



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
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Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Boy Scout /
Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 New Article



from Michael Surbaugh, the 13th Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America,
<https://scoutingwire.org/the-value-of-unplugging/>

The Value of Unplugging

I recently saw a [study](#) that looked into the technology habits of children, and some of the results really got me thinking about the benefits of the Cub Scouts experience. This study showed that on average, children between 5 and 8 now spend almost three hours each day in front of a screen. Similarly, 42 percent of children under 9 have their own tablet device, up from just 1 percent in 2011.

While there is no definitive rule for the right amount of time a child should spend engaging with technology, most researchers and pediatricians agree that limiting screen time is better for cognitive and social development. This is why I'm glad Scouting can be a place where kids spend time sharing fun, real-world experiences with their peers and families.

By introducing children to new experiences, the Cub Scouting program helps capture their creativity and encourage exploration. Cub Scouts offers many ways for kids to practice having low-tech fun: going on outdoor adventures, creating cars and rockets through derbies or helping the community through service projects. These experiences not only pay off in terms of development, but they also may start habits or hobbies that last for a lifetime!

Technology has an important place in all of our lives, though, so we also want to educate young people about how to use technology safely. This is why we offer the Cyber Chip program starting in Cub Scouts. Each year, young people can access age-appropriate lessons on topics such as cyber bullying, cell phone use, texting, blogging, gaming and identity theft. It's a good way to ensure children can experience the benefits and avoid the downsides of devices, while encouraging families to have important conversations about technology.

I hope Scouting family members of all ages will consider making a habit of regularly unplugging to spend screen-free quality time with friends and family. Getting device-free time can require intention and discipline, but it's a wonderful way to remind ourselves that technology is merely a tool that should facilitate our relationships and interests, not define them.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Journey to Excellence 2020



Now that rechartering is complete and your unit has achieved some level of Excellence, now is the time to think about recording the improvement of performance for your unit if you did not submit a Journey to Excellence scorecard.

These score cards are important as they serve as a framework for planning the next year, a superb method to evaluate your unit, and a great method for guidance on how to improve unit performance. Other great reasons for using this scorecard are specific guidelines are available to measure performance, provides early warning for potential problems and finally good recognition for the year if your unit scores Bronze, Silver or Gold level performance.

Click on this link www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/ link to download the 2020 scorecards. These scorecards are turned into District during each Unit Recharter. Begin your Journey to Excellence today!



Farewell from Todd Bolick



Dear Goose Creek District,

This past year has been one of many successes and challenges for our district! Through the year that I have served as the Goose Creek District Director, we have started 9 new units, had an extremely successful Loudoun County Good Scout Award event, enjoyed fun district activities, and seen hundreds of new Eagle Scouts, Cub Scouts, STEM Scouts, Explorers, and girls in the Scouts BSA program! I am proud of the successes that we have accomplished together.

Effective February 1, I will be transitioning to serve as the professional for our neighboring district, Powhatan. Later in February, Goose Creek will be supported by a new professional, Senior District Executive, Jake Straub. He is moving to our council from another council in the mid-west where he currently serves as a professional. I have already begun helping him to learn about Goose Creek and will continue to help through the transition.

Starting on February 1, please contact Mountain West Field Director, Tonya Dobbins at Tonya.Dobbins@scouting.org, for when you need professional Scouting support. The new Senior District Executive will start on February 16th and you can work with him at that point, once he begins.

Thank you for your help and leadership of Goose Creek District and our 4,498 Scouts! I'm sure I'll still see and work with many of you in the future as we continue our mission of bringing the world's foremost program for youth to the youth of our communities.

YiS,

Todd Bolick

Goose Creek District Director



District Court of Honor



It's that time of year — time to recognize those amazing Scouters who've made a huge difference in the lives of young people here in Goose Creek District - NCAC. All Goose Creek Packs, Troops, Crews and Ships are invited to the Goose Creek District Annual Court of Honor on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at the Leesburg United Methodist Church, 107 W Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176. Special recipients include the District Award of Merit, District Key 3 Awards, and the Unit Volunteer of the Year awards.

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

In addition to recognizing our adult volunteers, we invite all 2019 Eagle Scouts to please come in Full Class A Uniform for a special recognition.

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

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

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

Unit Volunteer of the Year nominations are due April 13, 2020.

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



Charter Presentation Ceremony



Did you know there is a celebration for achieving recharter? Yes, there is. It is a small ceremony given by a member of the Commissioner Corp to a unit's Scouts, leaders and parents. It is usually conducted at a unit meeting or special occasion. How to do this? Easy. The unit key 3 has the ability to download and print the Charter Certificate from <http://my.scouting.org/>. Each unit has the choice to print on certificate-grade paper or other suitable grade.

