



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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Newsletter Key:



Cub Scout Interest



Boy Scout /
Venturing Interest



For Everyone



New Article



Advancement Is Based on Experiential Learning

Baden-Powell: "The most important object in Boy Scout training is to educate, not instruct."

Once upon a time there was a very wise senior patrol leader and scoutmaster who worked together to make advancement an important part of all patrol and troop activities. These wise leaders had determined the culture in their troop would be that advancement was going to be as a *result* of the patrols' activities and not the *focus* of the patrols' activities. Learning necessary advancement skills was going to be a natural, necessary part of conducting their fun activities.

Some sort of trick? If so, what these wise leaders were actually doing was to put one of Scouting's "best practices" into action. The concept is spelled out in the Section 2.0.0.2 of the *Guide to Advancement*, which says, "Everything done to advance—to earn ranks and other awards and recognition—is designed to educate or to otherwise expand horizons." The *GTA* goes on to explain, "Experiential learning is the key: Exciting and meaningful activities are offered, and education happens. Learning comes from doing." Finally, the *GTA* reveals "the trick" by telling its readers that "Advancement should be a natural outcome of a well-rounded unit program, rich in opportunities to work toward the ranks."

Our fictional wise leaders knew learning and practicing a skill through practical application in an experiential setting—as opposed to "classroom" instruction—would improve retention of the skill. Perhaps for a lifetime. So, they planned fun activities that just "happened" to result in advancement.

For example, a patrol leader who knew that second class Scout Richard needed to identify two ways to obtain a weather forecast for an upcoming activity might ask Richard during a patrol meeting to help him out by taking out his phone and looking at the local news station and national media forecasts for the date of the activity. The patrol leader should reinforce the lesson by asking Richard why he thought knowing this information might be important for the activity.

Or, the troop's leadership might plan an athletic field day that included a plan for Audrey and the other Tenderfoot Scouts in the troop to improve and follow up in 30 days, without ever mentioning the advancement requirements they would complete by doing so.

In either case, usually at the next patrol or troop meeting, the leader could ask for each Scout's *Handbook* and announce as they were signing off on those requirements, "Congratulations! You completed requirements X, Y, and Z last week because you did..."

You might ask, "Aren't the Star, Life, and Eagle Scouts wise to the 'trick'?" Of course, by that point they were in leadership roles and had become "insiders" in perpetuating the advancement culture of the troop. As the *Guide to Advancement* says, "Advancement is simply a means to an end, not an end in itself." It is one of several methods of Scouting, all of which are important.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Goose Creek District Annual Business Meeting



What is it: This is the annual meeting where are district's leaders share their annual reports on the state of the district and their plans for next year. It is also where the voting members of our district (see below) elect next year's district leadership.

When: December 11, 2019 at 6:30PM

Where: Leesburg United Methodist Church

Who's Invited:

Voting Members

Current District Committee Members

Current Council Board of Directors Members who live in Goose Creek District

All Goose Creek District Chartered Organization Representatives

Non-voting Members

Goose Creek District Commissioner Corps

Goose Creek District unit leaders and adult volunteers

Goose Creek District youth members

Community members interested in serving youth

Report your Unit's Service Hours and Achieve JTE Points



Scouting was founded on the premise of doing a Good Turn daily. Community service is very important in the character-building process and, as Scouts, we have made the commitment to give back to our communities.

Accurately reporting community service and Eagle projects ensures that the Scouting movement gets proper credit for all the great work our youth and volunteer leaders do. It helps quantify the amount of time spent supporting the community and reflects the values of Scouting. When we present that information to others not affiliated with Scouting, we want it to be as accurate as possible.

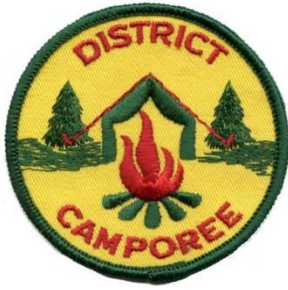
In order to get credit for the Journey to Excellence (JTE) service objective, all service must be recorded on the BSA Service Hours website before December 31st.

National BSA has provided a website, <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>, to make it easy for us to report and keep track of Service Projects we perform in our local communities and council.

For more information on how to report your service hours go to <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/jte-service-hours-input-and-information/>

Note: Your hours for Scouting for Food, both when you put out the stickers and when you go back a week later to pick up the donations, should be reported.

Spring Camporee 2020



The Goose Creek Spring Camporee will be held on March 27-29 and will take place at Camp Highroad (21164 Steptoe Hill Road, Middleburg, VA 20117). This Camporee will focus on outdoor Scouting fun as embodied in the theme, "Outdoor Adventure Challenge." Scouts BSA Troops, Varsity Teams and Venturing Crews are all welcome to join the fun.

Like last year, the Camporee will consist of two major events: a set of patrol challenges for half the day and a variety of Adventure choices the other half of the day. Extra fees will apply for Scouts participating in the "High Adventure" program activities. Each Unit will have an assigned period for each event, so that everyone will have equal opportunity for full participation.

Please contact Charles Thornton (Camporee Director) at scouterchalis@gmail.com or call 571-420-1035 with your questions.



Webelos Invitational Activity



You Are Cordially Invited to Troop 1941's Open House

Date: December 2, 2019, 7:00 pm

Place: Farmwell Station Middle School, 44281 Gloucester Pkwy, Ashburn, VA

Who's Invited: All Webelos and their families/leaders.

