



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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Quick Calendar:

- Apr 8 – Virtual Roundtable
- May 13 – Program Launch
- Jun 10 – Roundtable
- May 30-31 – IOLS and BALOO Training
- Jun 15-19 – Day Camp

Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Boy Scout / Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 New Article



reprinted from Bobwhite Blather, <https://bobwhiteblather.com/what-to-do-instead/>

What to Do Instead

The worldwide health crisis has changed and is changing the way of life. It's no surprise that it has touched Scouting and affected it in ways we could not have imagined. Even the "any old thing" that Baden-Powell suggested we Be Prepared for probably didn't anticipate what we're going through.

It should be evident that our traditional unit meetings need to be approached very cautiously. Many units have policies where meetings and events are cancelled when school is suspended – mainly to account for weather closures or unavailability of school facilities. Those that have such policies in place are cancelling their meetings, campouts, banquets, derbies and other activities. Our district tried an online Roundtable last week – a live teleconference via the Internet and phone-in, and we actually got greater attendance than for an in-person meeting. Trina Klassa, the Cubmaster of the pack that our church charters, has a way of putting things in perspective, and reminded us that while this is a very turbulent time in our schedule-heavy world, and that we need to re-evaluate our new, albeit temporary, normalcy. I suppose I never realized how Scout-heavy my calendar was until I looked ahead the next few weeks at all the entries that are suspended or cancelled.

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While it's difficult to do virtual camping, there are things that we can do instead of holding our traditional den, pack and troop meetings.

The Scoutmaster of our troop has laid out a plan for Scouts to continue to work toward rank advancement, a way to hold a Scoutmaster conference and board of review via video conference, and ways to obtain blue cards for merit badges. Teleconferencing tools could also make it possible to hold virtual patrol meetings.

Our pledge to help other people at all times can run into roadblocks because of social distancing and sanitation needs, but doing things for other people shouldn't take a back seat. Check with your town's senior citizens' support group to see if there's anything you can safely do.

And don't forget to leave a little for Scouting. Our councils still have payrolls to meet, the lights to keep on, and camps to maintain. With Blue & Gold banquets, courts of honor and other in-person events on hiatus, there is less opportunity for families to become Friends of Scouting and support your council through your financial contributions. Go online to your council's website and find the "donate" link to make your FOS pledge. Be sure to list your unit and district so your pack or troop will receive credit toward its goal.

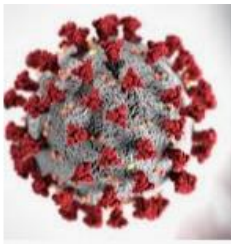
Keep calm and stay strong for our youth. Keep your distance and wash your hands, and if you're sick, stay home and follow the latest public health guidelines. This will pass.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



NCAC Response to COVID-19



The following is a copy of the communication sent out by Council a few weeks ago – so some of the actions sound forward-looking, but have in fact already been implemented.

As always, your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is our top priority. We know there are questions and concerns about how COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus, could affect local Scouting programs in National Capital Area Council. Please know that we are monitoring developments regarding COVID-19 both locally and through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The following information regarding local events and prevention measures is based on the latest available guidance. As this is an evolving situation, this information is subject to change. We will continue to update you on relevant developments, and we appreciate your understanding of any necessary adjustments in the interest of health and safety.

Status of Council Events

After much discussion by NCAC's Executive Board, it has been decided that all in-person Council and District events, activities, and meetings between **Friday, March 13 and Thursday, April 30, 2020** will be postponed or cancelled. This decision has been made out of an abundance of caution and concern for the health of our Scouts, Scouters, and their families.

Further, NCAC strongly suggests that individual Scout units follow this policy. The final decision on continued unit activities will be the responsibility of the unit committee in consultation with their chartered organization and, in some cases, their meeting facilities until such time as new guidance is issued by the CDC.

We strongly encourage that districts, units, and council committees consider using technology to continue with as many of their normally scheduled meetings and events as possible. Free or low-cost options include Free Conference Call, Skype, and Google Hangouts.

District Events

The following district events are cancelled/postponed: OA Ordeal, IOLS, BALOO, District Court of Honor. Preparations are underway for a virtual Roundtable.

Summer Programs

Currently, all summer programming – day camps, summer camps, etc. – will continue as planned. We will be extending the Goshen early bird registration deadline to April 30 in order to give units more flexibility in planning.

Council Facilities

The National Capital Scout Shop, and North Virginia Scout Shop will be closed indefinitely. Please feel free to find all your Scouting needs on scoutstuff.org!

Our council camping facilities will be closed through April 30. If you have an existing reservation, we will give your unit credit for a future date.



Goose Creek Day/Twilight Camp - 2020



Dates: Day Camp will be held from June 15-19, Twilight Camp June 15-18

Location: Loudoun County Fairgrounds (17558 Dry Mill Rd, Leesburg)

Theme: "Out On The Farm".....so break out your straw hats and overalls!

As always, we will be on the lookout for youth and adult volunteers to make this camp the best ever! We are looking forward to a truly great year.

For information, contact Shannon Klee at 317-833-3138, or email goosecreekcubcamp@gmail.com.

Day Camp Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-34403>

Early Bird Discount (ends Apr 19): \$190

Regular Price: \$210

Late Registration (starts May 18): \$230

Twilight Camp Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-34404#>

Early Bird Discount (ends Apr 19): \$110

Regular Price: \$130

Late Registration (starts May 18): \$150

What is required of the pack ?

The Pack must provide leadership and adult supervision for the Scouts who attend camp, plus provide for transportation to and from camp each day. Every Pack must have at least one registered adult leader attend camp for every five Cub Scouts. Additionally, every Tiger Cub (rising 1st grader) must be accompanied by their Tiger Partner.

