



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
## Quick Calendar:

- Mar 9 – District Pinewood Derby
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- Apr 10 – Roundtable
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- May 8 – Program Launch
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## Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Boy Scout / Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 New Article



from Bobwhite Blather, <https://bobwhiteblather.com/volunteer-just-do-it/>

## Volunteer – Just Do It!

If you're reading this article, you're probably an adult volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America or another Scouting organization. We were the ones who took a step forward – or stayed in place when everyone else stepped back – and found ourselves in a job we didn't know much about at first, other than it would help the pack go, or allow us to be with our children and have some fun and adventures with them and their friends.

When I first volunteered to be a den leader, our Cubmaster told me that I needed to do two things – go to basic training, and attend Roundtable each month. Wanting to not let down the boys in my den, I went and got trained, and each month I joined our Cubmaster and many others at Roundtable.

At these events, I marveled at the knowledge and experience of the volunteers leading the sessions. One after another, the trainers at Cub Scout Leader Basic Training taught us about den and pack meetings, the psychology of boys, how to maintain order, how to make den meetings more fun, how to safely take them on field trips, and lots of other great information, all packed into a Saturday morning and afternoon. And each month at Roundtable, I saw the session leaders having fun telling us all about what's going on in our council and how to do what we need to do this month and next.

The thought crossed my mind that even though I was still starting out in the great world of Scout leadership, would it be possible some day that I could be one of those trainers or Roundtable leaders? Certainly I wasn't that great in speaking to groups, though being a den leader can help give you nerves of steel. And I didn't know what they knew – that's why I was there, after all.

But as time went by, I thought about it more and more, and one day, one of the Roundtable staffers who noticed that I had been at every Roundtable that year – and asked and answered a lot of questions – took me aside and asked me if I'd be willing to lead a short segment at the next Roundtable. I quickly agreed, and the next month I did a quick demo of how to tie a couple basic knots.

This simple act – being asked to take on a small role – inspired me to do more, and soon I was volunteering to help with more things at Roundtable – anything from making the coffee to leading breakout sessions. And I sought out the training chair for our district and asked her if she could use some help as well. I was welcomed with open arms and soon I was spending a couple Saturdays a month helping to train new Cub Scout leaders, of which I had been one just a couple years earlier.

Had I not overcome the hesitation to “just do it” and volunteer to help out at the district level, I wouldn't have had the experience of meeting and getting to know so many great folks who share the common interest in our children to provide them with as great a Scouting program as we can. And as a district volunteer, I'm always pleased when someone comes to me and volunteers to do something. I think you'll find it the same way in your area. You'll be welcomed and appreciated, whether it's helping with training new leaders, running a day camp event, making a Friends of Scouting presentation, counseling a merit badge, or giving back as a commissioner. There are many, many ways that we can help serve youth – find something that interests you and do it!.

## District News

District Website: [www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek](http://www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek)



### District Camporee



The GCD Spring Camporee will be held on March 29-31 and will take place at Camp Highroad ( 21164 Steptoe Hill Road, Middleburg, VA 20117).

The Camporee focuses on outdoor Scouting fun as embodied in the theme, "Outdoor Adventure Challenge." This event is designed for Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams and Venturing Crews.

The Camporee consists of two major events: a Patrol Challenge of six events, and an Adventure Choice period, for Scouts to be able to explore challenging "High Adventure" program activities (additional fees apply). Each Unit will have an assigned period for each event, so that everyone will have equal opportunity for full participation

All participants must register and pay the Camporee Fee online thru the NCAC website. The Camporee fee is \$24 per participant (all Youth and Adults) and includes all campsite and facility costs.

We ask that you fully register by March 15th with a hard deadline of March 22nd. Click here to get started: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25838>

Please review the flyer, the registration page and the leaders guide (found on the registration page) and send your remaining questions to Charles Thornton (Camporee Director) at [scouterchalis@gmail.com](mailto:scouterchalis@gmail.com) or call 703-517-6711.

Even if you start the registration process and stop short of paying at this early stage it will help us to gauge attendance and adjust our logistics as needed.



### Webelos-o-ree 2019



The date for the Goose Creek's annual Webelos-o-ree is set for October 12-13, 2019 at Camp Snyder. This event is open to all Webelos so mark the date down on your calendar now. Note: Those that are currently Bears will be Webelos this fall and are eligible to attend.

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

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 Sad Goodbye



Peggy Durbin will be leaving the Goose Creek Scout family because of her recent promotion to become the Assistant Scout Executive in the South Florida Council. She served as the Goose Creek District Executive for many years until she was promoted to her current position as Field Director for the Mountain West Service Area.

Goose Creek District Chairman Jim Bonfils commented, "Peggy has made many important contributions to the District, and we will certainly miss her wisdom and understanding. She has a knack for fixing problems before others even realize that there is a problem. I have benefitted from her diligent work and friendly manner. The whole District Committee is unanimous in congratulating her on her promotion and wishing her well in her new senior position in the South Florida Council."

Peggy will relocate to Florida in late March and early April. She plans to attend the March 13 Roundtable, and her many friends can wish her well at that time.



## And a Happy Welcome



Todd G. Bolick is the incoming District Director for the Goose Creek District. Todd will be working alongside the District Chair Jim Bonfils and District Commissioner John Witek as part of the Goose Creek District Key 3 leadership team.

Todd is a northern Virginia local. He's from Annandale, VA and graduated from Annandale High School in 2006. After High School, Todd attended and graduated from Christopher Newport University in 2010 with a BA in Political Science and a minor in Communication Studies. While at CNU, Todd was active with the Marching Band, Indoor Drumline, and the Student Government Association.

Since graduating from CNU, Todd has been a Manager for local swimming pool facilities, an intern on Capitol Hill, and worked for nearly five years at a public policy think tank in Washington DC. He started as a District Executive, in the Chain Bridge District, in June, 2016. In November of 2016, Todd became the Colonial District Executive. While there, he and his volunteer team accomplished fundraising more than \$101,000 in the FoS campaign and growing the Cub Scouting program annually. He is especially proud helping to put on the multi-district, 20th anniversary Camporee, in the fall of 2018, that had over 1,000 participants.