Come explore Troop 1941 at our open house. Learn what it is like to be in Scouts BSA and see what exciting adventures are planned for the next year.

Please RSVP to: info@troop1941.com

Goose Creek Day/Twilight Camp - 2020



THE WORD IS OUT on Day and Twilight Camp for 2020! The plan is set, and details are already taking shape.

Dates: Camp will be held from June 15-19, 2020

Location: Loudoun County Fairgrounds

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.



Webelos-o-ree Patches



We have been told that the Webelos-o-ree patches should be in for the December Roundtable. An email will be sent out to all those who registered for camping or staying to the campfire when we confirm this.

Goose Creek District Committee Help



Goose Creek District Committee, meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:30pm at the Leesburg United Methodist Church (where Roundtable is held). It takes a robust committee to deliver an outstanding program to the scouts of Goose Creek, and the committee is always looking for a few good scouters. Opportunities are available in Finance, Membership, Communications and Programming. Without proper resources, the District would not have activities such as Advancement, Training, Camp-O-Rees, Webelo-O-Rees, Join Scouting Nights, etc. Please consider supporting the Goose Creek District by getting involved on the committee.

Unit Leaders: Please take inventory of your adult leadership and consider asking someone to become your unit's representative on the District Committee.

Any questions, contact District Committee Chair Jim Bonfils at JimBonfils@icloud.com or District Director Todd Bolick at Todd.Bolick@Scouting.org

A Goose Creek District Leadership chart is presented at the end of this newsletter.



Missing Articles



We always have space reserved in the newsletter for articles about our units and Scouts but only a few units have sent us any information about what they have been doing. There must be other units out there that have been doing something besides having meetings. We know that Eagle projects have been completed and we expect that some units have had anniversaries or someone who got a special award.

This newsletter should be as much about our Scouts as it is about events coming up. And to do that we need your help. If your unit, den, patrol, crew, or Eagle Scout has done a special service project, gone somewhere different, camped somewhere unusual, or had a special event, we'd like to hear about it and we think the rest of the district would too. What you've done might just be the spark another unit needs to enhance their own program.

We don't require a long article, just a few sentences, and maybe a picture. You don't have to be a great writer, after all, most of us aren't great readers.

When you do have something to brag about please send it to Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org. Please try to have it submitted by the 20th of the month so it can go out in our draft version to the proofreaders. We can take articles later than that but no promises on it making the newsletter being put together (but it will be in the next).



Scouts BSA Girl Troop 998 in Leesburg



We welcome prospective Scouts to observe and participate at upcoming Scouts BSA Girl Troop 998 meetings. We meet on Monday nights at Leesburg United Methodist Church, from 7:15 PM to 8:30 PM. Please contact Sue Breen at suebreen@verizon.net or 703-297-0085 to let us know you're coming, and also to confirm that schedule, which sometimes varies around the holidays.



Ceremony in Leesburg Retires Flags and Pays Respect



They say respect for our nation's symbols are an integral part of being a reverent, responsible scout. Last month, Scouts of Troop 1159 joined members of VFW Post 1177 including members of Loudoun County's Fire and Rescue Training Center to participate in a meaningful, respectful flag retirement ceremony.

The Scouts conducted the ceremony with dignity and respect as they said their final goodbyes to a worn and torn beyond repair symbol of freedom. Participants left that day with a greater respect for our country, a greater respect for the United States flag.



Arrow of Light Scouting Adventure



Troops 998B (boys) and 998G (girls) will be conducting a joint activity on Saturday, December 14 at the Lions Club campground in Boyce, Virginia to assist Arrow of Light dens to complete their Scouting Adventure requirements. The Arrow of Light scouts will participate in patrols as they rotate through the various stations and each patrol will earn points as they complete those requirements. The top three patrols will be recognized at the evening program.

Lunch and dinner will be provided by troops 998B and 998G.

When: December 14, 2019, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Where: Northern Virginia Lions Club Campground, Boyce, VA

Troop 998B Contact: Bill Matlack, ASM, irbill@hotmail.com, 571-420-5675 (c)

Troop 998G Contact: SM Sue Breen, suebreen@verizon.net



Merit Badge Counselor Rechartering



Just as units must recharter every year, so must the district, and that means we not only have to get the listing of all of our committee members and commissioners ready, but also the listing of our merit badge counselors (MBC). With about 600 MBCs in the district this would be a daunting task but we do have a way to make this easier.

All MBCs currently registered with the district, **and that have their YPT training current as of January 1, 2020** (i.e. it didn't expire before this date), will be automatically registered for next year. Anyone without current YPT will be dropped from the roster and will need to send in a new MBC application, after retaking YPT, in order to be added back into the list.



“Cheerful Service Chatter”

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

Order of the Arrow - Unit Elections



The annual OA Unit Election season runs from November 1, 2019 through April 2020. Troops and Crews may hold only one election per season and it is recommended that the election be held prior to April 1, 2020. This will allow all elected candidates to be able attend the Spring Goose Creek Chapter Ordeal.

To learn more about the OA, what OA elections are all about, or to schedule your election go to <https://pmtexas.wixsite.com/GooseCreekOAVisit>.

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Christopher Ammerman – Troop 572

Sebastian Shipley – Troop 39

Benjamin Wright – Troop 982



IMPORTANT NOTICE for Eagle Candidates not Rechartering



This notice is for Scouts who are completing all of their Eagle requirements (other than the Board of Review) before Dec 31st but who are either not rechartering or are having their unit (LDS) disbanded.