What additional Paperwork is needed?

Everyone attending camp must complete parts A and B of the Annual Health and Medical Record. Each Scout must also have an additional release form filed with their specific camp.

For required paperwork (registration form, release authorization, medical) go to: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/day-camp/>

District Rangemasters Needed



If you like shooting sports and ever thought of becoming a certified NRA Instructor, please consider taking one of the courses for Rangemaster, Instructor, NRA RSO, Chief RSO or USA Archery. Goose Creek is looking for trained Rangemasters to help with Cub Scout Day/Twilight Camps and other possible shooting sport events.

The NCAC Shooting Sports committee has a page on the Council website (www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/outdoor-adventuring/shooting-sports/) that can be useful in finding classes (currently only those in 2019 are listed though). Also please contact Steve Wolfson (SteveWolfson@verizon.net) if you are interested.



Useful Resources for Scouting Units Under COVID-19



Our thanks to John Blackwell, Roundtable Assistant District Commissioner, for putting this list together.

Virtual Meeting Options

Use business and other conference call tools like Webex, Google Hangouts, freeconferencecall.com, Zoom, Skype, Facetime, etc. Be sure that any meetings involving youth follow YPT guidelines (<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>). For how avoiding one-on-one contact also applies to digital communication: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/04/06/no-one-one-contact-provision-applies-digital-contact/>. Finally, always provide adult supervision and record the meeting if that is available.

BSA National Statement on COVID-19

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/COVID-19>

FAQ

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>

Dan Beard Council Video Series: Scouting at Home

<https://www.danbeard.org/scouting-at-home/>

Boy's Life: BSA releases a year's worth of issues - free for a limited time

https://boyslife.org/subscribe-now/free-access/?fbclid=IwAR0dINKjHZuDNCOSYkevE8T61CleV8c9RvPHG_f9XjPD_mC74LQnOUPTneA

Scouting Service from home

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/18/good-turns-during-the-coronavirus-acts-of-scouting-service-you-can-do-from-home/>

Organizations seeking volunteers

<https://wtop.com/coronavirus/2020/03/as-coronavirus-spreads-virginia-organizations-seek-volunteers/>

Bear Grylls teams up with Scouts for indoor survival activities

<https://news.google.com/s/CBlwxomVnEU?r=12&oc=em>

58 Merit badges Scouts can complete at home

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/20/merit-badges-for-social-distancing/>

Fun projects Scouts can do from home

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/19/fun-projects-for-kids-that-you-can-do-from-home/>

Other Scouting-from-home resources

<http://www.nfcscouting.org/resources/scouting-at-home/72763>

<http://scoutshare.org/Resources/Articles/category/remote-scouting?>

Guide to Safe Scouting

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/#a>



Webelos-o-ree 2019



The date for the Goose Creek's annual Webelos-o-ree is set for October 3-4, 2020 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 Scouts 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, and 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.



Troop Participation in the Webelos-o-ree



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

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

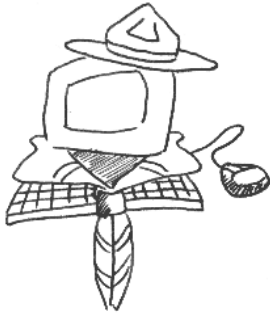
For the past few years we have tried to keep certain activities reserved for the troops that have done them in the past, this has often had us scrambling to fill them in when we finally heard that a troop doing one could not come that year.

This year all activity slots are open and will be given to the first troop that requests them.

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.



Tales of Virtual Scouting



During these unprecedented times, Scouting has stepped up and is playing a vital role in keeping Scouts engaged, helping fill newly freed-up time, and providing at least some personal connection, at least visually if not physically, during a period of recommended distancing. There's a lot going around among NCAC and District Units, and lots of helpful suggestions on how to go about keeping your Troops, Packs, Crews, Labs and Posts engaged. Bryan on Scouting's web blog posted a number of great ideas and resources links online in the last several weeks. But first stop should be the resources that our own NCAC is circulating, including a recent email with links to COVID-19 updates, an organized effort to set up Merit Badges@Home, a 30-Day Scouting Challenge, thoughts on how to still be of service while at home, some virtual meeting guidelines and a pretty extensive advancement Q&A. If you didn't get the email, a number of the topics are covered on this Scouter Digest page:

<https://weownadventure.com/category/scouting-at-home/>

The advent of social distancing in Northern Virginia hasn't stopped Goose Creek Troops, Packs, Crews, Labs and Posts from continuing to offer robust Scouting programs and opportunities. The following are just a few anecdotes from across the District describing how Units are joining together virtually in Scouting activities. A universal sentiment from a number of District Units – figure out a way to bring the whole Unit together for a meeting on video, even only for a half hour or so. Recite the Oath and Law. Let the SPL ask how the Scouts are doing. Let them have fun, talking and laughing. In a time of forced isolation, a little virtual community goes a long way towards keeping up spirits..

Troop 1150, which normally meets at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Leesburg, made an immediate pivot in mid-March, running Troop meetings, Scoutmaster conferences and boards of review via Google Meet and WebEx. The also started out with eight different online merit badge classes, with another 17 badges presentations in the planning stages.

