



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
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- Mar 7 – District Pinewood Derby
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Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Boy Scout /
Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 New Article



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Experience, maturity and skill are not prerequisites to leadership; they are the traits produced as we practice leadership.

We often get email or comments from Scoutmasters with a troop of young Scouts wondering how they can be anything like boy led. They look around a bunch of 11-year-old boys and don't see anyone who measures up to their preconceived notion of a leader so the adults take over the leadership and may never let it go.

A lot of Scouting goes off the rails when adults think that they are the only ones with the maturity and experience to lead. To prevent this from happening I challenge you to get rid of all preconceived qualifications for youth leaders. Instead of a *perfect* troop envision an *ideal* troop; one that elects their own leaders from the Scouts who are there, not the ones you wish you had.

Other than they are freely elected by their patrol or troop there are no qualifications in Scouting literature for youth leadership positions. You may read guidelines or suggestions but there's no *required* age or rank.

Could it be advantageous if a patrol leader was first class rank? Sure. Is it required? No. Would it be a good thing if the senior patrol leader is mature, experienced and organized? Sure. Is it required? No.

Every troop has at least one patrol leader, and if they have more than one they have a senior patrol leader. Every patrol leader in a Scout troop is elected by the Scouts in his patrol. Every senior patrol leader in a Scout troop is elected by the Scouts in the troop. If you want to develop youth leadership first dismiss your preconceived notions about those two positions, resolve to never worry about, think about or manipulate a patrol or troop election and let the Scouts choose their leaders.

Does this whole idea sort of give you the willies? Good. It means that you are trying to learn something!

If I have a troop of 11-year-old boys, then I do Scouting with 11-year-old boys. If I have a troop of 17-year-old boys, then I do Scouting with 17-year-old boys. This is one of the cool things about Scouting!

Will these troops look alike or do things the same way? No way. Those older boys may be all over the place camping, climbing, backpacking, canoeing, while the younger troop may be having "four hour breakfasts" and almost getting lost on a short afternoon walk!

The important thing is that both troops are doing Scouting.

Experience, maturity and skill are *not required*. Experience, maturity and skill are the *goal*.

When you hire an intern experience is not *required*, experience is the *goal*. A baseball player is a baseball player if he hits home runs or not; hitting home runs is the *goal* but they are not *required*.

Let's not make the goals of Scouting into prerequisites for actually *doing* Scouting!

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

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!

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!



Spring Camporee 2020



Attention Goose Creek! By popular demand our District will host another Spring Camporee at Camp Highroad during the weekend of March 27-29, 2020.

Similar to the 2019 program, the 2020 program will include half a day of optional high adventure activities. Scouts and adult leaders will be able to select from High Ropes, Zip Line, Team Challenges, Mountain Boarding, Monkey Bridge and Rock Wall Climbing.

The other half day will consist of patrol challenges at a round robin of events designed around a theme of "To Catch A Spy." The intent is for patrols to compete with each other for best achievement at each round robin station. Prizes will be awarded to the winning patrols.

When: March 27-29, 2020

Where: Camp Highroad in Middleburg, VA

Who: Troops, Venturing Crews

Cost: \$24 per person

Register here: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-29340>, closes 3/22 at 7 pm.

Please contact Camporee Director Charles Thornton at scouterchalis@gmail.com or 571-420-1035 for more information



Report from the District Merit Badge Fair



On Saturday, February 15th, Goose Creek District hosted about 200 BSA Scouts from 15 different BSA Scout Districts from our greater DMV area at Riverside High School in Leesburg.

The BSA Scouts worked on the following merit badges: First Aid, Family Life, Citizenship in the Community, Public Speaking, Programming, Geocaching, Astronomy, Crime Prevention, Radio and Soil & Water Conservation.

In addition to providing these youths with an excellent opportunity to learn many of these important topics, there were also free classes for our BSA Scout parents/leaders in Stop the Bleed and REVIVE!

Jamie MacDonald, Prevention Training Coordinator of the Loudoun County MHSADS Prevention & Intervention Services, provided the REVIVE! training. Jordan Tyczkam, Trauma Nurse with INOVA, provided the training for Stop the Bleed. Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps' Rob Fagan and William Hooper with Shenandoah University's Assistant Professor and Director of the Scholar Plaza Loudoun Nursing Program, Kathleen Eid-Heberie, MSN, RN, CNE, NHDP-BC taught the First Aid merit badge.