On Jan 1st, 2020 National will be locking their advancement records so that they can not be viewed easily by Council for verifying their Eagle Scout Rank Applications. In order to prevent this we need to tell Council before then to flag those records so that they will stay available for review. To do this we just need to send to them the name of the Scout and the unit.

So please send an email to our district Advancement Chair, Alan Steiner at AlanSteiner@GooseCreekDistrict.org with that information and he will send it on to Council.

Note: Not doing this will not prevent the Scout from getting his Eagle rank but will significantly add to the processing and review time.



Life to Eagle Training Seminar



Keep your eyes open for an announcement of our 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.

Our first L2E Seminar in 2020 will be in Jan

Date: Jan 18, 2020

Time: 12:30-4:30

Place: Gum Spring Library, Stone Ridge, VA (Mtg Rm B, pending confirmation)

Then, you can expect another 2-3 L2E offerings next year, typically mid-month in April, 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.



Scout STEM Event



The Nova Engineering UP AND AWAY module explores the world of Fluid Dynamics, and how it affects your everyday life.

iFLY is proud to collaborate with the Boy Scouts of America and all Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers across the nation. Through this collaboration, we offer Scouts a chance to earn the STEM Nova Award and experience firsthand how flying accelerates learning.

The Up and Away Nova Award is focused on Engineering and will count as one of the four Nova Awards applied to STEM subjects. Fluid Dynamics is the Study of how fluids (liquids, gases, and plasma) behave and interact with other materials.

iFLY Loudoun is hosting this STEM event on December 9th, 2019 starting at 4:30pm. Our exclusive STEM Event will include various activities that will create an educational and fun experience for those in Elementary-High School. The event will include:

- Ball demonstration and experiments in the vertical wind tunnel
- Fun presentation with our STEM Educators
- 1 flight and high flight per person, including all flight gear and training
- Q&A with an iFLY Certified Instructor

For more information about our event and to register go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bsa-nova-engineering-up-and-away-stem-education-event-tickets-79160102999>



Boards of Review Through Videoconferencing



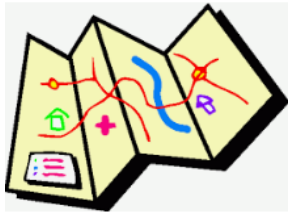
From <https://www.scouting.org/resources/guide-to-advancement/boards-of-review/>

Boards of review for any rank are meant to be face-to-face, personal experiences. From time to time, however, as Scouts go off to college or the military, or live in very remote locations, for example, it may be virtually impossible to hold in-person boards of review. In those rare situations where it is unreasonable to expect a Scout to travel long distances, or to wait several months, it is permissible to use videoconferencing. If such boards of review are held, however, they must be conducted according to the following requirements.

1. The local council must grant permission to hold a videoconference board of review for the Eagle Scout rank. Videoconference boards of review may be held for other ranks without local council approval, but they still must comply with the following requirements.
2. All equipment, including the cameras, lighting, microphones, software, and internet connection, should be tested ahead of time to provide the best audiovisual experience possible.
3. All members of the board of review must be visible to the Scout, and any observers with the Scout must be visible to the members of the board of review. No one within hearing range on either side shall be off camera. It is important to consider your technical capabilities when planning how many board of review members to involve. Observers should be minimized for any board of review, and this applies especially to videoconference reviews. Their presence can change the discussion dynamics.
4. For Scouts under the age of 18, a parent or guardian of the Scout, or two registered adult leaders as required by the Guide to Safe Scouting (www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01) who are familiar with these requirements for videoconference boards of review, must be directly present with the Scout at the beginning of the conference. The Scouters may be from the nearest council, district, or unit. Their role is to verify that the Scout is in a safe environment and that the board of review appears to be in compliance with these requirements. Once all the members of the board of review are present on their end of the call and introductions are completed, and the review is about to begin, anyone present with the Scout must leave the room or move out of hearing distance unless they have specifically been approved to remain as observers. See "Conducting the Board of Review," 8.0.1.0, for more information.
5. Once the review process has been concluded, if the Scout is under age 18, the Scout's parent or guardian, or two registered adult leaders must rejoin the Scout. Their purpose is to be available to answer any questions that may arise, to join in the celebration of the Scout's accomplishment, or to be party to any instructions or arrangements regarding the appeals process or the reconvening of an incomplete review. Once this is done, the board members end the call and sign off.
6. Videoconference boards of review must not be recorded.



A Brief History of Maps



KnowledgeHub has a video that is a good introduction to maps and cartography for youth. How did maps develop? How were early maps used? Have you ever heard of the Anaximander map? Who are some people and cultures from around the world who helped improve maps throughout the ages? How did cartography influence how we see ourselves? Watch the video from KnowledgeHub below to find out: www.youtube.com/channel/UC2_KC8IshtCyiLApy27raYw.

Use this video resource as background information or an introduction to maps for Finding Your Way (Wolf Cub Scouts), Bear Necessities (Bear Cub Scouts), Orienteering merit badge (Scouts BSA), Second Class requirements (Scouts BSA), or First Class requirements (Scouts BSA).