Troop 997, which meets at St. Theresa's School in Ashburn, was in the final planning stages for its last Arrow of Light crossover ceremony, and just getting ready for their new Scout campout, when schools closed. With 24 new Scouts joining the program, the Scoutmaster, Troop Instructor and Troop Guides huddled together to plan a series of Zoom sessions, to integrate the new Scouts into the Troop, and work towards earning their Scout rank and beyond. Video Scoutmaster conferences and boards of review are now in the works, and existing Merit Badge Counselors have up work sessions with the older Scouts, also on Zoom. The Troop Committee is working hard increase the ranks of MBCs by engaging new parents to volunteer where they have knowledge and interest.

The All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) is the second largest Mosque in the US, and sponsors two units (ADAMS STEM Labs 1576 and 0786). As the NCAC's first dedicated STEM units, it's no surprise that they would smoothly pivot to virtual Scouting within a week of school closings. In fact, the Mosque, which serves approximately 25,000 individuals each week, converted not just their Scouting activities, but also moved all religious and health education online. Their 40+ Scouting members are meeting online every Saturday, trying out WebEx and Zoom in the first weeks. In addition to discussing STEM Scouting topics, they're making sure to engage all Scouts, sharing reflections on life without school, and providing encouragement and mutual, virtual connection.

Unit leaders normally help organize the MITRE merit badge day, one of the best in the region, and hope to get it up and running again next year. The Unit put together a great slide deck of COVID-19 Q&A with the latest CDC information, for use in discussing the importance of cleanliness and social distancing. Their offer to share these slides is greatly appreciated – please email rich.pender@goosecreekdistrict.org for a copy.

Scouts BSA Girl Troop 998 and Scouts BSA Boy Troop 998 both normally meet at Leesburg United Methodist Church. Their first foray into virtual Scouting has been a joint Zoom merit badge class for the Eagle-required Personal Management merit badge, the perfect starter with its time management requirement. When better to get practice planning activities over the course of a day and a week than a period when the formal structure of our schools is “on break”.

Troop 1158G normally meets at Ashburn Presbyterian Church. They’ve already had two virtual Troop meetings, which they admit is easier with only ten Scouts (they first Chartered last year). Their first meeting was mostly about figuring what Zoom was all about, but by the second, it was all about having fun and connecting (and of course, working on advancement requirements). They’re planning on joining JOTI (Jamboree on the Internet) in April and are working on ways to do service projects from home. Intriguingly, they’re considering something they call Backyard Campout At Home – not sure if that’s for when the world turns normal again, or a plan for a campout, just with each Scout in their own backyard. Don’t know which, but I MUST find out. Imagine star gazing, with a laser pointer from one house identifying constellations for Scouts at other houses!!

District Social Media Platforms



Goose Creek District has new official social media platforms. These platforms will contain lots of fun information and materials pertaining to all things in the district. Follow us today.



Facebook - @BSAGooseCreek



Twitter - @BSAGooseCreek



LinkedIn - Goose Creek

Scouts at Loudoun United FC Pro Soccer Game



Scouts are invited to the Loudoun United FC Pro Soccer game on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm when they play against Saint Louis FC!

The Scout individual ticket price is \$15 a ticket. Stay tuned for a website advertising this event with this BSA Scout pricing. For now, please visit their website to learn more about their exciting season at: www.loudoununitedfc.com. Their marketing department is in the process of planning some special events for our BSA Scouts for this game!

Scouts, if you are interested in singing or playing a bugle/trumpet solo or duet or trio, etc... of the National Anthem at this game, please send your audition video to ElizabethEsper@yahoo.com. Please remember to copy your parent's e-mail address in that e-mail. Scoutmasters/Committee Chairs, if your unit would like to provide the flag detail for this game, please contact Elizabeth Esper.

Questions about concessions, parking fee, directions, fun children's activities, etc...? please read their FAQ Game Day website at: www.loudoununitedfc.com/gameday

Sports, Athletics and Personal Fitness Merit Badge Counselors: We have permission to use their awesome Segra field to offer these merit badges before their game that afternoon. If you are available this date and you would like to support it by being a merit badge counselor for one of these merit badges, please contact ElizabethEsper@yahoo.com. We have the field from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm and, by request, they will offer one of their players, nutritionists, athletic coaches, or staff to talk to the Scouts about careers in sports, nutrition, physical therapy and athletic training.

Scouts can also practice kicking goals at this field. We have to vacate their field by 3:30 pm, so the teams can start their warm up for the night's game. This merit badge opportunity will only be made available to Scouts if we are able to find merit badge counselors to volunteer for it.

Scouts at Purcellville Cannons Game



Scouts are welcome to the Purcellville Cannons Collegiate Summer Baseball game on Saturday, June 6, 2020 when they play against the New Market Rebels. Gates will open at 5:30 pm and the game will start at 7:00 pm. Cub Scouts can run the bases! This baseball park is a great setting for Lions and Tigers!

Scouts: would you like to sing the National Anthem or do you play bugle or trumpet or would like to create an ensemble to perform the National Anthem at this game? Please e-mail ElizabethEsper@yahoo.com with your video audition for this opportunity. Please remember to copy your parent's e-mail address in that e-mail.

We would also need a Scout flag detail for this event prior to the start of the game. Please have your Scoutmaster and/or Committee Chair contact Elizabeth Esper if your unit would like to provide Scout Flag Detail for this game.