Scouting is a passion for Todd. He's an Eagle Scout with four Palms and has been a registered member of the BSA (in the NCAC) since he was a Tiger over 24 years ago. Todd has been an Assistant Scoutmaster with the Troop where he earned his Eagle, Troop 150 in Annandale, VA, since aging out as a Scout. He has additionally been active and involved with the Order of the Arrow and became a Vigil honor member in 2017.

Todd is very excited to serve as the Goose Creek District Director! He is looking forward to visiting the units and meeting and working with the wonderful Goose Creek Scouts and Scouters! Feel free to contact him at [todd.bolick@scouting.org](mailto:todd.bolick@scouting.org) with any questions, comments, etc. He'll also be at our upcoming Roundtable meeting on March 13th, so you can meet him there!



## Goose Creek District Court of Honor



It's that time of year — time to recognize those amazing Scouters who've made a huge difference in the lives of young people here in Goose Creek District - NCAC. All Goose Creek Packs, Troops, Crews and Ships are invited to the Goose Creek District Annual Court of Honor on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at the Leesburg United Methodist Church, 107 W Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176. Special recipients include the District Award of Merit, District Key 3 Awardees, and the Robin L. Hayes Leadership Award.

We will gather at 7:00pm, open the ceremony at 7:30pm and close with a dessert reception following. Each unit is asked to contribute a dessert to share, preferably cut into single servings.

In addition to recognizing our adult volunteers, we invite all 2018 Eagle Scouts to please come in Full Class A Uniform for a special recognition.

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

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

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

Unit Volunteer of the Year nominations are due April 12, 2019.

In memory of Robin L. Hayes and her dedication to Scouting, the Goose Creek District Committee welcomes your nominations of outstanding Scouters for the Robin L. Hayes Leadership Award. Along with the award, a Campership donation is made to NCAC for a scout to attend the Goshen Reservation for summer camp by the Hayes Family: Tom, Matt and John. In celebration of her leadership and example of service, please send all Robin L. Hayes Leadership Nominations for Scouters to Steve Wolfson at [stevewolfson@verizon.net](mailto:stevewolfson@verizon.net) by March 31, 2019. Please include the scouter's name, unit and their amazing scout qualities. List all positions held in their contribution to the unit, district and/or council.

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



**2019 District Pinewood Derby**



**When:** Saturday, March 9, 2019  
**Where:** Sanders Corner Elementary School  
 43100 Ashburn Farm Parkway  
 Ashburn VA 20147  
**Fee:** \$5 (\$4 + processing fee if registering before the event at:  
<https://Pack1154.org/derbyregistration>). Every participant will receive a Collector's Patch.

**Time:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**For more information contact:** Jason Beshore, [jpbarchitect@gmail.com](mailto:jpbarchitect@gmail.com)

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



## Day/Twilight Camp 2019



Goose Creek Day Camp and Twilight Camp - June 17-21 at the 4H Fairgrounds in Leesburg.

Cub Scout day camps are organized by the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America and conducted by volunteers from the local area. Day camps are for registered Cub Scouts entering the 1st-5th grades the following school year. Those entering the 1st grade must be accompanied by an 'adult partner' during their participation. Twilight camps are the same as day camps but held in the evening, as such they have shorter hours and eliminate a few of the activities that occur at day camp.

Day camps are conducted by adult volunteer leadership who were trained and certified at one of the Boy Scouts of America's National Camping Schools. Day camps are also supported by a number of adult and youth staff members. Boy Scout Den Chiefs may also support the day camp program by assisting the Cub Scouts throughout the camp.

Most camps include activities based on STEM, nature, shooting sports, games, and possibly aquatics. Adult volunteers make up the nucleus of the day camp staff by volunteering in positions to lead specific programs, support the general operation, or by managing a den of Cub Scouts throughout their time at camp.

Cost:

- Day Camp
  - On or before Apr 28 - \$190
  - On or before May 19 - \$210
  - After May 19 - \$230
  - Two weeks before start of camp - \$260
- Twilight Camp
  - On or before Apr 28 - \$110
  - On or before May 19 - \$120
  - After May 19 - \$130
  - Two weeks before start of camp - \$150

Registration: [www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/)



### Pack Needs Troops Help



Pack 961 (Round Hill) needs Scouts to make outdoor-oriented presentations:

**Earth Day Festival** – April 28, 2019 1-5 pm. Need Scouts to talk about the importance of the Earth, how to respect the Earth, ways to help the Earth, maybe hand out Free trees/plants, and options are really unlimited, as long as it's about the Earth.

**Appalachian Trail Festival** – June 15, 2019. Need Scouts to talk about camping, hiking, what to pack in a day pack, help show how to set up and take down tents, what to pack in first aid, etc. Again, they are welcome to come up with their own ideas, but it must be to support the AT. They can help find speakers to come out.

Please contact Kathi Hottinger at [kathibabygrl@yahoo.com](mailto:kathibabygrl@yahoo.com) or 540-323-3131

**Scouts BSA Female Troops in Goose Creek**



Scouts BSA female troops are already getting formed in Goose Creek. Currently these units have been identified:

TROOP	LOCATION	INITIAL POINT OF CONTACT
Linked Troop 163	Purcellville	Michael Bills (CC), <a href="mailto:Mikebills02@gmail.com">Mikebills02@gmail.com</a>
Linked Troop 998	Leesburg	Jennifer Swain (CC), <a href="mailto:swainjen@gmail.com">swainjen@gmail.com</a>
Linked Troop 1148	South Riding	Stacey Capell (SM-G), <a href="mailto:scoutsbsagirls@gmail.com">scoutsbsagirls@gmail.com</a>
Linked Troop 1158	Ashburn	Lynda Clarkson (SM-G), <a href="mailto:scoutsbsafemale@gmail.com">scoutsbsafemale@gmail.com</a>
Linked Troop 1550	Leesburg	Jim Sheafer (CC) <a href="mailto:Jim@sheafer.org">Jim@sheafer.org</a>
Linked Troop 2970	Ashburn	Karen Rollison (SM-G), <a href="mailto:karen.rollason@gmail.com">karen.rollason@gmail.com</a> ; Shawn Carroll (ASM-B), <a href="mailto:shawn.carroll@yahoo.com">shawn.carroll@yahoo.com</a>

If anyone has updates to this list please contact [david@weitzel.com](mailto:david@weitzel.com) and/or [Todd.Bolick@scouting.org](mailto:Todd.Bolick@scouting.org)



**Scouting for Bricks™**



Scouting for Bricks™ is a family-oriented LEGO® Fan Event conducted as a fundraiser for Boy Scout Troop 39 out of Purcellville, Virginia. At Scouting for Bricks™ 2019 we will have over 20,000 square feet of exhibit space, multiple interactive activities and a dedicated build area where kids can build with over 100,000 LEGO and DUPLO bricks. We will once again welcome members of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area LEGO® Train Club (WamaLTC), BioniLUG, 501st Legion, and additional LEGO User Group members from around the area.