The other merit badges were taught by our wonderful BSA Scout volunteer merit badge counselors from Loudoun County and neighboring areas.

Ashburn District Supervisor Mike Turner helped open our event and he was available to be interviewed by the BSA Scouts for the Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Todd Bolick, Powhatan Senior District Executive, welcomed everyone to the event and thanked all of our wonderful volunteers from Loudoun County and neighboring areas. Troop 58 did an excellent job of providing flag detail for the opening ceremony.



District Social Media Platforms



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



Facebook - @BSAGooseCreek



Twitter - @BSAGooseCreek



Linkedin - Goose Creek

District Rangemasters Needed



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

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

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.

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.

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/

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



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



“Onward and Upward” On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Nicholas Cabral – Troop 950

Gregory Hyatt – Troop 1154

Owen Hall – Troop 58

Aron Singel – Troop 998

Nicholas Spokes – Troop 969

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.

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

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Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



The Boy Scouts of America Files for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection



A common misperception is that “bankruptcy” means a company or organization is shutting its doors. But for non-profits, it’s just the opposite. In fact, you can expect to continue your Scouting experience, complete with unit meetings, service projects, campouts and the many more adventures that fill your schedules.

So, what’s really going on?

The national organization has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy (which is also known as a financial restructuring) to achieve two goals:

1. Compensate victims who were harmed during their time in Scouting, and
2. Continue carrying out the mission of Scouting for at least another 110 years.

OK...what do I need to know about this process?

First, Scouting continues.

Second, Scouting is safer today than ever before.

It’s heartbreaking that individuals took advantage of youth-serving organizations – including BSA programs – to harm innocent children. Even the deepest apologies can’t possibly make things right, but the BSA is taking responsibility for what happened in the past and doing all it can to protect youth in our Scouting programs.

The BSA has made major strides in youth protection and there’s a lot that we can be proud of, including the commitment of our wonderful volunteers and staff who work every single day to make Scouting the safe and amazing program it is today.

Starting in the 1980s, the BSA put in place some of the strongest barriers to abuse of any youth-servicing organization and has continued to evolve and improve these policies to prevent abuse and to ensure volunteers are able to recognize, respond to and report any suspected abuse.

For Scouters, planning to always have two-deep leadership has become a normal part of Scouting– and some may even encourage it at non-Scouting events.

Because so much of our youth protection training is relevant for all parents, the training is now available publicly on www.scouting.org/youth-safety, a website that you can share to help friends and family who may have questions about the BSA’s youth protection program.

What to do now

The short answer is – keep Scouting. And do so with pride.

Remind others why you believe in Scouting, how the program has benefited you and your family, and why you dedicate your precious free time to the movement.

Make it a point to remind our communities why Scouting is an important pillar. Ask local leaders what projects they need help with and encourage units to plan service projects to help meet the goal.

Scouting shines brightest when we help others. With your support, I know the BSA will be serving youth and communities through our vital mission for many years to come.

If you’d like to learn more about the BSA’s restructuring, you can watch this helpful video (<https://www.bsarestructuring.org/scouting-community/>) that explains the Chapter 11 process and visit www.BSArestructuring.org for more information.



Can Packs, Troops or Crews Participate in Political Rallies?



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q: Why is this the rule?

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

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

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

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

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



Tips for Deducting Scouting Expenses on Your Tax Return



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

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

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

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

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

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







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



2020 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key: Available Almost Full Full

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

Week 1 – 6/21 to 6/27

Week 2 – 6/28 to 7/4

Week 3 – 7/5 to 7/11

Week 4 – 7/12 to 7/18

Week 5 – 7/19 to 7/25

Week 6 – 7/28 to 8/1

Fees:

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

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

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

- All units will receive two free adult leaders!

Registration: www.gotogoshen.org/registration/



Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Scout Day Camp is a great means for all Scouts from Tiger through Webelos and their siblings to experience Camp Snyder without the overnight sleeping. Each day will begin at 9:30 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with lunch included in the cost of camp.

Sessions run from Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Day Only / Lunch Included.

Session 1: July 6-9
 Session 2: July 27-30

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

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



Cub Scout STEM Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



The NCAC STEM Program is coming to Camp Snyder for one week only (July 24-27). Spaces are limited so sign up early for this unique blend of BBs, Archery, Swimming and STEM! Each day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with lunch included in the cost of camp.