There are plenty of choices for food at the concession stands and there is a small field next to the baseball park if anyone needs to stretch their legs in between innings. Great time to play catch with your baseball mitt. Please purchase tickets, find directions and a frequently asked questions section at this website: www.purcellvillecannons.com/



“Cheerful Service Chatter”

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



OA Calendar



- April 17-19 – **CANCELLED** Spring Fellowship at Camp Snyder
- April 24-26 – **CANCELLED** - Spring Ordeal at Izaak Walton
- May 15-17 – Conclave at Broad Creek
- June 6 – Lodge Leadership Conference
- June TBD – Goshen Bus Loading
- July TBD – Goshen Bus Loading
- August 1-8 – NOAC
- September 11-13 – Fall Fellowship at Camp Snyder
- October TBD – W&OD Trail Cleanup
- October 3 – Campfire Ceremony at Webelos-o-ree at Camp Snyder
- November TBD – Fall Area Ordeal
- November TBD – Popcorn Distribution
- November 14 – Scouting for Food Collection Station
- December TBD – Area Leadership Development Conference
- January 2, 2020 – Lodge Banquet

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Ethan Jardines – Troop 39

Jason Smith – Troop 1430

Jack Weinbrecht – Troop 966



Advancement during COVID-19: Guidelines for Cub Scouts



For Cub Scouts, the BSA will allow parents and other adults in the Cub Scout’s family to sign off on Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements through July 31, 2020. Normally, only a den leader may sign off on these requirements.

Also, Cub Scouts can continue to work on their current den’s advancement through July 31, 2020. This gives extra time for Cub Scouts to complete their badge of rank; if they earn their badge of rank prior to July 31, 2020, they may advance to the next rank.

★ Advancement during COVID-19: Time extensions for Eagle Scout, Summit and Quartermaster awards



Normally granted only in rare circumstances, the BSA and its local councils will allow extensions for Life Scouts needing more time to finish their Eagle Scout requirements. The authority for councils to grant this extension is effective immediately and continues through Sept. 30, 2020.

Extensions also are available for Venturers needing to finish Summit Award requirements and Sea Scouts needing to finish Quartermaster Award requirements beyond their 21st birthday.

These extensions are reviewed case by case, and not all Scouts will qualify. To get an extension through a local council, Scouts must meet the following requirements:

1. It can be established that **COVID-19 disruptions were the only circumstances that delayed work** on Eagle Scout/Summit/Quartermaster advancement requirements, such as the service project or merit badges. If any other causes were involved, the extension request must go to the National Council following the process outlined in the *Guide to Advancement* (GTA).
2. Extensions shall only be granted to youth in Scouts BSA who have **already achieved Life rank**.
3. When the council receives a COVID-19-related request for a time extension, the council reviews the request and approves it if appropriate. A written response stating the outcome of the extension request must go to the youth. **If approved, the notification must be attached to the youth's Eagle/Summit/Quartermaster rank application.**
4. For Eagle, the extension must not exceed 3 months from the youth's 18th birthday; for Summit/Quartermaster, the extension must not exceed 3 months from the youth's 21st.
5. Upon turning 18, the Scout **must submit a completed adult application and successfully complete Youth Protection training**. Their participant code will now be UP for SBSA or VP for Venturing and Sea Scouting.
6. Extension requests for more than 3 months beyond the youth's 18th/21st birthday must be sent to the National Service Center following the process outlined in the GTA.

★ Scouts BSA Handbook Now Available on Kindle



The Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys and Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls are now available on Kindle, making it easier than ever for you or your Scouts to find essential information in a few simple taps.

The Kindle versions for boys and for girls are available for \$17.99 apiece. These digital books contain the same great information found in the spiral-bound print counterparts. (The print versions for boys and girls remain on sale for \$17.99 at ScoutShop.org, which is still open for business and processing orders even during the coronavirus.)

Though you purchase the Kindle versions through Amazon.com, you don't need an actual Kindle device to read them. You can access your entire Kindle library through the Kindle app for iOS or Android.



Life-to-Eagle Training



Keep your eyes open for an email announcement of our remaining 2020 offerings 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.

The next L2E Seminar for 2020 was supposed to be in April. However, due to current events, the only option for conducting such would be virtual, and frankly, no one wants to sit in on a 4-hour virtual training. Holding hope that things will have relaxed in May our next L2E Seminar is tentatively scheduled for

Date: May 23, 2020 (pending confirmation libraries will be open)

Time: TBD

Place: TBD – Typically one of the county's public libraries.

Next month's newsletter should include an update on the availabilities of the when this seminar will be held. Future offerings for this year would typically be in August and November.

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.



How to Conduct a Board of Review through Videoconferencing



The board of review, like most aspects of Scouting, works best in person.

But sometimes, for a number of legitimate reasons, that's not an option. That's why, as outlined in the *Guide to Advancement* (section 8.0.1.6), the BSA allows units to conduct boards of review by teleconferencing, using tools like Skype, Google Hangouts or Zoom.

Even before the coronavirus prompted families to be justifiably concerned about face-to-face meetings, this option has existed. In the past, it has been most commonly used in two situations:

- young people who have gone off to college or the military
- young people who live in remote areas

But the uncertainty and anxiety surrounding the coronavirus makes this an appropriate time to turn to videoconferencing solutions, as well.

If you have decided to use videoconferencing for a board of review, here's what you need to know: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/16/how-to-conduct-a-board-of-review-through-videoconferencing/>

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. Scout's 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

Merit Badge Corner

As the new Goose Creek Merit Badge Dean, I, Richard Pender, hope to contribute to the newsletter on a monthly basis, highlighting upcoming events, outlining proscribed practices, and offering suggestions for executing a successful Merit Badge program. This month, however, I've got some administrative highlights. Please direct any thoughts or comments to Rich Pender at meritbadgedean@goosecreekdistrict.org or rich.pender@goosecreekdistrict.org.



How to apply to be a Merit Badge Counselor



Thanks to all who've volunteered over time, and welcome to those seeking to apply. There's a detailed page on the NCAC website on how to apply: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/merit-badge-counselor/>.