**When:** May 4-5, 2019~ 11 AM – 5 PM

**Where:** Woodgrove High School, Purcellville

**Website:** [www.scoutingforbricks.com](http://www.scoutingforbricks.com)

Scouting for Bricks™ is NOT affiliated with the LEGO® Group.



**How to Get the Latest District News**



Goose Creek District maintains mailing lists for its scouting community. There are lists for Cub Scout Packs, Scout Troops, Ships, Posts, 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](mailto:Communications@GooseCreekDistrict.org) – and specify which list you would like to be on (Packs, Troops, Crews, ...).



## “Cheerful Service Chatter”

Chapter News for our Arrowmen  
Lodge Website: [www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA](http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA)

### ★ Order of the Arrow Elections Change - Venture Members and Sea Scouts now eligible (including young ladies)



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

The only way a scout can become a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow is to be elected by his troop. Each troop may have one election each year. A scout becomes eligible for election by attaining the First Class rank, having 15 or more days and nights of camping in the previous two years, and having his scoutmaster's approval. The fifteen days and nights of camping must include one (and only one) period of long-term camping of five nights, and all camping must be under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America.

Beginning February 1, 2019, Venture Crews and Sea Scout Ships may elect candidates for admission to the Order of the Arrow. A scout in those units becomes eligible for election if he (she) (1) meets the camping requirement, (2) holds the Venturing Discovery Award or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank (or higher), and (3) has the approval of the Venturing Crew Advisor or the Sea Scout Skipper. The camping requirement for Venturing Crew members or Sea Scouts is identical to that for members of Troops: fifteen days and nights of BSA camping in the previous two years, including one period of five nights of long-term camping. Ship nights may be counted for Sea Scouts.

Scouts who are elected become members of the Order of the Arrow when they complete a series of tests at an "Ordeal." New members make a pledge of service to others.

While the Goose Creek Order of the Arrow Chapter is conducting unit election through May 31, it is recommended that a unit election be held prior to April 1. The early election allows all elected candidates to plan for and attend the Goose Creek Chapter ordeal the weekend of May 10-12. Candidates who find that date inconvenient may arrange to attend an ordeal sponsored by a different chapter on a more convenient date. Elections may be scheduled at

<https://alexstuck.wixsite.com/goosecreekoaelect>

Questions may be directed to Chapter Adviser Hal Raffensperger:

[hal.raffensperger@earthlink.net](mailto:hal.raffensperger@earthlink.net)



## “Onward and Upward”

### On the Advancement Trail



#### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

**Ryan Bodoh** – Troop 998

**Geoffrey Golliver** – Troop 982

**Austin Moore** – Troop 572



#### Super Achievers



You can get a Super Achiever patch for all Cub Scouts in each rank that earn all Adventure pins. The Webelos patch has been available for awhile, but now there's a patch for Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear.

This Super Achiever patch is not an official advancement award, but is a popular way to recognize scouts that do more than the rank requirements.

See the Super Achiever patch order page at  
[www.boyscouttrail.com/order.php](http://www.boyscouttrail.com/order.php)



#### Life-to-Eagle Seminar



Mark your calendars for April 27<sup>th</sup> for the next 2019 offering of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek.

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:** April 27, 2019

**Time:** 10:30 – 2:30

**Place:** Gum Spring Library

Other L2E Seminars scheduled for 2019 are being targeted for July/Aug and Nov (all mid-month).

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.



## 2019 Guide to Advancement



The *Guide to Advancement* (GTA) is updated periodically in response to changes to programs, requirements, and policies, as well as comments and recommendations received by the National Advancement Program Team. The *Guide to Advancement 2019* is now the “current edition.” It can be found online at [www.scouting.org/advancement](http://www.scouting.org/advancement) in both HTML and PDF format. Printed copies will soon be available in your local Scout shop for purchase, if they are not already there, but when shopping note that the SKU is 648216, and the publication number, 33088, has not changed, so be sure to ask for the *Guide to Advancement 2019*.

The 2019 edition replaces all previous editions of the *GTA* and any other advancement manuals. It is the source for all advancement policies and procedures and, unless specifically exempted, it supersedes any BSA publications that may conflict with it. Every section of the 2019 guide has received some minor revisions since the last printed edition, primarily to reflect the addition of female youth to Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA.

In general, revisions have been made throughout this guide to make clear that all guidance and requirements of the rank advancement and awards programs apply equally to male and female Scouts. All references to the Varsity program have been removed, except when past participation in a Varsity team could be relevant, such as service in a position of responsibility. To reflect the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America, the objectives of Scouting, otherwise known as the aims, have been modified wherever they appear to include character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness. When used throughout this guide, *Scouts BSA Handbook* refers to both the *Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys* and the *Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls*.

In this day and age of a broader international community, more frequent global travel, and multi-national job reassignments to include military and other government-related personnel movements, it is not uncommon to have Scouts from another country joining a new or transferring into a BSA unit. In the case of Scouts who have earned rank advancements in another country’s Scouting program and wish to have them credited into an equivalent BSA rank, BSA has established rules and requirements to be followed, which can be found in *Guide To Advancement 2019* topic 5.0.4.0 (Youth from Other Countries).

This section provides guidance as to which youth are involved, registration procedures, and other specific details for determining the equivalency and/or applicability of requirements for determination of a BSA rank. For example, the procedures laid out in the topic apply to all ranks except Eagle Scout, which is not considered equivalent to any other Scouting association’s rank.



After the Pack Meeting, a Cub Scout walked up to the Cub Master and said to him "When I grow up, I want to be a Cub Master just like you, so could you please do a better job".