July 20-23

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

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



Cub Scout Resident Weekends Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Resident Camp is your bite sized introduction to a Boy Scout summer camp program. All registered Cubs, Tigers – Webelos and their adult leaders/parents sleep on cots in 4-person BSA wall tents that sit on raised platforms, eat in the camp dining hall and experience a whole day into the night program. The program at camp includes opportunities for Scouts to earn Adventure Loops, and several just-for-fun activities. The importance of Cub Resident camp to a registered Cub Scout and their family is tremendous! Resident Camp will develop your son's or dens' self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing learning experiences in which campers acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to their well-being.

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.

Session 1: July 10-11
 Session 2: July 17-18
 Session 3: July 31 – Aug 2

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

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



Cub Scout STEM Resident Weekend Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Everything that you love about our Resident Weekend program + Science Technology Engineering Math. What's not to like?

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping.

Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.

July 24-25

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

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



Cub Scout Resident Week at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



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

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

Aug 3-7

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

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



Webelos Resident Week at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Webelos camp is a big step for the Webelos I or II working on rank adventures. Scouts will camp overnight just like when they become Boy Scouts to get the full summer camp experience in a shorter setting. Most of your time will be spent working towards advancing in your Webelos trail on the way to becoming a Boy Scout. There's plenty of other fun activities to fill your week including trips to the pool and more.

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

July 13017

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

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



Camp Snyder Camperships



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

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

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.

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.



15th Annual NCAC Scout Orienteering Meet



Test out your troop or crew member's navigation skills at this exciting map and compass competition. Scouts and Crew members will compete in age groups and different course levels in the morning as individuals. The afternoon event is designed around competing as a unit (Troop or Crew) to gather the greatest score than the other scouting units. This event is open to all Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and other appropriately aged Scouting groups; minimum age for this event is 10 and a half years old.

When: Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 8 AM – 5 PM

Where: Phick Bay Regional Park (6501 Pohick Bay Dr., Lorton, Virginia 22079)

Cost: Cost is \$10 per youth and includes an event patch for all youth participants. Adults may purchase patches at cost on the day of the event pending availability.

Registration: Please be aware that your unit must register online to take part in this event. There is no walk in registration for any unit or scout. Adjustments to the number of members from a unit can be made on the day of the event, but refunds may not be given. A unit is defined as at least two scouts and two registered adult leaders. Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-2020ScoutOrienteering#>. Registration closes 3/18.

Summary: This event is open to all Scouts BSA Troops, GSUSA units (ages 10 and up) and Venturing Crews. Scouts will be paired up (buddy system applies) and compete for awards to be presented to the first 10 places in each event. The morning sessions will include: instruction Orienteering course for Scouts new to the sport, competitions in one of four levels of orienteering courses, and other skill-building competitive events. Each Scout pair will have an opportunity to choose two events in the morning. We strongly recommend instruction take place at a unit level prior to your arrival. The instructional Orienteering course is a "no compete, no awards" hands on teaching course that your scouts can learn by using the Teaching EDGE method to learn the art of Orienteering. To ensure fairness, competition will also be broken into two age groups for most events in the morning, under 14 years of age and Scouts 14 years of age or older. Venturing Crews with members over 18 years old may be scored as a third grouping based on judging decision on the day of the event. After a brief break at 1pm, the afternoon event will be a 90-minute Orienteering score course. The afternoon event is a unit based competition with youth leadership taking charge of their units in planning and directing their teams. The event will be completed with awards from the morning events at 5:00 pm.

This event is run with volunteers from and supported by the NCAC and has the added experienced of help from the Quantico Orienteering Club.

Buddy system is strictly enforced with all events and adults are not permit "in the woods" during the competitions.* The morning competition will be on the individual (scout) pair level and on the unit level. Each troop or crew unit will have a unit score from this event based on the average of the unit's top five pairs from that unit.

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/>.



Three Scouts were bragging about how tough they were.

"I wear out a pair of hiking boots in a month," the first Scout said.

"I wear out a pair of Scout pants in a week," the second Scout said.

"That's nothing," the last Scout said, "I wear out a leader in 20 minutes."



Scouting Show and Tell: Patrol Names and Flags



Scouts can concoct some pretty awesome patrol and den names — and make really cool flags and emblems to proudly display their creations. You can see some at <https://boyslife.org/about-scouts/scouting-around/143847/send-us-photos-of-your-patrol-or-pack-flag/>.

Sometimes, adult leaders form patrols, too. While adult patrols aren't an official part of the BSA's program, there isn't a policy against making them. And adults come up with some fun names as well.