The process is straightforward – submit an application package to Jake Straub (our Senior District Executive) at Roundtable (or contact him at jake.straub@scouting.org to make other arrangements). Jake will process the BSA documents and send me the MBC application to incorporate into our database. The package should include four documents – an Adult Volunteer application, the associated background check waiver, a copy of your YPT certification, and a Merit Badge Counselor application. As always, please email me if you need any help navigating that process.



The Online Merit Badge Counselor (MBC) List



Merit Badge Counselor List

I've taken over maintenance of this list, and in my first two weeks, I already can't count the number of Scouters who've contacted me about various issues.

Please be patient - I'm working on updating the list (see below) and we'll send out a notice when the revised version is posted. I know that MBC volunteers are very important in the current environment – please email me with questions or if you need help in any way. The most common issue I've heard is that the list is incomplete. There are some main reasons why this might be the case, some of which I can fix and some are in your court:

- There is a minor glitch in the new Goose Creek website if you're trying to get to the online list of approved merit badge counselors. Use this link to get there directly: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/advancements-and-recognition/>
- It is our practice to keep the list password-protected so only Unit leaders and merit badge coordinators can access it. Scouts should be asking you for MBC recommendations, not going in self-serve. If you don't have the password, please email me at meritbadgedean@goosecreekdistrict.org and I'll get back to you right away.
- As well, we've been informed by some of you that the posted list is incomplete, with some MBCs missing completely. We've also heard that a computer glitch omitted a whole slice of the alphabet from the list at one point in the recent past.
- The online list consists ONLY of MBCs who have agreed to work with any Scout in Goose Creek or NCAC. It does not include MBCs who only work with a specific Troop. This is intentional, as we respect your time and choice, but is also an easy fix. If you're currently not on the District-wide list but are willing to be, just send us an email – we'll update the list.
- There's a small backlog of applications that haven't been entered into the database – we're working those down and should be done shortly.
- If YPT certification expires, MBCs are removed from the list. Easy fix – get current, send us an email when completed and we'll put you back on. YPT certification is mandatory for all adult Scouting positions, without exception.
- Please remember as we work to complete the update, that there really are only two normal ways to get OFF the MBC list if you were previously added - either you requested removal, or your YPT certification expired. Jake's advice in this regard - if you're an approved MBC who's status as never been withdrawn, and have current YPT certification, please continue to work with the Scouts.
- Please understand that Senior District Executive Jake Straub and I are working diligently to find and recover any missing data. We're also working to sync the database so we can verify YPT status. We'll let everyone know as soon as the lists have been updated and posted for you access. For now, please have patience. With the Bethesda office closed, and Jake and I both less than a month in our positions, we're navigating in waters where we haven't sailed before. But we're working the problem and will get it updated.
- Sometimes, we make mistakes. If none of the above solves your problem, let us know and we'll find a solution.



Merit Badge Requirement Changes



Changes have been made to the requirements for the following merit badges:

- American Heritage – changes made to 3a, 3b, and 4a
- Animal Science – change made to Avian Option D2
- Bugling – changes made to 3 and 4
- Chemistry – changes made to 2b, 6a, 6b, 6c1, 6e3, 6d, 7a, and 7b
- Crime Prevention – change made to 8a
- **Environment Science** – changes made to 3, 4a, and 4b
- Geology – new requirement 5d2 added, requirements 5d2-5df were renumbered
- Kayaking – changes made to 3b, 4c, 7b, 8a, 8b, and 8e, 5b split into 5b and 5c. New requirements 8f and 8g added and requirement 4 deleted.
- Model Design – changes made to 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4e, 5, 5a, and 5d
- Painting – 2b deleted and 2c and 2d renumbered as 2b and 2c. Changes made to 6 and 8
- **Personal Fitness** – changes made to 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8. Old 1a, 2b, 2f, 3c, 3d, 3d, 3h, and 3i deleted and new 2a, 3d, 3e, 3g, and 6b added.
- Reading – completely revised
- Safety – changes made to 1a, 1b, 1e, 2b, and 5. 1c was deleted and 1d and 1e were renumbered to 1c and 1d.
- Space Exploration – changes made to 5c
- **Sustainability** – changes made to 2-Energy-B and 4f
- White Water – changes made to 1a, 1c, 2, 4, and 12. 9 was split into 9 and 10, and 10 renumbered as 11. Old 11 was deleted

When new or revised merit badge requirements occur, any Scout beginning work on the badge must use the new requirements. If the changes occur after the Scout starts work (has a blue card) then they may choose to either complete the badge under the requirements they started with or they may choose to switch to the new requirements. Scouts may not mix the old and new requirements, it's either those they started with or just the new ones.

There is no time limit between starting and completing a badge, although a counselor may determine so much time has passed since any effort took place that the new requirements must be used.

LOL



BSA is considering adding some new troop Scout leaderships positions that can be used for advancement:

AppMaster – responsible for ensuring that all Scouts have the correct apps on their phones for the upcoming campout.

Tweet Guide – responsible for sending out tweets from troop meetings, campouts, service projects, and hikes so that the troop's followers are kept informed.

Interpreter – not to be confused with a Scout earning an Interpreter strip, this Scout is responsible for explaining to **older** Scouters what apps and tweets are and why they are important to the Scouts.

P.S. – if you don't understand any of these positions, speak to your troop's Interpreter.

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Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Scouting Remotely



With the concerns of COVID-19 spreading, units are cancelling campouts and in-person meetings, but that doesn't mean Scouting stops.

