Digging in the Past. While they’re learning about how fossils are formed, the Scouts get to do fun dinosaur activities like dino dig.

The Wolf handbook calls for using Plaster of Paris for the dinosaur dig, but most of us don’t have that just sitting around the house. CubScoutIdeas.com did a little research to see if there could find another way to make this, and there was, Corn starch! (<https://cubscoutideas.com/8150/dinosaur-dig-activity/>)



Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Recognition



The Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution serving Northwestern Virginia invites you to recognize your Eagle Scout with a letter and certificate of recognition for their Court of Honor. Application is easy but can take 4-6 weeks for delivery due to the approval process.

Please provide the following information when ordering a letter and certificate:

1. Scout's Full Name:
2. Scouts' Troop Number:
3. Date for Court of Honor (if known):
4. Name/position of person requesting letter and certificate (for accounting purposes):
5. Address for mailing letter and certificate:

You may address all requests and inquiries to:

Robert Fagan
 Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret)
 Chapter Chairman, SAR Scouting Activities
 Email: rjfmf99@hotmail.com

Completing Partial Merit Badges



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

To finish the merit badge, it is up to the Scout to make an appointment with another merit badge counselor to complete the missing requirements. There is no requirement that the original counselor be the one to whom they go or that they have to wait till the next summer camp to complete it.

Important Facts:

- The only expiration date on a partial is the Scout turning 18.
- The only requirements the Scout needs to do are the ones not signed on the Blue Card. The new merit badge counselor cannot make a Scout redo a signed requirement as a test or not accept it because they suspect the 'quality' of the work done. If it's been signed then it's done, period. Conversely, if all the Scout has is a worksheet from camp of what was done and it wasn't also signed on the Blue Card then it wasn't officially done and it is up to the counselor on whether to accept it or not.
- Changes in the merit badge requirements that have occurred since the partial was done are not to be considered. The Scout must complete only the requirements in place when the badge was started. This means that any new requirements do not have to be done, on the other hand, any requirements that were dropped but were not completed do have to be done.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org

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



The BSA has announced bold, wide-ranging updates to its Youth Protection program as part of an ongoing effort to protect young people from child abuse and reflect changes necessitated with the addition of girls at all levels of the BSA program.

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

Even those Scout leaders who took the previous version of Youth Protection training must log into My.Scouting.org and complete the updated Youth Protection course. **You have until Sep 30, 2018, to do so.**

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

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

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

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

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

Who must complete the updated Youth Protection course?

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

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

How do I take the updated Youth Protection course?

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



National Eagle Scout Association Scholarships



College isn't cheap, but for more than 150 worthy Eagle Scouts, it's about to get a lot more affordable. The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) will award nearly \$700,000 in scholarships to Eagle Scouts based on their academic performance, Scouting background, college plans and financial need. NESA offers two basic types of scholarships: academic scholarships and merit scholarships.

The window for the latest round of National Eagle Scout Association scholarships opened Aug. 1, 2018. It will close for good on Oct. 31, 2018. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail on July 15, 2019, and money will be disbursed to these deserving Eagle Scouts in fall 2019.

The scholarships are highly competitive. Less than 3 percent of the 5,000 expected applicants will receive a scholarship.

But if you are an Eagle Scout between your senior year of high school and junior year of college, you'll want to apply and give yourself a chance at earning some cash for college.

What are the requirements?

You must be a National Eagle Scout Association member to receive a scholarship. However, you can apply for a NESA scholarship before you apply for a NESA membership.

Academic scholarship applicants must apply during their senior year in high school unless the Eagle Scout board of review was held after Oct. 31, 2018. In those cases, the applicant must apply during the Aug. 1 to Oct. 31, 2019, scholarship cycle, even if he is already attending college.

Academic scholarship applicants must have a minimum 1800 SAT (or 1290 if taken after March 2016), or 28 ACT score to apply. A "super score" may be used to meet this requirement.

Eagle Scouts may apply for NESA merit scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school and may continue applying every year until their junior year in college.

Applicants may receive a NESA scholarship one time only.

In the past, NESA scholarships were available only to Scouts attending four-year universities. Now Scouts attending vocational trade schools and other approved programs may apply. NESA scholarships are not payable to any of the U.S. military academies.

How does an Eagle Scout apply?

All NESA scholarship applications must be submitted online. Paper copies from previous years are out of date and will not be accepted.