## Temporary Transition Rules for New Scouts BSA Members



The Boy Scouts of America is offering a one-time, limited exception to its age requirements for the Eagle Scout award, giving new Scouts BSA members, male and female, a fair chance to earn the program's top honor.

Traditionally, BSA rules say a young person can no longer earn Eagle once they turn 18. But for 16- and 17-year-olds who are new to Scouts BSA — even those who join on the Feb. 1, 2019, launch day — there isn't enough time to earn Eagle before their 18th birthday. By offering this one-time extension BSA is saying that everyone deserves a chance to work toward Eagle.

The move gives these Scouts the 19 or 20 months they'll need to meet all requirements while encouraging them to enjoy the journey toward Eagle, rather than simply racing to the finish line.

### Who is eligible for the temporary extension?

Eligibility is based on two factors:

1. The young person's age on Feb. 1, 2019. To be eligible, the young man or young woman must be at least 16 but not yet 18 on Feb. 1, 2019.
2. The date the young person joined Scouts BSA. To be eligible, the young man or young woman must register as a member of Scouts BSA on or before Dec. 31, 2019.

In the interest of fairness, these temporary transition rules apply to all youth joining Scouts BSA during 2019 — both girls and first-time-joining boys.

Boys who were members of a Boy Scout troop before Feb. 1, 2019, aren't considered first-time-joining boys and therefore are not eligible for the extension.

### How does a Scout apply for the extension?

Youth who want to apply for the extension must talk with their unit leader(s) to request the extension. The leader then accesses the youth's profile in My.Scouting. If the Scout is eligible, there will be a button the leader can select to indicate the youth has asked for the extension.

This request goes to the National Service Center in Texas. Once the request is approved, the youth, their parent, unit leader and council representative will receive an email with confirmation as well as the expiration date of the extension.

Other things to know:

- Requests for extensions must be received no later than 30 days after turning 18.
- Only the National Council may grant extensions.
- No exceptions to or waivers of any of the requirements for the Eagle Scout Award are permitted under this limited exception.
- All requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First Class rank in Scouts BSA and moving to a Venturing crew or Sea Scout ship.

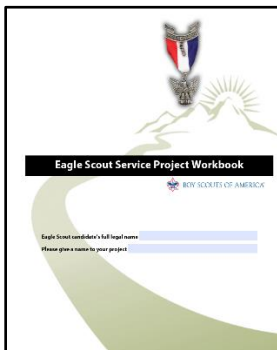
## New Eagle Scout Rank Application



An updated Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA) for 2019 has been posted. Scouts already in the process with the April 2017 version can continue using that form. Anybody starting to complete the ESRA must use the new form ([www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728\\_WB\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_WB_fillable.pdf)). Note: The Eagle Advancement page on the Council's website points to the same URL so that it always has the latest version.

Scoutbook users may download the ESRA by going to the bottom of the Scout's page, selecting Reports, then clicking on Eagle Application. A PDF version of the ESRA will open with the information from Scoutbook filled in. Save the file, then update as needed.

## New Eagle Project Workbook Available



As we move into 2019, there are some advancement changes in the offing. Significant is the issuance of a new Eagle Scout Project workbook, now available from the national forms library ([www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/](http://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/)). Note: The Eagle Advancement page on the Council's website points to the same URL so that it always has the latest version.

The new form must be used for all Eagle projects started after January 1, 2019, but projects started using the old form can continue to use that form for the time being. The BSA will most likely sunset the old form, probably in a few months.

One change is the file format that the new workbook uses. While the file is a PDF, its fillable forms use the XML Forms Architecture (XFA), a proprietary specification family that requires a specific reader in order to open, fill and save the document. Most users will most likely be using computers running MacOS or Microsoft Windows, for which the latest Adobe Acrobat reader is readily available and should work just fine. Open-source users, however, may need to jump through some hoops, installing Adobe's reader manually or running the Windows version through an emulator or API layer (e.g. wine).

Changes noticed:

- Filling in the Scout's name and project title on the first page of the document will automatically copy it to the title page following page six of the instructions and everywhere else in the report requiring the name to appear, so don't get frustrated that you can't enter it there.
- Text boxes automatically resize to allow open-ended amounts of text. There's no need to fit them into fixed fields or attach additional pages.
- Likewise, you can insert as many photos (in a variety of formats) as you wish.
- As you enter the figures in the various numerical tables (cost estimate, materials list, etc.), the line and column totals automatically recalculate. For example, entering a quantity of 5 boards at \$15 each causes \$75 to appear in the Total Cost column.

### Scuba Certification and Scuba Diving Merit Badge



**What:** PADI open water scuba certification and the BSA Scuba Diving merit badge.

**Who:** For any Scouts BSA-aged youth or adult leader.

**Where:** Camp Snyder & local quarry

**When:** Aug 4 1-3pm; Aug 17 & 18 9am-5pm, Aug 24 & 25 9am-1pm

**Cost:** \$600 (includes all equipment); Aug 25 Scuba diving merit badge session only - \$5

**Registration deadline:** July 29

**Registration:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25415>

### Scuba BSA



**What:** This is an introductory/try-it scuba experience.

**Who:** Any Scouts BSA-aged youth or adult. Maximum 8 participants per session

**Where:** Camp Snyder pool

**When:** May 25. 1.5 hour sessions at 1, 2:30, and 4pm

**Cost:** \$25 (includes all equipment)

**Registration deadline:** May 20

**Registration:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25414>.

### 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](mailto:rjfmf99@hotmail.com)



## Council / National News

Council Website: [www.NCACBSA.org](http://www.NCACBSA.org)



### Wear This Patch to Show Off Your Status as a Founder of Your Unit



It's a small red strip of cloth, but its significance is massive.

The Founder's Bar lets youth and adult leaders show off their status as original members of a new pack, troop, crew or ship. It's a way to honor the hard work of these Scouting pioneers.

Any youth or adult who joins a new Scout unit within its first year of existence is eligible for the patch. The white-on-red strip is worn on the left sleeve — just below the unit numerals.

And what if you were a founding member of a unit formed years — or even decades — ago? You can wear the Founder's Bar on your shirt for that unit, as well.