Bob Trejo, Scoutmaster of Troop 98 of Whitpain Township, Pa., shared with *Bryan on Scouting* how about 60 Scouts in his troop met virtually recently. The troop used Webex; a free account also allowed them to record the meeting. They also considered Zoom and Google Hangouts Meet. Leaders shared directions on how to login and encouraged Scouts to connect early, so they would be ready for when the meeting started. They developed a Google Slides presentation, complete with an overview of the coronavirus pandemic and precautions Scouts should take.

The meeting still included the Pledge of Allegiance, reciting the Scout Law and merit badge work — appropriately, they worked on the Public Health merit badge. The troop also invited a Scout parent who is a medical doctor to answer questions.

“The underlying messages of the Scout Motto, plus the Oath and Law are incredibly well-suited to the current situation,” Trejo says. “We spoke to our Scouts about these during our meeting — at the start and as a Scoutmaster Minute at the end. As this situation evolves, I encourage you to empower your Scouts to Be Prepared, be informed and be helpful, both to themselves and others.”

If you plan to do something similar, remember to review Scouting's *Barriers to Abuse* for guidance. The BSA's *Youth Protection guidelines* — such as two-deep leadership — extend to digital communication.

Tips for Deducting Scouting Expenses on Your Tax Return



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

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

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

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

Your fellow Scouters and *Bryan on Scouting* are here to help. Along with other Scout leaders on Facebook, he has collected some tips to help you track and deduct your BSA-related expenses:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/02/14/tax-time/>

And with the April 15, 2020, deadline approaching fast, there's no better time than now to get started.



How the Scouting Community can Donate Medical Gear in COVID-19 Fight

How to Help

In the first World War, Scouts helped collect black walnut wood needed to make airplane propellers.

In World War II, they scoured attics, basements and garages for “rubber, small iron and steel scrap, light metals and other materials needed for the war effort,” according to the July 1942 issue of Scouting magazine.

And now, in 2020, it’s time for Scouts to help fight a different kind of war.

Medical officials are calling on Americans to collect new or unused face masks, eye protection, gowns, gloves and other potentially lifesaving equipment for workers on the front lines of fighting the coronavirus. And Scouts can help in this effort.

“Almost every hospital has extreme shortages,” says Dr. Stef Simmons, an emergency medicine physician living in Ann Arbor, Mich. “We are working diligently on procurement and innovation, and some businesses are retooling to produce supplies, but it would be immensely helpful to mobilize any community supplies to the hospital.”

What is needed

When trying to determine the need in your community, “Scouts looking to make and provide personal protective equipment should contact local hospitals and whoever runs their local EMS. So, for a lot of areas, that would be the local fire department.” says Peter C. Perez, an Eagle Scout and the Emergency Management Coordinator for the city of Killeen, Texas.

“I would ask Scouts to get a hold of their local emergency managers and see what needs are out there,” he says. “Emergency managers can also connect them with local area groups who may have supplies and funds but just need the people power.”

Needs will vary by community, but many facilities are asking for the following:

New or unused:

- Disposable face masks (not hand made)
- N95 masks, sometimes called respirators
- Eye protection including face shields and safety goggles
- Disposable gowns
- Disposable gloves, especially non-latex
- Disposable surgical caps
- Disposable foot covers
- Wipes: bleach or antimicrobial
- Hand sanitizer

How to donate

Before you call your local hospital, which may be overwhelmed with calls right now, please check their website, Facebook page or Twitter account to see if they’ve already shared information on donating.

You can also check your local media outlets to check if they’ve covered this story.



We would recommend calling your hospital only as a final step. If you do decide to call, please appoint one person from your unit to make that call so that multiple families don’t call the same facility.



2020 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key: Available Almost Full Full

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

Week 1 – 6/21 to 6/27

Week 3 – 7/5 to 7/11

Week 5 – 7/19 to 7/25

Week 2 – 6/28 to 7/4

Week 4 – 7/12 to 7/18

Week 6 – 7/28 to 8/1

Fees:

If paid by April 17: Youth \$385, Adults \$225

If paid by May 15: Youth \$425, Adults \$265

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

- All units will receive two free adult leaders!

Registration: www.gotogoshen.org/registration/

VenturingFest 2020



VenturingFest 2020, the third national gathering of Venturers at the Summit Bechtel Reserve – a Scouting experience unlike any other before – is coming your way again from June 28 to July 3!

VenturingFest 2020 is a special Scouting event at SBR that's open to registered Venturers, Scouts and adult leaders across the U.S. This six-day high-adventure festival invites participants to explore the best the SBR has to offer. We're talking rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, and so much more!

As if the adrenaline-pumping activities weren't enough, festival goers will also get to jam out to concerts and meet new friends in Venturing at the event. What more could a Venturer want?

For more Information: www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/

For any questions or comments please email venturingfest@scouting.org.

Can Packs, Troops or Crews Participate in Political Rallies?



The BSA might be the most patriotic organization in the U.S. But we don't endorse any one political party. You could say that rather than being pro-left or pro-right, the BSA is pro-America.

The same applies to your pack, troop, post, ship or crew. You and your Scouts should Do Your Duty to Country but not by endorsing any one candidate.

During election years, the line between patriotism and political favoritism becomes thin, making it important to remind you of the BSA's official policy on Scout participation in political rallies.

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions and the BSA's official answers:

Q: Could a pack, troop or crew provide a color guard flag ceremony for a candidate's public speaking event or rally?

A: Yes. But, BSA Policy requires our adult and youth members in uniform to leave immediately after the presentation of colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Should they want to stay they must do so as individuals, not Scouting representatives. That means they would have to change out of their uniforms.

Q: So Scouts and Scouters can't stand on the platform for the remainder of the speech or presentation?