Goose Creek District Merit Badge University



The Goose Creek District Merit Badge University on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Riverside High School in Leesburg, Virginia is still in need of merit badge counselors and volunteers. We are specifically looking for Citizenship in the Nation and Citizenship in the World merit badge counselors at this time. To register to be a merit badge counselor for these, or to teach another merit badge besides these, please contact Elizabeth Esper, ElizabethEsper@yahoo.com, or register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-GCMeritBadge>

Eagle Scout Time Extensions and Positions of Responsibility



Occasionally, due to circumstances beyond their control, a Life Scout may be granted a limited time extension to complete the requirements for Eagle Scout rank after their 18th birthday. (See *Guide to Advancement* topic 9.0.4.0.) In addition, under the current Temporary Transition Rules in effect since February 1, 2019, certain Scouts BSA members may be granted a one-time extension to complete the requirements for Eagle Scout. In these cases a Scout will continue as a "Youth Unit Participant" (UP) once they reach the age of 18. Questions have been raised regarding which positions of responsibility may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Upon turning 18, Scouts who have been granted a time extension must remain registered as a "Youth Unit Participant" (position code UP) by completing an adult application, including the Background Check Authorization, and completing Youth Protection Training, in order to continue participation in a youth program. Once so registered, the Scout may continue to complete any advancement requirements necessary to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, including serving in any of the youth positions of responsibility listed in the Eagle Scout rank requirements. An adult leader position, for example assistant Scoutmaster, cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

Finally, while registered as a Unit Participant and serving in a youth position of responsibility, Scouts who have been granted a time extension must observe all adult Youth Protection policies like any other adult over the age of 18. Restrictions include, but not limited to, no one-on-one contact, tenting, or sharing toilet or shower facilities with Scouts under the age of 18.

Boards of Review for “Disbanded Unit” Scouts



As of December 31, 2019, the Boy Scouts of America's formal partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will end, and the Church will discontinue its role as a chartered partner for Scout units. In some of those units Scouts might find themselves in a situation where they have completed all the requirements for rank advancement before December 31, 2019 but have not been able to appear before a board of review before the unit's charter expires—at which point the Scout will no longer be registered in a Boy Scouts of America program.

However, as explained in *Guide to Advancement* topic 8.0.0.1 (“Purpose and Timeliness of Boards of Review”) boards of review may still be conducted for these Scouts: “Note that Scouts must be registered through the time they are working on advancement requirements but need not be registered thereafter or when their board of review is conducted.”

In such cases, Eagle Scout rank boards of review that normally would have been conducted at the unit level should be arranged and convened by the former unit's local district in accordance with the provisions of *Guide to Advancement* topic 8.0.3.0.

To arrange for a district level board of review in Goose Creek you will need to contact the District Advancement Chair – Dr. Alan Steiner,
Alan.Steiner@GooseCreekDistrict.org.

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: rjfm1f99@hotmail.com

NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting – Merit Badge Fair



The NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting has for many years been conducting a Merit Badge Fair and Religious Emblems Workshops for Jewish Scouts in our council. These events have always been open to all faiths.

The next event will be Sunday afternoon, 2:00 pm-6:30 pm, January 5, 2020, at the Geshar Jewish Day School (4800 Mattie Moore Ct, Fairfax, Virginia 22030).

Merit Badge Fair

Enrollment for each merit badge class is limited. Scouts and their parents will be notified by return email with the merit badge they have been assigned, and with the contact information for the merit badge counselor. Counselors will let Scouts know about prerequisites and how to prepare for their class. Bring your blue card, signed by the unit leader, to give to the counselor.

Merit Badges offered: Aviation, Automotive Maintenance, Bugling, Citizenship in the Community/Nation/World, Chemistry, Collections, Communication, Electricity, Electronics, Engineering, Family Life, Fingerprinting, Genealogy, Leatherwork, Nuclear Science, Personal Management, Photography, Public Speaking, Scholarship, Space Exploration, Truck Transportation

Cost is \$10 per Scout (\$5 for additional Scouts in the same family).

Religious Emblems Workshops

Jewish Cub Scouts, Grades 3-5, may work on the Aleph Religious Emblem

Jewish Boy Scouts, Grades 7-8, may work on the Ner Tamid Religious Emblem

For both emblems Scouts should download their workbook at:

www.JewishScouting.org/Emblems-Awards/

There is no cost to attend these workshops

Adult Activities

We will offer adults (parents and Scout leaders) classes and certifications in the following areas: Youth Protection Training, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Hazardous Weather, International Scouting, STEM/NOVA Counselor, and Eagle Coaching (i.e. Life to Eagle).

There is no cost for Adult Activities

Register: <https://ScoutingEvent.com/082-JewishCommitteeMeritBadgeFair>

Questions: Philip Sternberg, registration@ncacjcos.org, or 703-960-0205.



Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest



The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all Eagle Scouts interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. The contest is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and, except as provided in the paragraph below, have not reached their nineteenth birthday during the year of application. The year that the Eagle rank was awarded is not restricted.

Three awards are given: National First Place Winner receives \$10,000; Runner-up receives \$6,000; and 2nd Runner-up receives \$4,000. The First Place Winner will be asked to appear at the NSSAR Annual Congress, held in June or July, to be recognized and receive the award. The awards may be taken as either a cash award, or as a scholarship to an educational institution. An Eagle Scout may apply for the contest in more than one year if they meet the age requirements, but no more than \$10,000 total will be awarded to any one Eagle Scout. Prizes and recognition may also be awarded at the SAR Chapter and State Society level. Each Eagle Scout must complete an application form, a four-generation ancestor chart, and a 500-word patriotic themed essay.