Contact your Unit Commissioner to perform the ceremony. If a your unit doesn't have a Commissioner or don't know him or her, visit our Commissioner Corner <https://www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/commissioner-corner/> on our District website or contact District Commissioner, Scott Bashore, scott.bashore@goosecreekdistrict.org to get one assigned. It is a very special ceremony (how special?) Very Special! so don't miss out!

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.



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 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/



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/) than can be useful in find classes (currently only 2019 are listed though). Also please contact Steve Wolfson (SteveWolfson@verizon.net) if you are interested.



Scouts at Loudoun United FC Pro Soccer Game



Scouts are welcome 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 tune 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.

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.

2020 Goose Creek Pinewood Derby Championship



The 2020 Goose Creek Pinewood Derby Championship race is scheduled for March 7, 2020. Pack 1154 strives to make the event better every year and we listen to your input. Coming changes for 2020 will be faster streamlined heat races, Open Class available to everyone and new Outlaw MOD Class to stir on STEM innovations and deliver some crazy speeds! There are also new sponsorship opportunities to support this event.

Location: Sanders Corner Elementary School, 43100 Ashburn Farm Pkwy, Ashburn, VA 20147

Website: <https://facebook.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2cf68613e5a2be5928a564e54&id=d8e63ff9a4&e=2bdeed10e3>

Who Qualifies?

Any Cub Scout who placed 1st thru 5th in their Den Rank (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, Arrow of Light) at their Pack Pinewood Derby are eligible to attend. As a result, each pack may have as many as 30 scouts eligible for the district race. Friends, family of racers or any scouts who were not able to participate in their local pack race may participate in the Open Race.

Trophies and Medals

Each Rank Division (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light) and Open will be awarded a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Place Speed Award and one Best Design. Outlaw class will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Speed Award. Grand Finals Championship will be awarded an overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Place Speed Award.

Race Rule Changes

The 2020 Race rules have received a format change with additional illustrations and clarifications. Notable rule clarifications on axle and wheel alignment (rule 29), wheel thickness (rule 30) and section V. Outlaw Mod Class. The spirit of the Outlaw Mod Class is to push the limits of modification with an official pinewood derby car kit. Max weight of a non-Outlaw class is still 5.00 oz, where the precision of the weight scales will be set to .01 (hundredths place), therefore a car weighing 5.009 oz is considered as the legal weight of 5.00 oz.

Registration

Registration: \$5.00 (+processing) per participant (online or in-person). Every participant will receive a Collector's Patch.

Questions

Direct questions to the Goose Creek Derby Event Managers, Jason Beshore and Robert Winter, at goosecreekderby@pack1154.org.

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.



Loudoun Chamber is Celebrating Leap Year with Leap of Kindness Day 2020



2020 is a Leap Year, which means we all get an extra day on February 29th. The Loudoun Chamber is inviting all Loudouners to make February 29th Leap Of Kindness Day and use that extra day to commit random acts of kindness for others in our community.

Founded in 2016 by the Saratoga County (NY) Chamber of Commerce, Leap Of Kindness Day has become a national movement, with more than 50 Chamber across 30 states now participating.

Any organization – businesses, schools, Clubs, government agencies – can participate by registering with the Loudoun Chamber committing to perform one random act of kindness in Loudoun.

Participants may choose their own act of kindness, though the Chamber has compiled a list of suggestions. Both the registration form and list of Leap Of Kindness Day ideas can be found at

<https://www.loudouchamber.org/leapofkindnessday/>.

“The beauty of Leap Of Kindness Day is its simplicity. All we are asking is that Loudouners perform simple acts of kindness for their neighbors. Whether it’s a food or clothing drive, thanking our first responders or veterans or brightening the day of nursing home residents, these simple acts of kindness, repeated multiple times across Loudoun, will have a powerful cumulative effect on our community,” said Chamber President Tony Howard.

The Loudoun Chamber is partnering with Loudoun Cares to provide a list local nonprofits and others that would benefit from donations of time or materials. That list can be found here.

Participants are also asked to take photo of their activities and post to social media, using the hashtag #LeapOfKindnessDay.

“And you don’t have to wait until February 29th to get started. Start now by organizing your workplace, school, club or house of worship to collect needed items, make a volunteer commitment, send thank you notes, flowers or anything else to group you choose to support. “No #ActofKindness is too small or will go unappreciated,” Howard added.