#### Who is eligible to wear the Founder's Bar?

- Youth and adults whose names are on a new-unit charter
- Youth and adults who officially join a new unit before the unit recharter for the first time
- Members of veteran units still in operation who were on the original charter

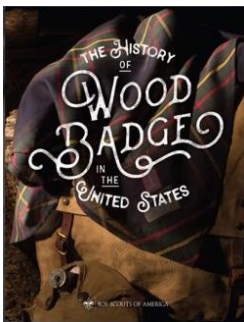
#### How is the Founder's Bar worn?

Sew the strip on the left sleeve — just below the unit numerals. Only wear the Founder's Bar with the appropriate unit numeral.

Let's say you're a founding member of Scouts BSA Troop 123 but not Cub Scout Pack 456. In that scenario, you'd only wear the Founder's Bar on your Scouts BSA uniform — right below the numbers 123.



### The History of Wood Badge in the United States



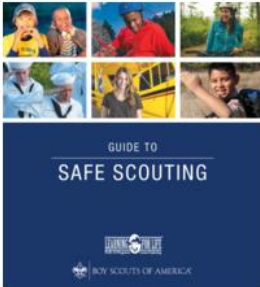
A new book published by the Boy Scouts of America tracks the fascinating history of Wood Badge, from its founding by Lord Baden-Powell in 1919 to its current role as the BSA's essential training program for adult leaders.

The book, *A History of Wood Badge in the United States* by Kenneth P. Davis, is available through the Seattle Book Company for \$19.95, plus shipping ([www.seattlebookcompany.com/the-history-of-wood-badge-in-the-united-states](http://www.seattlebookcompany.com/the-history-of-wood-badge-in-the-united-states)).

"Wood Badge has long been a powerful force for learning, inspiration and motivation for hundreds of thousands of Scout leaders throughout the world," BSA Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh says in the book's introduction. "Wherever you go in Scouting, you find top leaders wearing Wood Badge beads."



## Guide to Safe Scouting Updated for 2019



Scouting safety is important enough that the guideposts we must follow are continuously reviewed and updated. The Boy Scouts of America maintains the latest version of the *Guide to Safe Scouting* online and provides a new printed version every year or so: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/)

This year's *Guide* includes several changes and updates. Some, as usual, are cosmetic or represent wording changes and clarifications. Others revise sections or an entire chapter.

Here's a summary:

- **Scouts BSA:** With the change in the program name from Boy Scouts to Scouts BSA, editorial changes have been made to revise the wording. Wherever there were references to *Boy Scouts* or *Boy Scouting*, they now refer to *Scouts BSA*. In other areas, references to *Scouts* have been replaced with *youth* instead. And any mention of the *Boy Scout Handbook* now lists the *Scouts BSA Handbook* instead.
- **Adult supervision:** There's no change to the requirement that a female registered leader must be present when female youth members are participating in Scouting activities, but the wording on age has been clarified to specify *21 years of age or over* rather than just over 21.
- **Tenting:** Previously, it was advised that youth sharing tents be no more than two years apart in age. Now, the word *should* has been changed to *must*, making it a requirement.
- **Webelos camping:** Wording outlining parental supervision of Webelos Scouts on overnight den campouts was removed. Existing language stipulating that Webelos Den Leaders and parents are *expected* to accompany the youth on overnight trips is still in effect.
- **Campout site approval form:** The URL for the downloadable version is included in the text along with the BSA bin number.
- **References to online resources** have changed in many instances, and the new publication reflects the current URL of those forms and documents.
- **The chapter on Animal and Insect Hazards** was rewritten in its entirety. Previously, the chapter covered four major hazards: hantavirus, rabies, Lyme disease, and mosquito-borne illnesses. The new chapter has more general advice on being aware of all such hazards (not just those listed specifically), being prepared to encounter them, and a list of resources found online from the US Centers for Disease Control on mosquito, tick, wildlife, rodent, and rabies hazards. These are likely more comprehensive and current than what could be published in the *Guide*.
- **Incident reporting:** There is now a URL for the online incident reporting form, and it's listed in the *Guide*.
- **Event safety checklist:** The multi-page, multi-purpose checklist has been entirely revised. The new form has check boxes for the various areas and items, and is organized in a more logical manner to help facilitate event planning. Many new areas of concern have been added.

A side-by-side comparison of the previous (2018) and current *Guide* is available online: <https://draftable.com/compare/CsvEWQrmZNFZ>

Every Scouter is expected to be familiar with what's in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* as a way of keeping youth safe while in our care. Bookmark or download the latest version, or purchase a copy at your Scout Shop, and keep it nearby any time you're with our youth.



## How to donate items to the National Scouting Museum



You're helping a relative clean their house, and as you're digging through an old trunk in the garage, you discover a Scout campaign hat and a merit badge sash stitched with old-style badges. Your relative doesn't want them; you don't want them, so what do you do? Well, they're dated and Scout-related, maybe they'd be perfect to display in the National Scouting Museum.

Before you box up the items and mail them, just know there's a preferred process for donating memorabilia to the museum, which opened this past summer at Philmont Scout Ranch.

The National Scouting Museum houses more than 600,000 items that tell the story of Scouting and its impact on American culture. It features the first Eagle Scout Award medal, given to Arthur Eldred in 1912, along with the merit badges he earned. It also has a collection of medals given to Scouts for their fundraising efforts during World War I, as well as a Lone Scout jacket from 1917.

"Our goal is to have an incredible collection of items, which are keystone pieces of our BSA history," says David Werhane, National Scouting Museum director. "With that in mind, we ask that anyone who is interested to contributing to the museums collection to contact us before sending objects."

### The process

If you're interested in donating items to the museum, you can email, call or mail:

- [Philmont.museums@scouting.org](mailto:Philmont.museums@scouting.org)
- Daisy Allen, collections curator, at 575-376-2281, ext. 1354
- National Scouting Museum – Philmont Scout Ranch, 17 Deer Run Road, Cimarron, NM 87714

When you talk to someone at the museum, you'll likely be asked about your items, including their age, condition and story. You might also be asked to send photos of the items. Museum employees can go over what to expect for the item's usage, display and any tax deductions if the donation is accepted.

You can always donate monetarily by mailing to the aforementioned address. Please specify that the donation is to be used by the National Scouting Museum.