The competition is conducted in three phases: the local Chapter level, State Society level, and National level. The competition is usually entered at the Chapter level, though in some cases, the competition may be entered at the State Society level. Applicants may not enter at the National level. Contest entrants need complete only one application for the SAR Chapter level competition. The application of the Chapter level winner is forwarded to be used in State Society and National level competitions by the SAR as appropriate. A complete set of rules, along with the application for both the applicant and the sponsoring SAR members, can be found on the Eagle Scout Application Form available for download on the link below.

To participate in the Eagle Scout Scholarship Program in Virginia, eligible Eagle Scouts must be sponsored by one of Virginia's VASSAR Chapters (<http://scouts.virginia-sar.org/eagle-scout.htm>). The Fairfax Resolves chapter for SAR (responsible for the Fairfax/Loudoun county areas) is calling for the submission of applications for this year's competition no later than 12/15/19.

The past two years have shown that, although possible, it is highly unlikely to be competitive and receive the State or National level award unless the Scout has received the National Heritage, Law and Genealogy merit badges that are weighted more heavily in the scoring. So please plan to achieve these three merit badges before 12/15/19 or to prepare for next year's competition.

Please see all the details at the URL (<https://www.sar.org/education/youth-contests-awards/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-award>) and email Bill Denk (thinkdenk3@msn.com) with your questions.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Messenger of Peace 2019



The Peace Light is a continuous flame at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Each year at the beginning of Advent, a Scout from upper Austria accepts the light from the grotto where Jesus was born. The flame, along with its message of peace, is spread by scouts across Europe, North America and beyond.

The flame will be brought to the Marriott Scout Service Center President's Room (9190 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20814) on Saturday, December 14, 2019, 1:00 PM. Scouts, Scouters, family members and guests who wish to receive the message of Peace Light to share with their unit members, sponsor organization, family and friends should bring an enclosed lantern or candle and a means to safely transport it.

RSVP no later than Dec 10 to Anthony Malone, amaltwo@aol.com or Jay Eidson, ir.ncac.je@gmail.com. Peace of light patches are available for \$5/each.

For additional information visit: www.peacelight.org; www.scout.org/node/21837 (overview) or Facebook @ "Peace light – North America"

For international patches and awards visit:
www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/ and
www.scouting.org/international/recognitions/

2020 Goshen Family Camp



Come on down and enjoy some family fun at Goshen Scout Reservation over the 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, Friday 05-22-2020 5:00 PM ET to Monday 05-25-2020 11:00 AM ET.
- Labor Day Weekend, Friday 09-04-2020 5:00 PM ET to Monday 09-07-2020 11:00 AM ET

Cost: \$20 per person (non-refundable)

NCAC Philmont Training



NCAC High Adventure Committee Training: Philmont Skills Training for Adult Advisors & Crew Leaders Open to all 2020 Philmont-bound crews in NCAC.

When: 03-14-2020 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Where: Izaak Walton League, 19237 Mountain Spring Ln, Leesburg, VA 20175



Boys' Life Wants to Tell YOUR Story



Do your Scouts want to land on the same pages as some of the most famous Scouts of all time? Here's their chance!

Whether you're carving out the adventure of a lifetime in a snow-filled wonderland or staying warm by spending time with seniors in a retirement home, tell us about the unit outings you have coming up this fall and winter! We want to make you *Boys' Life* famous.

What Kinds of Stories Are Featured in *Boys' Life*?

If you've picked up an issue of *Boys' Life*, you've surely seen the epic, cold-weather features of Scouts doing some pretty incredible stuff.

There was Troop 66's ridiculously cool Turkey Day celebration:

<https://boyslife.org/about-scouts/scouting-around/165679/troop-66-turkey-day/>

Then there was the time Scouts carved some slopes at Big Sky Ski Weekend:

<https://boyslife.org/video-audio/156983/montana-scouts-rock-the-slopes-during-big-sky-ski-weekend/>

And of course there was that time when Troop 50 camped in sub-freezing temps at the Northern Tier (which resulted in some of the most extreme, award-winning pics we've ever seen): <https://boyslife.org/about-scouts/scouting-around/151495/northern-tier-camping-at-minus-25-degrees/>

We also love to cover stories that aren't your typical cold-weather camping tales! For instance, there was the time we chilled with Cub Scouts who went on a six-hour interfaith hike.

Think Your Troop or Crew Has a Story to Tell?

Let's hear it! Fill out the form at *Bryan on Scouting*,

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/11/06/boys-life-wants-to-tell-your-story/>, to let us know where you're headed and what you're doing! You just may hear from one of our editors soon.

Scholarships



Dozens of universities, BSA local councils, and religious, civic, and military organizations offer college scholarships to Eagle Scouts and Venturing Summit Award Recipients. Some scholarships are needs-based; others are merit-based. Some go to everyone who applies; others are highly competitive. A listing of these can be found at www.scouting.org/awards/scholarships/

LDS Transition



Mormon youth and families active in Scouting are approaching a crossroads.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will end its century-long charter relationship with Boy Scouts of America on Dec. 31 as it launches a new youth development program aimed at serving its increasingly global membership.

This means that LDS congregations will no longer sponsor units of Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA. Mormon Scouts will be able to continue with Boy Scouts of America in non-LDS-sponsored units after Jan 1.