Applications must be submitted at this site:

www.nesa.org/site/c.9oIFJMPsGgIWF/b.9535031/k.8FA8/Scholarships.htm#Howtoapply

NESA has posted this list of helpful FAQs:

www.nesa.org/site/pp.aspx?c=9oIFJMPsGgIWF&b=9535037#Scholarship.

Good luck!

★ Craig Poland Selected as Scout Executive of National Capital Area Council

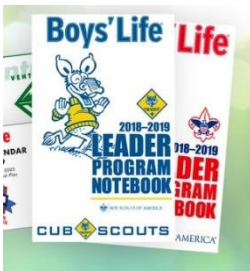


Craig Poland has been selected to serve as Scout executive of National Capital Area Council in Bethesda, Maryland, effective September 16, 2018.

Craig began his Scouting career as a district executive at Del-Mar-Va Council in Wilmington, Delaware. After also serving as senior district executive and field director at the council, he was promoted to assistant Scout executive of Minsi Trails Council in Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, and, later, to assistant regional director of the Northeast Region in Jamesburg, New Jersey. Since 2010, he has served as Scout executive of Minsi Trails Council.

Craig is an Eagle Scout who enjoys golf and fishing. He and his wife, Barbara, have two adult children.

★ Calendars, Notebooks and Poster-Size Charts to Help you Plan your Scouting Year



What does your pack, troop or crew have planned for its 2018-2019 Scouting year? If the answer is "nothing yet," don't fret. Boys' Life magazine has you covered with calendars, notebooks and poster-size charts to help you Be Prepared.

These program-planning materials, brought to you by the premier magazine for kids and teens, will help you make your unit's year a success. Order as many as you need, and then get to work planning your next year of Scouting.

If your council doesn't provide these materials, you can order them directly from BL. Prices are impressively affordable, ranging from \$1 for poster-size planning charts to \$2 for calendars and program notebooks.

What's available?

- Pack Program Planning Chart (\$1): Poster-size chart for pack leaders to plan their Scouting year. Includes spaces to write in den meetings, Adventure Loop activities, pack event dates, monthly meetings and more.
- Troop Program Planning Chart (\$1): Poster-size chart for troop leaders to plan their Scouting year. Includes space for youth leaders to write in each month's program, troop campouts, district or council events, service projects, courts of honor, trainings, and more.
- Crew Program Planning Chart (\$1): Poster-size chart for crew leaders to plan their Scouting year. Includes space for youth leaders to write in meeting dates, Venturing Officers' Association meetings, crew trips, district or council events, service projects, trainings, and more.
- Cub Scout Leader Program Notebook (\$2): Pocket-size notebook for Cubmasters and den leaders. Features fillable pages to plan den and pack meetings.
- Boy Scout Leader Program Notebook (\$2): Pocket-size notebook for Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters. Features fillable pages to plan troop meetings and monthly outings.
- Unit Commissioner Program Notebook (\$2): Pocket-size notebook for unit commissioners and district commissioners. Features fillable pages to track unit visits and more.
- Council Planning Calendar (\$2): Fill-in-the-box calendar running from September 2018 to December 2019.
- Venturing Program Planning Calendar (\$2): Fill-in-the-box calendar for crews.

To order, go here: <https://boyslife.org/program-planning-package/>



The LDS Church and the BSA



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints announced that, starting on Jan 1, 2020, it will shift the focus of its youth programs toward serving an increasingly global membership. That means the LDS church will no longer charter Scout units beginning in 2020 and beyond.

Many Scouters have been wondering what this news means for the BSA. Will this affect our movement and, if so, to what degree? And what are the next steps for the thousands of LDS families who love being a part of the Scouting adventure and want to continue their journey.

All who want to continue their Scouting journey are more than welcome to do so. The LDS church has said it will “remain a fully engaged partner in Scouting” through Dec 31, 2019. That gives LDS families more than a year to chart a course for continuing down Scouting’s path in 2020 and beyond.

The BSA and local councils will ensure a smooth transition to community-sponsored units that will welcome youth previously served by LDS-sponsored units. That means young people who have begun the path toward the Eagle Scout Award can continue working toward that achievement.

The LDS church, in its joint statement with the BSA, expressed that it will continue to support Scouting even after its official partnership has ended: “While the church will no longer be a chartered partner of BSA or sponsor Scouting units after Dec 31, 2019, it continues to support the goals and values reflected in the Scout Oath and Scout Law and expresses its profound desire for Scouting’s continuing and growing success in the years ahead.”