## World Jamboree Scholarships





The National Capital Area Council (NCAC) International Committee will provide four \$500 scholarships for youth participants to attend the 23rd World Scout Jamboree (WSJ). The competitive awards will be selected on the merits of a written proposal for presenting a "cultural exhibit" that will best showcase the heritage and accomplishments of the United States. Please review the details and application process at: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/program-impact/international/jamboree2019/>

The application and proposal must be received by March 30, 2019. Addressed to ATTN: NCAC International Committee, Marriot Scout Center, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814; or electronically to <https://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/program-impact/international/>.

2019 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key:  Available  Almost Full  Full

Camp (as of 03/25/2015)		Week					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>Bowman</b> (Patrol Cooking)						
	<b>Marriott</b> (Patrol Cooking & Heater Stack)	LDS Week					
	<b>Olmsted</b> (BS Dining Hall)						
	<b>Lenhok'sin High Adventure</b>						
	<b>PMI</b> (Dining Hall)						
	<b>Ross</b> (Dining Hall)						

Week 1 – 6/23 to 6/29

Week 3 – 7/7 to 7/13

Week 5 – 7/21 to 7/27

Week 2 – 6/30 to 7/6

Week 4 – 7/14 to 7/20

Week 6 – 7/28 to 8/3

Fees:

If paid by April 12: Youth \$375, Adults \$225

If paid by May 17: Youth \$415, Adults \$265

After May 17: Youth \$455, Adults \$305

- All units will receive two free adult leaders!

Registration: [www.gotogoshen.org/registration/#schedule](http://www.gotogoshen.org/registration/#schedule)

Pre-camp Swim Classification Tests



**What:** This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA swim classification check done under the supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel.

**Who:** Any NCAC unit (Pack, Troops and Crews).

Up to 20 tests per 30 minute session

**Where:** Camp Snyder pool, Haymarket VA

**When:** May 19. 30 min blocks starting at 1pm, last session starting at 4pm Cost: \$3 per participant

**Registration deadline:** May 13

**Registration:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25403>.

**Note:** Out of Council camps may still require your unit to be tested there. Please check with them before signing up for the pre-camp tests.

**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 8-11  
 Session 2: July 29-Aug 1

Cost: \$230 – register by April 12  
 \$255 – register by May 16  
 \$280 – register after May 16  
 \$50 – one adult for a week  
 (may be a different adult each day)

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

**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 15 - 19

Cost: \$255 – register by April 12  
 \$280 – register by May 16  
 \$305 – register after May 16  
 \$50 – adults

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

**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 26-28

Cost: \$260 – register by April 12  
 \$290 – register by May 16  
 \$315 – register after May 16  
 \$80 – adults (2 leaders free)

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)



## Cub Scout Weekend 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 5-7  
 Session 2: July 12-14  
 Session 3: Aug 2-4

Cost: \$235 – register by April 12  
 \$265 – register by May 16  
 \$290 – register after May 16  
 \$80 – adults (2 leaders free)

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/).

## Bullseye Family Camping 2019



The NCAC Shooting Sports Committee is planning two different weekends of BB gun shooting, archery, slingshots and more at Camp Snyder! After a fun day on the ranges Scouts and their families will gather for an evening campfire program and then camp overnight.

Weekend 1: April 27-28 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-22625>

Weekend 2: May 25-26 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-22626>

Cost: Cub Scout Youth - \$30  
 5 and under years of age - \$5  
 Adult - \$10  
 Boy Scout age sibling - \$10

## 2019 Goshen Family Camp



Come on down and enjoy some family fun at Goshen Scout Reservation over a long weekend. We will have the Waterfront, Shooting range, COPE course, and Handicraft areas open. All are welcome, not just registered scouts. Closing Campfire is on Sunday night so have some fun skits, songs, and cheers prepared!

When: Memorial Day weekend – May 24-27  
 Labor Day weekend – Aug 30 – Sept 2

To register go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-goshenfc2019>

Cost: \$20 per person. Children under 5 are free. Bring your own food and tents.

**Cub Scout Resident Camp Week at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA**



Is family scouting your thing? Do you want an opportunity to camp overnight but, to be able to do it with more than one of your scouts? Cub Scout Resident camp is for YOU! Does your Tiger, Wolf or Bear like to camp just as much as your Webelos? Now they can! Cub resident week is a full summer camp experience for all ages. This program is a four-night overnight program open to all levels of Cubs from Tiger up. (Tigers must have their Tiger partner accompany them to camp). Daytime activities are for all ages and evening activities are customized to provide rank specific activities for each age group in attendance.

Monday 9:00am – Friday 9:00 am, Overnight / Meals are provided from Monday lunch – Friday continental breakfast

Aug 5-9

Cost: \$275– register by April 12  
 \$300 – register by May 16  
 \$325 – register after May 16  
 \$125 – adults (2 free)

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)

**Webelos Resident Camp Week 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: \$280– register by April 12  
 \$305 – register by May 16  
 \$330 – register after May 16  
 \$130 – adults (2 free)

To register: [www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/)



**2019 STEM University**



The NCAC STEM Committee is hosting the 4th annual STEM University on June 15, 2019 for all youth and adults! Youth are invited to display their Supernova projects at our Einstein's Science Fair, or attend the hands-on activities rotations. Adults may select from several of the following classes: Nova Counselor & Supernova Mentor Training, BSA STEM Roadmap to Success, Cub Scouts Science, and how to organize a large STEM event.

When: Saturday June 15, 2019

Where: Microsoft Technology Center in Reston, VA

Registration: Not yet online

## BSA & American Red Cross Lifeguard Training



**What:** BSA Lifeguard is professional level training that meets the requirements of government agencies for professional lifeguards at regulated swimming activities. The course includes American Red Cross Lifeguarding certification in addition to BSA Lifeguard certification. Those who want to work the waterfront at BSA summer camp need this training.

**Who:** The program is open to all registered adults and older youth (minimum age 15). Strong swimming skills are required. The course includes 7 ½ hours of online pre-work that must be completed before the first class session on May 18.

**How:** This course includes the Red Cross blended-learning Lifeguarding course. This requires participants to complete 7 1/2 hours of online training at their convenience before the May 18 session. The online training allows us to minimize the classroom lecture time.