So far the district has found the following links & info regarding LDS Scout transition:

- An article in the Salt Lake Tribune about the new Latter Day Saints church youth program video shared in LDS churches: 'Top Latter-day Saint leaders discuss post-Scouting program in worldwide video' - www.sltrib.com/religion/2019/09/29/top-latter-day-saint/
- Bryan on Scouting article from July 2019 - 'How you can welcome families moving from LDS units to your pack or troop' - <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/07/30/how-you-can-welcome-families-moving-from-lds-units-to-your-pack-or-troop/?fbclid=IwAR06NiQV27M0eQWAA1tyqJodQDAFTN4IrvW8CJR9ELr8-AI-cuYaKoKJExk>
- Official LDS FAQ on transition - www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/english/young-men/16635_000.pdf?lang=eng
- Further guidance from the LDS Church - www.churchofjesuschrist.org/callings/aaronic-priesthood/leader-resources/scouting-in-the-church?lang=eng
- LDS approved recruiting poster - www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/english/young-men/310-1302%2818%29_LDS_FishingCS_Flyer_FILL_FPO.pdf?lang=eng
- Greater Salt Lake Council video 'The Path Forward' with former National Commissioner, Charles Dahlquist - www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsipkWAO_CE
- BSA's LDS-BSA transition website - www.ldsbsa.org/2020-transition/
- Draft letters from ScoutWiki that can be used - https://en.scoutwiki.org/LDS_Transition_Letter?fbclid=IwAR01LHa9n175v3u13fCaJX75ZM99tKY8ePKI584f5z7jf0-rIGIQUPqWOYc
- June 27th, LDS Scouter Blog article - 'Why Church Members Should Use Scouting to Complement the New Youth Initiative' - www.latterdaysaintscouting.org/blog/a-minute-with-mark-blog/a-minute-with-mark-scouting-friends/?fbclid=IwAR1uzmGddRknYvjFsrnBnedOCX7qGadeN0AB2yMY6yVMo7ulh5r7EsOZ5io
- One LDS Scouting Family's video on why they're staying - www.youtube.com/watch?v=feaY-T_q2EY&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3u3asJPJZGixHj7rt7slooYdXomAICiEXDVJP13IH-vchfrgXLSXyW_18&app=desktop
- Facebook resources on LDS Scouting transition: www.facebook.com/groups/CubScoutScouters.LDSandCommunity/
www.facebook.com/SaintsandScouts/?hc_location=ufi

The Akela Chess Classic Cub Scout Tournament



Take on the fun and challenge of playing chess! The Akela Chess Classic is a five-round chess tournament open to all Cub Scouts from Lions through Arrow of Light. Tournament play is in two brackets: Lions/Tigers/Wolves and Bears/Webelos/Arrow of Light.

Participants must know the rules of chess as there will be no instruction on site at the tournament. Tournament play is touch-move, meaning if a player touches a piece he must move it. Games are at a time limit of one hour.

Tournament rules can be found at the registration site. It is strongly recommended to read the tournament rules before registering. The rules will also be available on site at the tournament.

Awards: Each participating Scout receives a custom tournament patch and year rocker. Trophies/medals will be awarded to first, second, and third place by rank for each of the Cub Scout ranks. Multiple awards will be issued for ties.

Fees: The cost is \$25.00 per Scout.

What to bring: Each Scout is to wear the field uniform. It is preferred for the Scout to bring a bag lunch – no peanuts or nut products please. A responsible adult must be on site throughout the tournament. Chess sets will be provided so please do not bring one.

When: February 1, check in at 8:30 AM. Rounds are at 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM and 2 PM. Awards at 3:30 PM.

Where: Microsoft Technology Center, 12012 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA 20190

Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-cubsChess>. The registration deadline is midnight on January 25.

Contacts: Peter Snow, Tournament Director, chessacademician@aol.com, Roger Claff, Co-Director, reclaff@aol.com



Book – The Winter Camping Handbook



Winter camping has its own special allure: the splendid quiet of a winter forest, the hush of falling snow, the thrill of gliding over ice and snow on skis. From building a snow shelter to traveling comfortably in sub-zero temperatures, The Winter Camping Handbook covers everything you'll need to know in order to enjoy wilderness travel and adventure in the cold weather months. Extremely user-friendly, the book's step-by-step approach covers everything from choosing a location to explore, selecting teammates, planning the trip, winterizing a travel vehicle, gear selection, travel skills and navigation, making camp, food and nutrition, dealing with winter safety concerns, and even camping with children.

Available from Amazon (paperback) for \$13.

The Akela Chess Classic Scouts BSA Tournament



Take on the fun and challenge of playing chess! The Akela Chess Classic is a five-round chess tournament open to all Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts from age 10 to 20. Tournament play is in three brackets: age 10-12, age 13-15, and age 16 and up.

Participants must know the rules of chess as there will be no instruction on site at the tournament. Tournament play is touch-move, meaning if a player touches a piece he must move it. Games are at a time limit of one hour.

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What to bring: Each Scout is to wear the field uniform. It is preferred for the Scout to bring a bag lunch – no peanuts or nut products please. A responsible adult must be on site throughout the tournament. Chess sets will be provided so please do not bring one.

When: February 8, check in at 8:30 AM. Rounds are at 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM and 2 PM. Awards at 3:30 PM.

Where: Microsoft Technology Center, 12012 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA 20190

Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-ScoutsBSAChess>. The registration deadline is midnight on January 25.