BSA Reinstates Heroism Award



The Boy Scouts of America has reinstated the Heroism Award, filling a gap between the Honor Medal, presented for attempting to save a life with “considerable risk to self” and the Medal of Merit, which honors Scouting service but does not require a lifesaving attempt.

The Heroism Award was first presented in 1977 and discontinued in late 2012. Its official reinstatement came after a vote by the National Executive Board in February 2018. The award honors youth members or adult leaders who demonstrate “heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save a life at minimal personal risk.”

Councils nominate their members using this application, <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2018/08/Lifesaving-Award-Application-August-2018-revision.pdf>, and send the proper documentation to the National Court of Honor for final approval.

Heroism Award recipients — then and now — receive a red square knot on a white background and a medal with a red-white-red ribbon that says “For Heroism.”



V3 Hike-o-ree 2018



The 29th Annual V3 (originally named for Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held October 26-28, 2018, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration is limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Scout units including Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Boy Scout Troops, and Girl Scout Troops.

Units are encouraged to form trail crews consisting of no more than twelve members, including at least two adults. Participation minimum age for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is 13 years old as of January 1, 2019.

BSA units will need to comply with the Guide to Safe Scouting, etc., and meet the safety requirements therein. All BSA Scouts and Scouters that hike must bring a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (2014 edition), parts A, and B, and meet the weight limits on part C.

Trail crews will be assigned a hike based on the preferences indicated in their registration. All hikes are approximately ten miles in length and range in difficulty from moderate (1500 foot change in elevation) to super strenuous (2600 foot change in elevation). Other Hike-o-ree activities include a Friday night opening rally, a Saturday night High Adventure Rally, and a service project on Sunday morning. Camping at the 4-H Center is BACKPACKING style using ONLY backpacking equipment. Do not bring chuck boxes, coolers, Dutch ovens, propane tanks, camp lanterns, or lawn chairs!!! Bring ONLY what you can carry in your backpack. Crews receive their Hike-o-ree t-shirts Saturday night.

Registration on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS begins on September 1, 2018, on the BSA National Capital Area Council website.

An initial unit deposit is required to reserve a particular hike not later than October 6, 2018. After you register for a hike and pay your deposit, you will be sent a confirmation email with the leader's package and detailed information about the hike you have selected.

Because of the lead-time required to produce the t-shirts, the final date for submittal of number of shirts and sizes (small, medium, large, extra large, extra extra large) is October 12. NO ADDITIONAL ORDERS CAN BE TAKEN AFTER THAT DATE. The remaining balance, including fees for any no-shows, is also due on October 12. Submit payment and shirt information online using this web page.

The cost of the Hike-o-ree is \$23.00 per participant.

For additional information: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-HikeORee2018>



Can Scouts go on a Hayride or Ride on a Trailer in a Parades



Yes. Scouts can participate in hayrides or parades but with certain provisions. Scouts cannot be transported to or from the event in the trailer or the truck. Learn more in Section 8 of the Guide to Safe Scouting (www.go.ScoutingMagazine.org/gss).

★ 'SOS: How to Survive', Eagle Scout Shares Camp Hacks that Could Save your Life



It started with the Wilderness Survival merit badge, earned at Maumee Scout Reservation in Indiana.

Then there was the 2-inch ad in the back of *Boys' Life* magazine promising "amazing hidden secrets about rugged wilderness survival" to anyone who sent \$1 for postage and handling.

And now, Eagle Scout Creek Stewart's quest to become the ultimate survivalist takes him to prime-time television.

In *SOS: How to Survive*, Creek recaps real-life survival situations and gives his take on what the individuals did right or wrong when fighting for their lives. The show is in its second season and airs Sundays at 8 p.m. on The Weather Channel.

Some of his coolest tips include ways to repurpose everyday objects to survive. In one episode, he makes a canteen from a piece of bark. In another, he creates a human-powered sled from a broken snowmobile. Expect to be entertained and to learn something that could save your life.

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



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

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

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

Requirements completed

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

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

For more information about these events go to

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





Questions from a New Den Leader



If your Cub Scout pack is typical, you'll not only be recruiting Scouts this fall – you'll also be recruiting adult leaders. Den Leaders are the ones that packs usually need the most, and they're the most important because they deliver the program.

Your prospective den leaders will undoubtedly be full of questions, since many will come to you with either no Scouting background or perhaps have experienced Scouting as a youth member many years ago. If so, direct them to these Bobwhite Blather articles:

- <https://bobwhiteblather.com/questions-from-a-new-den-leader/>
- <https://bobwhiteblather.com/more-ideas-for-den-meeting-planning/>



The 'True Meaning' of Scoutmaster



The following is an excerpt from an Ask Andy column:

In 1907, when Baden-Powell considered what to call the adult volunteer who would be the direct contact for Scouts and who would provide the guidance needed, he chose the key word used in England to signify “teacher.”