With all this creativity, Bryan on Scouting would like to highlight these patrols. That means it's time for Show and Tell, where Scouters show their favorite photos and tell the story behind them.

Send Bryan photos of your adult patrol, badge or flag. Let him know how the name was invented and what role the patrol plays. You can also send him youth patrol names and flags in your troop or pack. Here are a few great names we've heard lately: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/03/04/here-are-18-of-the-best-scouts-bsa-patrol-names-so-far/>. If you want ideas of how to come up with an unforgettable name and emblem, go to <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/04/29/tuesday-talkback-how-to-pick-an-unforgettable-patrol-name/>.

If you already have one, visit <http://go.scoutingmagazine.org/showandtell>. You can also email him at scoutingmag@gmail.com or share via social media using #ScoutingShowandTell.

You could be featured in an upcoming issue of Scouting magazine. For more Scouting Show and Tell topics, <https://scoutingmagazine.org/category/show-and-tell/>. He also wants to see other ways you make Scouting great, so if you have a funny skit, cool activity uniform or neat neckerchief slide, send them his way as well.

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)



2020 Geology Workshops at GMU



Event Description: The STEM Program consists of 3 hour sessions, and welcomes all girl and boy youth from 4th to 12th grade. The programs are structured around the Scout Awards delineated below, however same-age siblings are most welcome to attend, so feel free to register! Each session includes a guided tour of the GMU Physical Geology and Paleontology labs

There is a \$12.75 fee per youth attendee. Pre-registration is required for all online: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-geologyGMU>

Saturday - Webelos Program Structure:

Sessions are for Cubs Webelos to work on their STEM Nova Down and Dirty & Earth Rocks Adventure.

Sessions sizes are limited to 12 Youth per session, and 4 Adult Den Walkers. Participants will rotate through classrooms wherein they will accomplish requirements 1 and 3-8 of Earth Rocks and requirements 2-3 of Nova Down and Dirty. Youth will visit both the paleontology and physical sciences microscope labs during their session.

Sunday - Boy Scouts' Program Structure:

Sessions are for Scouts BSA to work on their Geology Merit Badge.

In the first hour of the program, participants will rotate through three stations wherein they define geology, rock formations and uniformitarianism; discuss mineral resources; and review a geological map of Fairfax, VA.

The following half hour of the program will lend to group discussions with a geologist and mineralogist.

In the hour that follows, participants will either visit the physical geology lab and explore surface and sedimentary processes or visit the paleontology lab and explore earth history.

Podcasts



March 2020 – Bridging



This month, we ask the questions: What is bridging? What does it mean? Is there a difference between cross-over and bridging? Well, we found volunteer extraordinaire Bill Campbell, who runs Pack 143 out of the Central Florida Council. It's a large Cub Scout pack that is known for offering a high-quality Scouting program. We believe Bill will help explain everything we need to know about bridging.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/cubcast/2020/march-2020-bridging/>



March 2020 – How Venturing Can Help, Not Hurt, Your Troop



You know how at the end of every show, we invite you to send your ideas for topics you'd like to discuss? We read them and give each one careful consideration, and several of you have asked for more discussions concerning the Venturing program. Joining us this month is David Bush, Advisor for Venturing Crew 369 in Tyler, Texas, and he shares with us how Venturing and ScoutsBSA can complement each other.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/scoutcast/2020/march-2020-how-venturing-can-help-not-hurt-your-troop/>

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 requirement.

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

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

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

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

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

Goose Creek District Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - IOLS



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills - IOLS (S11) 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

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

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 5. Note: This class is currently full and they are only taking registrations for the wait list.
- 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.

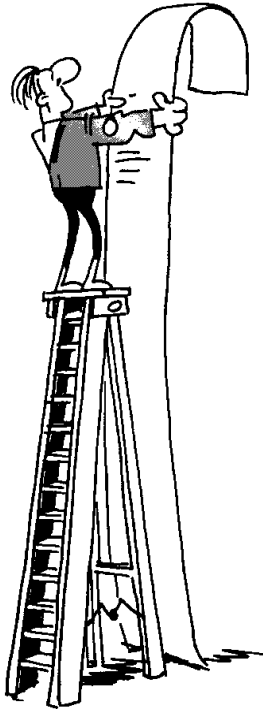
On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin and patch, and a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



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
25-26	IOLS and BALOO Training
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

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