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Northern Tier High Adventure Bases Training



Crew chiefs and adult advisors for any crews headed to Northern Tier in 2020 are invited to this orientation program presented by the NCAC High Adventure Committee. Our training covers a bit of history, an overview of the three NT bases, what to expect upon arrival, life on the trail, and tips on how to improve your treks. Sign-in starts at 0830, training begins at 0900 and lasts about 5 hours (depending on questions). There is no cost; bring your own snacks and hydration.

When:

- 03-07-2020 8:30PM to 2:30PM
- 03-28-2020 8:30PM to 2:30PM
- 04-25-2020 8:30PM to 2:30PM

Where: Truro Church, 10520 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22030

2020 Philmont & Sea Base Adventures Now Available!



The NCAC High Adventure Committee (HAC) has an allocation of Philmont treks and Sea Base Adventures for units or individuals in 2020!

Trip logistics are totally handled by the HAC, freeing crews to focus physical and mental preparation. This is terrific if your unit hasn't planned a High Adventure trip in a while or if you are newly-formed like the Girl Troops being created thru-out NCAC. Make your trip of a lifetime come true next year! Three Philmont dates and one Sea Base date are open now, but hurry these trips will go fast:

Philmont

- Monday, June 22 – Saturday, July 4, 2020
- Tuesday, July 14 – Sunday, July 26, 2020
- Monday, July 20 – Saturday, August 1, 2020

Estimated cost of \$2,550 includes all air and ground transportation, lodging, meals, sightseeing activities (whitewater rafting and other local outdoor tours) and the Philmont base fee.

All payments (done in 4 installments) are made online at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-28283>.

Sea Base

- Saturday, July 18 – Friday, July 24, 2020

Estimated cost of \$1,950 includes all air and ground transportation, lodging, meals, sightseeing activity and the Sea Base fee.

All payments (done in 3 installments) are made online at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-28292>.

How to Apply

Download the appropriate application and send to: highadventure@ncacbsa.org

- 2020 Philmont Unit-Based Application - www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/HAC_2020-Philmont-Unit-based-applforms.pdf
- 2020 Philmont Provisional Application - www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/HAC_2020-Philmont-provo-applforms.pdf
- 2020 Sea Base Provisional Application - www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/HAC_2020-Sea-Base-Provo-applconduct.pdf

Help Your Units Plan Their High-Adventure Trips with Videos



Are you still trying to figure out where to head for some high-adventure action and excitement? Check out these promotional videos from our high-adventure bases at Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, and the Summit ... and start planning!

- Northern Tier – www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNQ6s29TrJs
- Philmont – www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_-Dn32Vx4
- Sea Base – www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zo6YTl6dfUU
- The Summit - www.youtube.com/watch?v=kF-cN_ufAmk&feature=youtu.be



Winter Camping Tips



Some tips to keep in mind when your troop takes on winter camping. For the full set go to www.boyscouttrail.com/library/wintercampingtips.asp

- Stay hydrated. It's easy to get dehydrated in the winter. Eat plenty of carbs.
- Bring extra food that doesn't need to be heated or cooked.
- Always eat hot meals (breakfast, lunch, & dinner.) Dutch ovens are the best – they keep the food hot longer. It doesn't need to be fancy DO cooking. Meals should be 1-pot meals to keep cleanup to a minimum. Don't get too fancy with the meals - it's hard to chop onions & carrots at -10°F with gloves on. Prep all meals at home in the warmth of the kitchen.
- Fill coffee/cook pots with water before bed. It's hard to pour frozen water, but easy to thaw it if it's already in the pot.
- COTTON KILLS! Do not bring cotton. Staying dry is the key to staying warm.
- Remember the 3 W's of layering - Wicking inside layer, Warmth middle layer(s) and Wind/Water outer layer. Wicking should be a polypropylene material as long underwear and also sock liner. Warmth layer(s) should be fleece or wool. The Wind/Water layer should be Gore-Tex or at least 60/40 nylon.
- Bring extra hand covering - mittens are warmer than gloves.
- Bring 2 changes of socks per day.
- Dress right while sleeping. Change into clean, dry clothes before bed. Your body makes moisture and your clothes hold it in - by changing into dry clothes you will stay warmer and it will help keep the inside of your sleeping bag dry. Wearing wool socks and long underwear (tops and bottoms) in the sleeping bag is OK.
- Put on tomorrow's t- shirt and underwear at bedtime. That way you won't be starting with everything cold next to your skin in the morning.
- Wear a stocking cap to bed, even if you have a mummy bag.
- Put tomorrow's clothes in your bag with you. This is especially important if you're small of stature. It can be pretty hard to warm up a big bag with a little body, the clothes cut down on that work.
- Put a couple of long-lasting hand warmers into your boots after you take them off. Your boots will dry out during the night.
- Eat a high-energy snack before bed, then brush your teeth. The extra fuel will help your body stay warm. Take a Snickers bar to bed and eat it if you wake up chilly in the night.
- Use a sleeping bag that is appropriate for the conditions.
- Use a sleeping bag liner. There are silk and fleece liners that go inside the sleeping bag. They will lower your sleeping bag's rating by up to 10 degrees. Or buy an inexpensive fleece throw or blanket and wrap yourself in it inside the sleeping bag.
- Don't burrow in - keep your mouth and nose outside the bag. Moisture from your breath collecting in your bag is a quick way to get real cold.
- Don't sleep directly on the ground. Get a closed cell foam pad to provide insulation between your sleeping bag and the ground. A foam pad cushions and insulates.
- A space blanket or silver lined tarp on the floor of the tent or under your sleeping bag will reflect your heat back to you.
- If in tents, leave the tent flaps/zippers vented a bit, it cuts down on interior frost.
- Drain your bladder before you go to bed. Having to go in the middle of the night when it is 5 degrees out chills your entire body. Drink all day, but stop one hour before bed.