Yup, that word was “master,” as in schoolmaster and headmaster. So what would be most fitting would naturally be “Scoutmaster”—teacher of Scouts. But a few years later, when Scouting crossed the Atlantic, “master” meant something quite different (and still does!) in America.



2018 Interfaith Prayer Brunch



Join us for Brunch to Celebrate Scouting! Bring the family, all ages welcome and encouraged to attend.

Keynote speaker, Rabbi Peter E. Hyman

Q&A session with NCAC Faith Leaders

Special Presentations of youth and adult religious awards

Brunch is free of charge but will require REGISTRATION for planning purposes.

When: Sunday November 4, 2018 - 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Camp William B. Snyder - 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169

Sponsored by the NCAC Endowment Committee and Order of the Arrow Amangamek-Wipit Lodge 470.

CPR/AED and First Aid Training



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

Get “Hooked on Scouting” this Fall



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

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

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

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

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



Camp Snyder Service Day



If you have an hour or two to spare, come on out for some of the most satisfying fun a Scouter can have. If you know someone who is handy, bring 'em with you. But heck, if you have two bad knees, or one arm in a sling and the other with an IV in it, and all you can do is sit in the shade and offer moral support, well, we can also use some good conversation. Oh, and did I mention the cookies?

ARRIVAL WINDOW: Nov 18, 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM. Come any time during the arrival window and someone will be there, and if you arrive at 12:59 PM, we'll have at least an hour's work for you.

BRING: Trained and certified chain saw operators know what to bring. For the rest of us, branch loppers, bow saws, weed whips/weed cutters (manual), heavy duty power weed trimmers, rakes, shovels, gloves, safety gear, water, bug stuff, sunscreen, snacks/sack lunch. Dress for the weather and be prepared for dirt and mud. Remember, now we can wear neckerchiefs with regular clothing!

Rules for Volunteer Service Days and Maintenance Raids:

- (1) Safety first!
- (2) Come when you can (within the designated time window)!
- (3) Don't plan to spend the whole time(unless you love this stuff) - we all have plenty of things to do on the weekend! Leave while it is still fun and before you get in trouble with your significant other.
- (4) Enjoy using your time and skills to benefit kids.
- (5) Enjoy the company of other great Scouters.
- (6) Sign in and sign out so we can track service hours and so we know who to thank.

National Day of Service



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

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

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

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

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>

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



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

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

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

Date: Oct 20-21, 2018

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

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

On-Line Resource of the Month



Baloo's Bugle (<http://usscouts.org/bbugle.asp>) has been publishing a monthly web magazine for Cub Scout leaders since 1996. It's an extensive compilation of resources from Scouters around the country, Pow-Wow and Scouters' Conference publications, and other sources organized to follow each monthly theme. Think of it as a Roundtable magazine. Baloo's Bugle can be a lifesaver when planning your monthly pack meetings, and you'll find it among your most valuable go-to resources. All the back issues are there and you can use those resources if they fit your den program – the boys will never know!

Podcasts



CubCast – August 2018 - Education Resources for Growing Membership



School access is so much more than getting permission to pass out fliers about Scouting. We invited the BSA's Education Relationships Committee chair, Ken King, to the show to talk with us about Adopt-a-School, Report to the District, and all the other resources you have at your disposal to grow membership.

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



CubCast – September 2018 - Conflict Resolution



An email came into the CubCast mailbox from Katherine Drahmann who asked for an episode on resolving conflicts between den members. She points out that sometimes events occur outside the Den or Pack meeting and are then continued in the meeting.

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



ScoutCast – August 2018 - Finding Leaders for Your All-Girl Troop



Girls will become eligible to become Scouts BSA troops in 2019, which will be here before you know it. We talked a few months ago about new unit development, so now let's talk about recruiting leaders for those units with Scott Berger, a 50-year BSA veteran who currently serves on a multitude of committees and task forces with the Patriots' Path Council in Cedar Knolls, New Jersey.

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

★ ScoutCast – September 2018 - Can We Talk? Make New Friends from All Over the World!



Jamboree-on-the Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet events held every October. The World Scout Bureau reported that last year, JOTA and JOTI events had more than 1.5 million Scout participants from more than 160 countries! In this month's episode, 2 of the JOTA/JOTI team members, Jim Wilson, (JOTA rep) and Greg Wojcicki (JOTI rep) share with us how you can be a part of these world-wide events. The events take place in October so you should listen to this episode soon... like right now.