Goose Creek Help Wanted (actually, Help Desperately Needed)



Does your Pack rely on a strong JSN to keep your unit healthy? Does your Troop rely on District Events such as the Camporee, Freeze-o-ree and others to help deliver the best possible program to your Scouts? In order for this to continue to happen, the Goose Creek District Committee is in need of your help to grow the Membership and Development Committee. Work directly with the Vice Chairs and other committee members to help strengthen and grow Scouting in Goose Creek. Experienced and novice Scouters all have the ability to contribute and many hands will make light work. Please consider helping the Goose Creek Committee today!

Any questions, contact our District Committee Chair Jim Bonfils at JimBonfils@icloud.com



“Cheerful Service Chatter”

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



OA Calendar



- February 7-9 - Freeze-o-ree at Camp Snyder
- March 27-29 – Call out at District Camporee at Camp Highroad
- April 17-19 – Spring Fellowship at Camp Snyder
- April 24-26 – 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

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 to 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:

Matthew Galleher – Troop 966

William Jones – Troop 572

Patrick Whitehouse – Troop 572



Advancement News for the New Year



As we move forward into 2020, the Boy Scouts of America's advancement team is out with a few reminders and new advice on the ongoing quest for one of our most visible methods – advancement.

- The evolution of *Scoutbook* brings us new opportunities to manage our programs. For example, the Den Leader Experience Tool will soon allow den leaders to better visualize their den program by scheduling meetings around the topic of each required Adventure and to set up meetings covering the elective Adventures as well. Once entered, the system allows the completion of each Adventure to be automatically posted for Scouts who attend and participate. The calendar can be distributed to parents, so they'll know what is going to be covered at each den meeting, further streamlining the process and allowing parents to plan to help their Scout complete the requirements covered at a meeting where the Scout was absent. The demo mode lets den leaders preview what the site looks like, create a sample calendar and post advancement. There are also helpful videos on a variety of topics from rank requirements to managing your den and maintaining order at den meetings.
- There's updated guidance on the temporary transition rules for new members entering ScoutsBSA. The rules, announced earlier, allow for an extension of time for certain older youth who join to complete the requirements for the Eagle Scout rank.
- In an article titled *The Power of Suggestion*, adult leaders are cautioned about making "suggestions" to Scouts in a manner that they carry the weight of a requirement instead. An example given cites frequently-discussed guidelines for the amount of time to be spent working on an Eagle Scout leadership service project. If the Scoutmaster suggests, say, one hundred hours, the Scout is likely to interpret that as an expectation, in much the same way that a "suggestion" from your boss that the report you're working on should be completed today is likely taken as a directive. Put yourself in the place of the youth, who look up to and take direction from adults as a matter of course, and find another way to express what you're saying. When you think about it, setting the expectation of one hundred hours for an Eagle project also implies that merely putting in those hours meets the requirement, regardless of effort expended or leadership demonstrated. Emphasize the actual requirement, praise incremental progress, and offer guidance through asking thoughtful questions.
- The topic of receiving dual credit for awards earned in Venturing and ScoutsBSA is discussed. While ranks up through First Class must be earned while registered in ScoutsBSA, the requirements for Star, Life and Eagle Scout can also be earned through participation in a Venturing crew or a Sea Scout ship up through age eighteen.
- There's ongoing advice on handling group instruction of merit badges, including the caveats cited in the *Guide to Advancement* regarding the use of registered Merit Badge Counselors, the expectation that requirements may only be partially completed in the session and follow-up visits with a counselor may be required to finish the badge, and the requirement that each Scout must individually demonstrate completion of the requirements for which credit is given.
- The concept of positions of responsibility for Cub Scouts is introduced, following a yearlong study of how the methods of Scouting are enhanced through leadership roles taken on by youth. While no specifics are given, and while the only formal youth position of responsibility in Cub Scouting is the Denner, it bears watching to see what the research finds. Many informal roles can be implemented in Cub Scouting, such as flag detail leader, skit leader, snackmaster, and others.



2020 Spring Merit Badges Afloat



This event is open to any 1st Class Scout in the Scouts BSA Program-- age 13 and older. Those attending the entire event will earn the Merit Badges of Smallboat Sailing, Weather, & Oceanography. One Adult per Troop is asked to stay but that duty can be handed off between multiple adults.

Scouts who register must attend the full time on both days!! Please do not sign-up for this merit badge training if you can't be there for the full time. Space is limited to 40 Scouts - First come, first served.

Every year the past 25 years, we have put this on to FULL Capacity. A waiting list will be maintained after the event is full.