A: No, they should not remain on the speakers' platform or in a conspicuous location where media could construe their presence as an endorsement or symbol of support.

Q: Why is this the rule?

A: The policy is meant to prevent someone from using our brand to convey support of a candidate or ideology. This prevents Scouts from being used by any party in campaign advertisements or materials.

Q: So then why is it OK to even present the colors or lead the Pledge of Allegiance at all?

A: Those are displays of loyalty to the nation, something the BSA has always endorsed. Regardless of the outcome of the political race, the candidate and supporters pledge allegiance to the U.S. Because of this, it is always acceptable and deemed to be a part of the civic process. Also, this "service" is offered to any party, regardless of political affiliation.

Q: Can Scouts and Scouters pose for photos with political candidates at these events?

A: Yes. But photos of candidates or Scouts in uniform or BSA marks and logos are not allowed in political campaign materials of any kind.

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 9:30 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 6-9
Session 2: July 27-30

Cost: \$230 – register by April 17
\$255 – register by May 16
\$280 – register after May 16
\$50/55/60 – one adult for a week
(may be a different adult each day)

To register: www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/day-camp/

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 20-23

Cost: \$255 – register by April 17
\$280 – register by May 16
\$305 – register after May 16
\$50/55/60 – adults

To register: www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/day-camp/

Cub Scout Resident Weekends 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 10-11
Session 2: July 17-18
Session 3: July 31 – Aug 2

Cost: \$240 – register by April 17
\$265 – register by May 16
\$290 – register after May 16
\$80/105/130 – adults (2 free)

To register: www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/resident-weekends/

Cub Scout STEM Resident Weekend 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 24-25

Cost: \$265 – register by April 17
 \$290 – register by May 16
 \$315 – register after May 16
 \$80/105/130 – adults (2 free)

To register: www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/resident-weekends/

Cub Scout Resident 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 3-7

Cost: \$275– register by April 17
 \$300 – register by May 16
 \$325 – register after May 16
 \$125/150/170 – adults (2 free)

To register: www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/cub-scout-resident-week/

Webelos Resident 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 13017

Cost: \$280– register by April 17
 \$305 – register by May 16
 \$330 – register after May 16
 \$130/155/180 – adults (2 free)

To register: www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/cub-scout-resident-week/

Participant registration now open for the 2021 National Jamboree



A celebration that happens just once every four years. World-class venues packed with incredible moments. A spirit of unity, patriotism and courage.

Turns out the National Jamboree and the Summer Olympics share a lot of similarities — with one exception: At a National Jamboree, everyone leaves a winner.

Participant registration is now open for the 2021 National Jamboree, to be held July 21–30, 2021, at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, the BSA’s gold-medal-caliber high-adventure base in West Virginia.

A National Jamboree will happen only once or twice during a young person’s time in Scouts BSA, Venturing or Sea Scouting. That’s why many people, myself included, call a National Jamboree a “flagship BSA experience.”

Over the course of 10 days, Jamboree participants will experience unforgettable adventures they’ll remember all their lives. They can experience the Summit’s legendary adventure sports programs, earn merit badges, enjoy stadium shows and trade patches with Scouts from all 50 states and many foreign countries.

In doing all that, Jamboree participants join a tradition that has been a part of the BSA since the very first National Jamboree in 1937.

Participant requirements

- Have a current BSA membership.
- Be at least 12 by the first day of the Jamboree (July 21, 2021) but not yet 18 by the last day of the Jamboree (July 30, 2021). If your Scout will be too old to be a youth participant, they should consider applying for an adult leader role or Jamboree Service Team (staff) position.
- Be approved by the unit leader and local council.
- Have an appropriate parent/guardian to complete the online parental consent. (An email will be sent to the parent/guardian during the application process.)
- Participate in pre-Jamboree training experience with their local council and unit leader.
- Submit their BSA Annual Health & Medical Record using the online Jamboree submission process. (The AHMR must be dated on or after July 1, 2020.)
- Submit all registration fees per the local council’s payment schedule.

The cost for participants will be \$1,175. Learn more and register at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>.

Camp Snyder Camperships



Our Campership form for 2020 is now available for applications. The National Capital Area Council Campership Funds are possible because of great donors. A special thank you to the Augustine and Dixon family for sharing their resources for Scouts in need. All Campership requests for Camp Snyder are due **by March 15** of each year. The Campership Committee will convene and make award designations. Requests received after the due date can only be considered if funds are still available. Please submit this application before registering your Scout for camp online and before paying the Scout's camp fees. Voucher codes will be sent out after camperships are awarded.

To apply go to <https://forms.gle/6H4nueG5ryW7Yt29A>

Podcasts



April 2020 – Youth Protection and the BSA



April is National Youth Protection month, and the BSA takes that very seriously. We want to be sure all leaders and parents are aware of the BSA's Youth Protection guidelines and all the steps the BSA is taking to ensure the safety of all youth.

You may have heard of the Barbara Sinatra Foundation, which is dedicated to ensuring every child's right to a normal, healthy and secure childhood. Joining us for this special episode is John Thoresen, the director of the Barbara Sinatra Foundation. John will share with us what the foundation does and how its partnership with the BSA helps to provide personal safety awareness training to all Scouts.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/cubcast/2020/april-2020-youth-protection-and-the-bsa/>



April 2020 – Finding Your Adventure



Whether you live in the north, south, east or west part of the grand ol' USA, the BSA has a high-adventure base for you! And you're not limited to going to the one near you. Each BSA high adventure base provides different adventures, so you can pick the one that's right for you! Joining us to guide you to finding your adventure is BSA Outdoor Adventure Team member Lonnah Curry.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/scoutcast/2020/april-2020-finding-your-adventure/>

Training Opportunities

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training (C32) **has been rescheduled to May 30-31**, 2020 at Camp Highroad, 21164 Steptoe Hill Rd, Middleburg, VA 20117.