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

★ Scoutmaster Clarke Green – Create Shared Expectations– Podcast 373



Ask Scouts to analyze their behavior in light of the Scout oath and law. Listen carefully, ask questions, listen more, share your thoughts, and leave this discussion with a very clear set of shared expectations.

The same applies to evaluating the “judgement call” requirements like Scout spirit and active participation. We should not make judgment calls based on our own observations alone.

Evaluating Scout Spirit is a prime example. Ask the Scout to explain the concept to you, ask them to use points of the Scout oath and law to evaluate themselves and see if you agree with that evaluation. It's very likely that 99 out of 100 times you will agree with the Scout.

Podcast: <https://scoutmastercg.com/podcast-373-create-shared-expectations/>

Training Opportunities

★ Family Scouting Cub Scout Leader Training



Join us as we kick off our first year of Family Scouting by making sure all your Cub Scouts have trained leaders!

By attending this Council run comprehensive training session, you will complete Cub Scout leader position-specific training for Den Leader, Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster, and Pack Committee. We will also have experts on Family Scouting on hand to answer your questions about the biggest expansion of our program in over a century!

When: Saturday 09-15-2018, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Camp William B. Snyder

Cost: \$10

To register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-21543>



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) will be presented by Goose Creek District at Camp Highroad on October 20-21.

Outdoor skills are critical to the success of any Scouting program. 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, and Varsity Scout coaches. The course is also ideal for Venturing leaders because it focuses on building confidence and competence in Leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

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.

Fee: \$35

Register for at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-21779>

Pow Wow 2018



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The site does list the 2018 Class Catalog and schedule.



Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS)



This course is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Explorer). This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders. All participants must have completed Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing, Varsity or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course, and be able to meet physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

The target audience are leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will also find this course useful

Part 1 – Addresses ways to effectively work with older youth and covers the detailed preparation and planning that must be done before you go out including risk management. Summarizes the personal and crew equipment used for lightweight camping. Plans are also made for the weekend overnight session.

Part 2 – Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, wilderness first aid issues, expedition health and hygiene, team building.

2018 Fall Course

Classroom: Sat. 29 September, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Road Alexandria, VA 22308

Overnite: Sat. 13 October, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 14 October, 1:30 PM at Camp Big Mac 12647 Moss Hollow Road Markham, VA 22643

Fee: \$25



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)



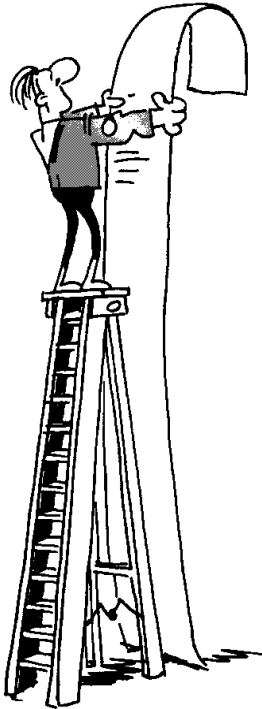
BALOO is an outdoor skills training program for the Cub Scout Leader or parent – no camping experience is required or assumed. BALOO training teaches Cub Scout Leaders and parents the essential organizing, planning, camp craft, and outdoor safety skills to enable a Pack to go camping as a group. BSA policy requires at least one leader with BALOO training on all Cub Scout pack overnights. BALOO also includes Webelos den campout planning and campsite duties, and the transition to Boy Scouts. Cooking, sanitation, campfires, use of woods tools, orienteering skills, outdoor ethics, equipment, and more will be covered. Don't forget to bring your camping gear, as the training includes a mandatory overnight stay.

Prerequisite - Completion of on-line BALOO Introduction (all eight modules). Log on at my.scouting.org, go to Training Center. Bring certificate of completion to the site. Required for issuance of training card.

Option 1: Oct 20-21 at Lake Fairfax Park – <https://scoutingevent.com/082-21870>

Option 2: Oct 27-28 at Blue Ridge Center for Environment Excellence, Purcellville – <https://scoutingevent.com/082-21213>

District Calendar



September 2018

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

October 2018

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

November 2018

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

December 2018

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

January 2019

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

February 2019

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

March 2019

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

April 2019

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

May 2019

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

June 2019

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

July 2019

- 4 Independence Day

August 2019

- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 28 District Committee