**When/Where:** April 28; 1pm-3pm – pre requisite swim test and course orientation at local pool. May 18, 19, 25; 9am-5pm – course dates at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA. You must attend all sessions to complete the course!

**Cost:** \$150

**Registration deadline:** April 26

**Registration:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25405> -limited to 16 registrants

## On-Line Resource of the Month



Welcome to [www.TrailCooking.com](http://www.TrailCooking.com).

Spend any amount of time in the outdoors and you have probably found that mealtime is full of trade-offs. Do you choose foods that fuel your body or foods that satisfy your taste buds? Do you spend the extra time to prepare a real meal or grab a protein bar on the go?

Freezer Bag Cooking™ minimizes these trade-offs by changing the concepts of traditional outdoor food. It offers simplicity, convenience and variety, and then whirled them together with the philosophies of lightweight outdoor adventuring. The cooking gear needed is minimal, lightweight and can be bought, found or even made. Meals are prepared at home and put into zip top freezer bags. When ready to eat, the meal is prepared in and eaten out of the freezer bag. Mealtime becomes fast, effortless and cleanup is as easy as licking your utensil and sealing the zip top bag. Also, with meals portioned into individual freezer bags, making meals for multi-day trips, families or a group is painless.

So, whether you like to be fancy with your food or keep it simple, Freezer Bag Cooking™ and our one pot recipes can be your ticket to better eating and enjoyment of your outdoor experience.

## Podcasts



### March 2019 – Summer Activities



This month we discuss the question: “What summer activities should my den get involved in?” We know about camping, and if you need more information on that, go to the February 2018 CubCast. But Erica Smalls, the Cubmaster for Pack 387 in Bedford, Texas, thinks we should be looking at other activities in the summer to help promote Scouting in the community, keep the den active, and just have lots of fun! Let’s find out what that’s all about.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/cubcast/2019/march-2019-summer-activities/>



### March 2019 – Explaining Advancement-The Trail to Eagle



Advancement is an important part of the Scouting program, but you already know that, right? But advancement in Scouts BSA is very different from Cub Scout advancement. Wayne Huddleston, who serves on the National Advancement Task Force, explains the purpose of advancement for Scouts BSA members, what resources are available, and everything in between. Host Bryan Wendell shares his own experience with advancement in Scouting.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/scoutcast/2019/march-2019-explaining-advancement-the-trail-to-eagle/>

## Training Opportunities

### 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 or, Varsity or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course and be able to meet physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

Both Session Must be Attended to get credit for the Course.

**Class Room Session:** Saturday March 2, 2019 at Scientist Cliff Community Center 3500 Alder Road Port Republic, MD

**Weekend Session :** Saturday April 27 thru Sunday April 28, 2019 at American Chestnut Land Trust 676 Double Oak Rd Prince Frederick, MD

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24575>

Cost: \$50



## The Learn Center: Home of Improved Online Training for Cub Scout Volunteers



Wow! Go to My.Scouting.Org and click on the Learn Center. You'll see an updated catalog of, simplified, succinct, topic-specific training modules for Cub Scout volunteers. In all, there are approximately 20 modules, and more may be added later.

Volunteers can now complete their training at a time and location (at home!) that is most convenient for them. The courses themselves are separated into tracks: one for den leaders and assistants; one for Cubmasters; and one for pack committee members. The modules are of varying lengths, some taking only a few minutes to complete. They can be taken individually, or, time permitting, one right after another. They can be accessed via computer or mobile device, including a smartphone. Completion of the required modules in each track will be recorded in the training record of each volunteer within the Learn Center. Completion of the track will qualify the volunteer to wear the "Trained" patch for their volunteer position.

Here is an example scenario: A new den leader or assistant who wants to know what to do before that allimportant first meeting can click on Before the First Meeting. There they will see several training modules that will be helpful, including How to Conduct a Cub Scout Den Meeting. Subsequent modules pertain to den management, how to involve adults to assist in Cub Scouting, childhood development, Cub Scout pack finances, keeping Cub Scouting safe, how to conduct a Cub Scout pack meeting, and many more.

## Wood Badge



Wood Badge is advanced Scout leader training that began in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first director. It came to America in 1948 and has been updated to reflect current BSA policies and programs. Incorporating the best techniques available, Wood Badge has become the most advanced leadership training course in Scouting!

Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training and provides you with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and the district and council. The 1st half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. You'll learn what makes leadership work for you in Scouting and your personal life. The 2nd half offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help you learn the application of leadership skills. Finally, you will write and complete a "Ticket". The "Ticket" consists of five written goals. These goals connect your new leadership knowledge to your role in Scouting.

Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

This spring's course will be held on May 3 – 5 & May 31 – June 2 at Camp Snyder. Both sessions must be attended.

To register go to: [www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/)



## Swimming and Water Rescue (SWR)



**What:** This is the hands-on in-water training that is recommended in Safe Swim Defense guidelines for anyone who supervises Scout swimming activities. This course certifies leaders to conduct BSA swim classification tests and gives leaders the confidence in their water rescue capabilities needed to safely conduct swimming activities. This course replaced BSA Lifeguard as the training for unit leaders supervising unit swimming activities. This training is available at Camp Snyder and at Goshen Scout Reservation camp waterfronts during 2019 summer camp season.

**Prerequisites:** Safe Swim Defense (available online at <https://myscouting.scouting.org/>)

**Fee:** \$60 (includes the required course text – Aquatics Supervision No. 34737) \$30 if you already have the book.

**Who:** Older youth (min. 15 years old) and adult leaders.

**Where:** Camp Snyder.

**Dates:**

- June 1, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, registration deadline is May 27
- August 10, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, registration deadline is Aug 5

**Registration:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25404>.

## CPR/AED Pro and First Aid Training



**What:** This is the CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid training that is required for BSA Lifeguard requirement #6. This training is not usually included in BSA Lifeguard courses taught at summer camp. The course uses the Red Cross blended-learning version where you complete online work before the in-person skills session. Successful completion earns 2 American Red Cross course certifications.