All the details including registration form can be found at:
https://scoutingevent.com/082-2020Spring_MBA

Where: Washington Sailing Marina

When: Saturday 04-25-2020 8:00 AM ET to Sunday 04-26-2020 4:30 PM ET.

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>

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

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Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Buy this Patch to Help Our Fellow Scouts Affected by the Fires in Australia



When disaster strikes, Scouts step up. They've been there after tornadoes, wildfires and hurricanes destroyed homes and uprooted lives in communities across our country. This time, even though the disaster is a little farther from home, it affects the Scouting family all the same.

Scouts Australia is selling patches to benefit Scouts who lost their homes in the country's devastating wildfires. Their goal: to make sure these Scouts can "remain connected to Scouting as they work through this traumatic period," according to Scouts Australia's official site: <https://scoutshop.com.au/products/bushfire-badge>

Like the Boy Scouts of America, Scouts Australia is a member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. There are more than 50 million Scouts across 171 countries, and these Aussie Scouts wear the purple World Crest just like we do.

The patches cost 5 Australian dollars each — about \$3.44. The patches themselves were donated to Scouts Australia by an Australian outdoor clothing retailer, meaning 100% of the proceeds will benefit Scouts.

But heads up: Shipping patches 9,000 miles isn't cheap. Postage to the U.S. will cost you a flat 40 Australian dollars (\$27), whether you're ordering one patch or 100. If you do plan to order the patch, Scouts Australia suggests combining orders with other packs, troops, ships or crews in your area.

As of Jan. 22, 2020, Scouts Australia has sold 30,000 badges and raised AU\$150,000 — about \$103,000. Together, let's help get that number even higher.

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)



Seasonal Options at High-Adventure Bases



While many of us just think about going to one of BSA's high-adventure camps during the summer, these camps actually have almost year-round activities to choose from.

Ski trip is one of several winter adventures Philmont has; others include ice fishing and cross-country skiing. You could also go to Philmont in the autumn and try fly fishing, rock climbing or mountain biking.

At Northern Tier, you can choose a canoe trek in the summer or a winter adventure at one of two locations, the newest site being Gerber Scout Reservation in Twin Lakes, Mich., where Scouts can enjoy fat tire biking. Dog sled treks are available at the base in Ely, Minn.

Sea Base also has treks in the winter, spring and summer.

The Summit has programs in summer, autumn, and new this year, winter, which includes housing and program opportunities for Scouts and Venturers at the nearby Winterplace Ski Resort.

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

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

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/



Roger C. Mosby, the new President and CEO of the Boy Scouts of America



The story of Roger C. Mosby's introduction to Scouting is one to which many of us can relate: When his oldest son first signed up for Cub Scouts, he walked into a parent orientation meeting not knowing exactly what to expect.

One hour later, he walked out as the Cubmaster.

That started him down a path of more than 30 years as a Scouting volunteer, including time as Cubmaster of two different packs, Scoutmaster of one troop and committee chair of two different troops. He served in volunteer positions with Mid-America and Sam Houston Area councils before serving as the Southern Region Area Commissioner, Southern Region Youth Protection Chair, and Audit Committee Chair of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Mosby is the first person in his position since James E. West — the BSA's first professional Executive Secretary (as it was called back in 1911) — who wasn't already a BSA professional when he accepted the position. Unlike his predecessors at the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Mosby's title is not Chief Scout Executive. That title is reserved for commissioned BSA professionals — that is, full-time employees of the BSA who have undergone the required amount of training.

When he wasn't volunteering, Mosby's day job included running the entire Human Resources operation for more than 11,000 employees as a vice president at leading energy infrastructure company Kinder Morgan, before retiring in 2015 and running his own consulting firm focused on executive coaching.

During all of this, three of his four sons earned the rank of Eagle.

Just a couple of weeks into his new job with the BSA, Mosby was kind enough to take some time out of his busy schedule to speak about his goals for the BSA, his time as a Navy photographer in Vietnam and his favorite memory from his time as a Scout leader. To see this interview go to:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/01/28/getting-to-know-roger-c-mosby-the-new-president-and-ceo-of-the-boy-scouts-of-america/>

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.



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/>.



Preparing for Emergencies



Emergencies arise when we do not expect them and can be caused by winter weather, power outages, flooding, and thunderstorms. After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours.

Check www.ready.gov for what to do about different types of emergencies, how to make an emergency plan, and how to put together an emergency kit.

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 throughout 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



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.

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 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.