BALOO is an outdoor skills training course for Cub Scout Leaders – no camping experience is required. BSA policy requires at least one BALOO trained Leader on all Cub Scout Pack campouts. BALOO also includes Webelos Den campout planning and campsite duties, which trains Webelos Leaders for Den camping. Cooking, sanitation, campfires, woods tools use, orienteering skills, outdoor ethics and more will be covered.

BALOO PREREQUISITES: Complete the online BALOO Training v2 course, modules SCO-280 to 283 (about 30 minutes) and the BSA Youth Protection Training course (also available online). Bring the certificates of completion for both to this class.

This course has an overnight camping requirement.

COST: \$40.00 - Online registration is required by April 20, 2020.

REGISTRATION: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-34450> May close early if maximum capacity is reached. Maximum of 25 participants

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Cub Scout uniform or Scout-friendly clothing, tent, ground cloth, lantern/flashlight, sleeping bag and pad, water bottle, sturdy shoes, change of clothes, rain gear and coat/jacket/hat/gloves (if needed), camp chair.

MEALS: will be provided as part of this course (Saturday: Lunch and Dinner; Sunday: Breakfast). There will be snacks provided during the day on Saturday. Please eat breakfast before you arrive. There will be a Cracker Barrel (snacks provided) after campfire on Saturday evening.

For questions or more information, contact Course Director Walt Johnson: walt.johnson@goosecreekdistrict.org



Goose Creek District Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - IOLS



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - IOLS (S11) **has been rescheduled to May 30-31**, 2020 at Camp Highroad, 21164 Steptoe Hill Road, Middleburg, VA 20117.

IOLS is the required outdoor training for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. The course is also ideal for Venturing Leaders because it focuses on building confidence and competence in conducting outdoor camping experiences. Outdoor skills are critical to the success of any Scouting program. IOLS provides Leaders with the basic outdoor skills to start a program right and keep it going.

COST: \$40.00

REGISTRATION: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-34473> Online registration is required by April 20, 2020.

CLASS SIZE: Maximum of 25 participants. Registration may close early if maximum capacity is reached.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Class A Scout Leader Uniform, full camping gear for an overnight stay (tent, ground cloth, lantern/flashlight, sleeping bag and pad, sturdy shoes, change of clothes, rain gear and coat/jacket/hat, water bottle, camp chair); camping overnight is part of the course.

MEALS: will be provided. Please provide any dietary restrictions.

For questions or more information, contact Course Director Walt Johnson: walt.johnson@goosecreekdistrict.org

Wood Badge 2020



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.

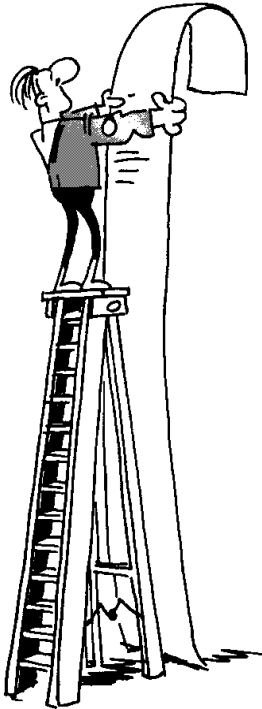
Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

The next class will be held Sept 18-20 and Oct 17-18

The fee for the course is \$300

To register and find out more information go to www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/

District Calendar



April 2020	
8	Roundtable
8	OA Chapter Meeting
9	Commissioner Mtg
22	District Committee

May 2020	
13	Program Launch
13	OA Chapter Meeting
14	Commissioner Mtg
25	Memorial Day
27	District Committee
30-31	IOLS and BALOO Training

June 2020	
10	Roundtable
10	OA Chapter Meeting
11	Commissioner Mtg
15-19	Day/Twilight Camp
24	District Committee

July 2020	
4	Fourth of July

August 2020	
12	Roundtable
12	OA Chapter Meeting
13	Commissioner Mtg
20	First Day of School
26	District Committee
27	First Day of School

September 2020	
4-7	School Holiday
7	Labor Day
9	Roundtable
10	Commissioner Mtg
9	OA Chapter Meeting
23	District Committee

October 2020	
3-4	Webelos-o-ree
7	Roundtable
7	OA Chapter Meeting
8	Commissioner Mtg
12	Columbus Day
21	District Committee
30	Student Holiday

November 2020	
2-3	Student Holiday
7	SFF Distribution
11	Roundtable
11	OA Chapter Meeting
12	Commissioner Mtg
14	SFF Food Pickup
18	District Committee
25-27	Student Holiday
30	Final Date for Recharter Turn In

December 2020	
9	Roundtable
9	OA Chapter Meeting
10	OA Chapter Meeting
16	Annual District Business Meeting
23-31	Winter Break

January 2021	
1	Holiday
13	Roundtable
13	OA Chapter Meeting
14	Commissioner Mtg
18	MLK Jr. Day
19	Moveable School Holiday
20	School Holiday (Inauguration)
27	District Committee

February 2021	
5	Scout Jumuah
6	Scout Sabbath
7	Scout Sunday
10	Roundtable
10	OA Chapter Meeting
11	Commissioner Mtg
15	President's Day
24	District Committee

March 2021	
2	School Holiday
6	District Pinewood Derby
10	Roundtable
10	OA Chapter Meeting
11	Commissioner Mtg
24	District Committee
29-31	Spring Break