**Minimum age:** 15 years old.

**Cost:** \$65 + \$10 for CPR mask (if you need one)

**When/Where:**

- April 13 2019, 9am-1pm, Fairfax Presbyterian Church. Registration deadline: April 8
- September 14 2019, 9am-1pm, Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: Sept 9

**Maximum registrations:** 6

**Registration:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25412>

## Aquatics Supervision Training: Paddle Craft Safety (PCS)



**What:** This is the hands-on training that is recommended in Safety Afloat guidelines for anyone conducting Scout boating activities. Two versions of the course are offered: The Basic course covers flat water introductory boating skills and basic trip planning. The River course includes skills and knowledge development that are required for conducting trips on moving water. The Basic course is a prerequisite for the moving water course.

These courses are required for any NCAC Scouters who are leading James River Canoe Treks out of the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Camp.

**Who:** Older youth (min. 15 years old) and adult leaders.

### Where/When:

- Basic sessions.
  - May 4 2019, 9am-5pm Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: April 29
  - September 21 2019, 9am-5pm Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: Sept 16

Cost: \$30 + \$30 for the required textbook: BSA's Aquatics Supervision

- River sessions.
  - May 5 2019, 9am-5pm Potomac River. Registration deadline: April 29
  - September 22 2019, 9am-5pm Potomac River. Registration deadline: Sept 16

Cost: \$50

### Registration:

- basic - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25420>
- river - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25419>



"I get that as a group we're called Webelos,  
but individually am I an Ibelos or a Mebelos?"

## Powder Horn 2019



### What is Powder Horn?

In Scouting, Powder Horn is the vessel to sustain the spirit of the outdoors in our youth today. Along with the spirit of the outdoors, you will also gather knowledge to share, motivate and direct youth. Powder Horn will give you the necessary skills to oversee a high adventure program. It will also help you identify local resources for your group's program.

### What do I need to do before the course?

Complete the following on-line trainings at My.Scouting.org:

- Youth Protection: Boy Scout or Venturing
- Safety Afloat
- Safe Swim Defense
- Weather Hazard
- Climb on Safely
- Trek Safely

### What will we do?

Powder Horn is organized around the Venturing Program's High Adventure elements and Boy Scouting's High Adventure Merit badge elements. It is intended to help adult leaders get started finding and using the resources for high-adventure programs.

### Who can attend Powder Horn?

All registered adult leaders and youth (14 and up) are welcome. All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Adults must have completed Leader Specific Training for your registered position.

Youth participants will be provided a Personal Resource Questionnaire which must be completed by the applicant; a letter of recommendation from their Scoutmaster or Advisor is also required.

**When:** 24 – 26 August 2019 (Saturday – Monday)

**Where:** Camp St Charles, 15375 Stella Maris Dr Newberg, MD 20664

**Registration:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24637>

**Cost:** \$300, \$350 if registered after May 5, 2019

## NCAC Camps' OPI: Wilderness First Aid



Presented by the NCAC Camps, the Outdoor Preparedness Initiative (OPI) offers Wilderness First Aid certification with CPR/AED. OPI aims to prepare Scouts, Scouters, and outdoor enthusiasts for high adventure activities and other outdoor adventures. Certification is provided through the American Red Cross.

Courses are offered at Camp Snyder in Haymarket

- Mar 22 (6 PM) - Mar 24 (12 PM)
- Apr 26 (6 PM) - Apr 28 (12 PM)
- May 10 (6 PM) - May 12 (12 PM)

Cost: \$160

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24507>

## Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Outdoor Ethics



### What is the purpose of this class?

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

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

### Who should attend?

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

### What will I learn?

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

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

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

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

This course is taught entirely in the outdoors. We will camp out Saturday evening.

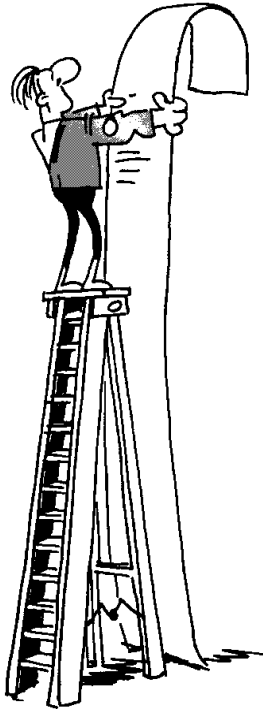
When: March 30

Where: Camp Snyder

Cost: \$50

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24711>, registration closes 3/15/2019 11:59 PM

# District Calendar



March 2019	
9	<b>District Pinewood Derby</b>
13	Roundtable
13	OA Chapter Meeting
27	District Committee
29	School Holiday
29-31	<b>Spring Camporee</b>

April 2019	
1	Student Holiday
10	Roundtable
10	OA Chapter Meeting
15-19	Spring Break
24	District Committee
27	<b>Life to Eagle Seminar</b>

May 2019	
1	<b>District Court of Honor</b>
8	<b>Program Launch</b>
8	OA Chapter Meeting
10-12	<b>OA Spring Ordeal</b>
22	District Committee
27	Memorial Day

June 2019	
7	Last Day of School
12	Roundtable
12	OA Chapter Meeting
17-21	<b>Goose Creek Day Camp</b>
17-20	<b>Goose Creek Twilight Camp</b>
26	District Committee

July 2019	
4	Independence Day

August 2019	
14	Roundtable
14	OA Chapter Meeting
22	First Day of School
28	District Committee

September 2019	
2	Labor Day
11	Roundtable
11	OA Chapter Meeting
25	District Committee

October 2019	
9	Roundtable
9	OA Chapter Meeting
12-13	<b>Webelos-o-ree</b>
14	Columbus Day
23	District Committee
28	Student Holiday

November 2019	
2	<b>SFF Post-it Note Distribution</b>
9	<b>SFF Food Pickup</b>
13	Roundtable
13	OA Chapter Meeting
27	District Committee
27-29	School Holiday
30	<b>Final Date for Recharter Turn In</b>

December 2019	
11	Roundtable
11	OA Chapter Meeting
18	<b>Annual District Business Meeting</b>
23-31	Winter Break

January 2020	
1	Holiday
8	Roundtable
8	OA Chapter Meeting
20	MLK Jr. Day
21	Moveable School Holiday
22	District Committee

February 2020	
7	Scout Jumuah
8	Scout Sabbath
9	Scout Sunday
12	Roundtable
12	OA Chapter Meeting
17	President's Day
26	District Committee