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

Podcasts



February 2020 – Why You Should be Using Scoutbook



So, many of you have probably, hopefully, heard about Scoutbook – the online tool designed to make your Scouting Leadership duties a lot easier. But we found out, although I can't reveal our source, that some of you out there are not taking advantage of everything Scoutbook has to offer. So, we invited assistant Den Leader Michaela Monson with Pack 192 of the Longhorn Council in Fort Worth, Texas. Michaela is also the project manager for the development of Scoutbook. And we're here to share with you all the reasons why YOU should be using Scoutbook.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/cubcast/2020/february-2020-why-you-should-be-using-scoutbook/>



February 2020 – Cultivating New Leaders



This month, let's talk about Cultivating New Leaders, also called Succession Planning: Having the right person in place to take over if, for whatever reason, a scoutmaster, assistant scoutmaster or committee member needs to bow out of his or her commitment. There's a little more to it than just having the first available warm body fill the vacant slot. You need to find the right person. And we have the right person to help us figure out how to do that – Donna Ragusa, the SBSA National Committee-Recruitment and Retention Task Force Chair.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/scoutcast/2020/february-2020-cultivating-new-leaders/>

Training Opportunities



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training



Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) Training (C32) will be held April 25-26, 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 overnight 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



Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS)



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

Class Room Session: Saturday March 14, 2020 at Huntingtown UMC 4020 Hunting Creek Rd Huntingtown, MD

Weekend Session : Saturday April 25 thru Sunday April 26, 2020 at American Chestnut Land Trust 2650 Scientists Cliff Road Prince Frederick, MD

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

Cost: \$50

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-33538#> Registration closes March 12



Goose Creek District Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - IOLS



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - IOLS (S11) will be held April 25-26, 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

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 are 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

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 2020.



There's only one way a group of Scouts wants to put out the campfire, and they'll have no way of knowing how bad an idea this is until they actually do it.



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.

NCAC is offering two classes for 2020:

- Spring, May 1-3 and June 6-7, registration closes Apr 0
- Fall, 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/



Climbing Instructor Training



Does your unit want to sponsor its own outdoor climbing events? If so you must provide qualified instructors. Join us for the NCAC Climbing Committee's Spring 2020 Climbing Instructor training event from Saturday, 4/25 to Sunday, 4/26 on Maryland's Sugarloaf Mountain! We meet at 8:30 am on Saturday, 4/25 and Sunday, 4/26 at the Devil's Kitchen climbing area and finish by 6:00 pm each day at the adjacent parking area.

Dates: Saturday, 4/25/2020 - Sunday, 4/26/2020

Fee: \$40.

Accommodations and Food: No camping is allowed on Sugarloaf Mountain. Participants who want to camp may reserve campsites at nearby Little Bennett Regional Park. Meals will not be provided.

Location: Sugarloaf Mountain, Devil's Kitchen climbing area, near the East View Parking Area. The cliffs are about 1/4-mile from the nearest parking.

Course Duration: 24 hours of online and hands-on instruction.

Registration: Contact course director at ncac.climbing@gmail.com to register for the event. See our logistics memo for additional details:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jcf_oys7hZwHBQWZtIIIGJrklaUszS2vhOUq8l2N0m4/edit?usp=sharing



Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Outdoor Ethics



When: Saturday Apr 18, 2020 8:00 AM to Sunday Apr 19, 2020 12:00 PM

Where: Izaak Walton League Rockville Chapter, 12057 Clopper Rd, Gaithersburg, Maryland

Cost: \$50

Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-MD1#> Deadline for registration is Apr 3, 2020.

What is the purpose of this class?

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

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

Who should attend?

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

What will I learn?

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

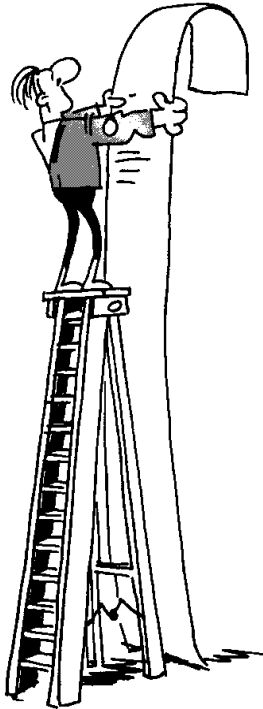
On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin and patch, and a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

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

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

This course is taught almost entirely in the outdoors. We will camp out Saturday evening. Friday evening is optional starting at 5pm. Friday evening we will teach you some games and activities and assist with the student lessons.

District Calendar



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**
- 29 **District Court of Honor**

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
- 27 First Day of School

September 2020

- 4-7 School Holiday
- 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
- 30 Student Holiday

November 2020

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

December 2020

- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 16 **Annual District Business Meeting**
- 23-31 Winter Break

January 2021

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