Podcasts



December 2019 – Religious Emblems



Joining us for this reverent topic is CubCast favorite, Dennis Kampa, who currently serves on the Executive Board of the Rocky Mountain Council in Pueblo, Colorado, where he also serves on the Religious Emblems team.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/cubcast/2019/december-2019-religious-emblems/>



December 2019 – The Merit Badge Process – Don't Cut Corners



You may remember that back in March we talked about the Advancement Process, part of which is earning merit badges. Well, we'll be ending the ScoutCast year with Jeff Bostwick, Chair of the National Merit Badge Sub Committee with an in-depth discussion on the Merit Badge Process and why it's so important that you don't cut corners.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/scoutcast/2019/december-2019-the-merit-badge-process-dont-cut-corners/>

Training Opportunities

NCAC Camp's 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, VA in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-30602> to see and register for classes for Nov 2019 thru May 2020.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) 2020



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

The course is presented primarily using a Scouts, BSA model as the vehicle which allows all attendees to see how leadership skills fit into the scouting program. These leadership skills are applicable to all scouting programs.

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

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

Dates: Jan 18-20, 2020 and Feb 16-17, 2020. Both weekends must be attended

Where: Camp William B. Snyder 6100 Antioch Rd, Haymarket , VA

Cost: Early Bird cost for the Course will be \$275 until 16 December 2019 then the cost is \$325.

To register and for more information: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-31404>

University of Scouting 2020



When: February 29, 2020

Where: Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA

Registration: Opens early January 2020

University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouting, District Operations, and Council). Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cubbing, Scouting, and Adventure and leadership training for Venturing and Sea Scouting; Electives courses applicable across the Scouting programs, and District operations courses. For 2020 we will be offering over 150 classes in five colleges – truly something for everyone.

- The College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses from pack administration to planning for an outdoor program.
- The College of Boy Scouting provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The College of Adventure Scouting is an interesting combination of courses for those who wish to learn more about Scouting's "senior" level programs and the challenges of an active high adventure experience.
- The College of Elective Programs offers many "general studies courses" that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs.
- The College of District Operations provides training to district committee members and Scouters with an interest in district operations. While no degree is conferred, those who take the required three courses are awarded the District Scouter Training Certificate and "Trained" patch

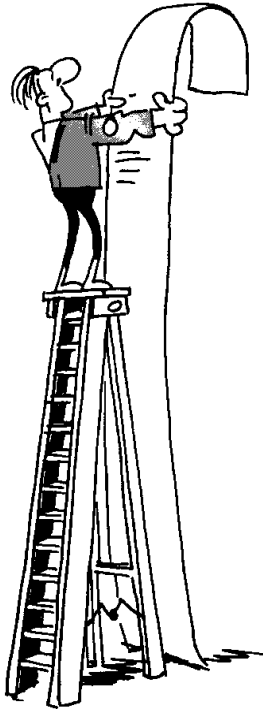
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Lessons learned from firebuilding

1. Eyebrows grow back (slowly).
2. Lighting a fire triggers a thunderstorm.
3. Smoke is attracted to bodies, even if you are upwind.
4. Matches break, easily.
5. Just as you get the fire going you run out of wood.
6. The paper you used to start the fire turns out to be the directions to the next activity.
7. The only way to start a fire with one match is if all of the wood in the pile are also matches.
8. When blowing on a fire to get it going it's 50-50 that you'll blow it out.
9. On cold campouts no one will come out until the fire is going, and it's your turn to be the firestarter.
10. After you get the fire just right everyone else thinks they have to add more wood to it.

District Calendar



December 2019

- 5 **Last Recharter Turn-In Date**
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 **Annual District Business Meeting**
- 23-31 Winter Break

January 2020

- 1 Holiday
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 18 **Life to Eagle Seminar**
- 20 MLK Jr. Day
- 21 Moveable School Holiday
- 22 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

February 2020

- 7 Scout Jumuah
- 7-9 **Freeze-o-ree**
- 8 Scout Sabbath
- 9 Scout Sunday
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 **Merit Badge Univ.**
- 17 President's Day
- 26 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

March 2020

- 2 School Holiday
- 7 **District Pinewood Derby**
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 25 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg
- 27 School Holiday
- 27-29 **Spring Camporee**

April 2020

- 6-10 School Holiday
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 22 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg
- 24-26 **OA Ordeal**

May 2020

- 13 **Program Launch**
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 25 Memorial Day
- 27 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

June 2020

- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15-19 **Day/Twilight Camp**
- 24 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

July 2020

- 4 Fourth of July

August 2020

- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 20 First Day of School
- 26 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

September 2020

- 7 Labor Day
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 23 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

October 2020

- 3-4 **Webelos-o-ree**
- 7 Roundtable
- 7 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Columbus Day
- 21 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

November 2020

- 7 **SFF Distribution**
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 **SFF Food Pickup**
- 18 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg
- 30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

Goose Creek District Leadership Chart

