



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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Cub Scout Interest



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Venturing Interest



For Everyone



New Article



No conversation about lackadaisical Scouts and angst-ridden parents would be complete without the now-famous letter to Kelby, a faltering Life Scout, requested by his anxious father and written by Mike Rowe, Eagle Scout (1979), star of the TV shows “Dirty Jobs” and “Somebody’s Gotta Do It,” and featured speaker at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. This letter was also reproduced in the NESAs “Eagletter” in 2009. Here it is in its entirety, the only edits appear in brackets. Kelby’s father had asked Mike to “encourage” his son to complete his work for Eagle and earn the rank. Here’s what Mike said:

Kelby,

Your dad asked me to drop you a line and say something inspirational that might persuade you to dig down deep and find the determination to make the rank of Eagle Scout. It’s a reasonable request, from a father who obviously wants to see his son succeed. But here’s the thing. The Eagle [rank] is not really meant for people who need to be dragged across the finish line. It’s meant for a select few, and I have no idea if you have the guts to see it through.

Statistically, I suspect you do not. Only [five] out of a hundred Scouts make Eagle, so if you fail, there will be lots of other people with whom you can share excuses. Quitting now might disappoint your dad, but I doubt that he or anyone else will be overly surprised. Anytime [95] out of 100 people do the same thing, it’s not exactly a shock.

I’m not trying to be cute with a bunch of reverse psychology. When I was 15, there was nothing that anyone could have said to me that would have inspired me to do something I didn’t want to do, especially a stranger with a TV show. So I’m not going to assume you’re any different or pretend that I have some influence or insight that you haven’t already heard from a dozen other people who actually know you and care about you. I’ll just tell you straight up that doing something extraordinary can be very lonely, and most people simply aren’t cut out for it. Being an Eagle Scout requires you to be different than most everyone around you, and being different is really, really hard. That’s why the award is called “an accomplishment.”

Personally, and for what it’s worth, the best decisions I’ve made in my own life are those decisions that put me on the outside of being cool. Singing in the opera, working in home shopping, starring in the school play when the entire football team laughed at me, and especially earning my Eagle were all choices that required sacrifice, hard work, and delayed gratification. I have no idea if you possess those qualities or even envy them. But I can tell you for certain that not getting your Eagle will be one of the easiest things you’ve ever done.

Whatever you decide to do, Kelby, it’s important to remember that the decision is yours. Not your dad’s, not your friend’s, and not your Scoutmaster’s. And you’ll own that decision for the rest of your life.

Good luck, Mike.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



District Award of Merit



The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by Districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the District level. It is the highest District award that can be given to a Scouter and the only "non-square knot" in the knot award group.

Nominees must:

- Be registered Scouters.
- Have given "noteworthy service to youth," either inside or outside of Scouting—or both. Note: The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
- Consideration will be given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
- Maintain a positive attitude and work in cooperation with the district and council.

You can't nominate yourself, but if you know anyone who should be considered for this award the application can be found at

www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf

Please submit your nomination form to Steve Wolfson, stevewolfson@verizon.net by December 1, 2019. Subject Line: District Award of Merit.



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.



Are you Prepared for Rechartering



It's November and all units should now be well into their Rechartering process. Remember it needs to be turned in by the end of November. By now you should:

- Have all new Scout applications from Join Scouting Night turned in. Waiting until you do the recharter to hand these in will only make things harder for you when calculating fees.
- Have all unit leaders check their Youth Protection Training dates to make sure that everyone is current.
- Know who your Chartering Organization Head is, which usually isn't the same person as the Chartering Organization Representative. Know when they are available to sign the final recharter.
- Check out the Charter Renewal Handbook available at www.ncacbsa.org/commissioners/unit-rechartering/
- Logged into Internet Recharter. First Time Users must register to enter the system. Everyone is a new user and must use access code given in email to enter the system. If you don't know your log in password, or the person doing it last year has left, then contact the District Commissioner (John Witek, John.Witek@GooseCreekDistrict.org) who has them.

Updated Rechartering Fee information:

As promised, Boy Scouts of America's national board of directors announced an increase to the BSA 2020 annual registration fees. Our National Capital Area Council 2020 Charter Renewal charges are as follows:

\$60 for youth members in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing & Sea Scouts
 \$36 for adult members
 \$60 for unit charter
 \$36 for Unit Scouter Reserves
 \$6 for NCAC Insurance (no change)
 \$12 for Boys Life & Scouting magazines (no change)

Additional Disclosure & Background Check Authorization. Every registered adult must have this form completed. This form must be submitted with their primary registration (i.e., where the money is paid). If your unit has an adult also registered with NCAC or Goose Creek District, we recommend keeping a pdf file of this form that shows what the adult leader submitted and where. Earlier guidance requested this form with every registration, but no longer.

Charter Turn-Ins for Goose Creek District:

Primary goal: We are encouraging GCD units to come to November RT to turn-in. GCD will have Commissioners on hand to assist and perform quality checks.

Backup collection date: Saturday November 23rd (upstairs at Café in Wegman's Leesburg). Time is 12-3pm.

If you are new to Charter Renewal, please contact your Unit Commissioner or look for the closest one on our Commissioner's Corner webpage a click away from the GCD website.

Final Rechartering Webinar for 2019: Monday, Nov 4 @ 7:30 via WebEx.

WebEx Conference details: <https://www.webex.com/meet/sbashore>, Meeting Number: 591539470. Join by phone: +1 3148881153 Access code: 591539470

The Unit and Explorer cover sheets will be sent out shortly via the GCD Communications Team. PLEASE apply (tape or adhesive) to a 8 X 11 ½ vanilla envelope. This keeps the paperwork and checks together all the way down to Rockville.



Report your Unit's Service Hours and Achieve JTE Points



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

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

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

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

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

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



Reflections on Webelos-o-ree 2019



Over 110 Webelos from 16 packs, with their parents, came out for a beautiful weekend and got themselves exhausted at the activity areas of BBs, monkey bridge, knots, team building, cooking, wilderness skills, fire building, and first aid. Topping it all off was an evening campfire, started by Goose Creek's Order of the Arrow with a wonderful opening ceremony, skits (with pies in the face), and songs.

Not only is the Webelos-o-ree popular with the packs but we had 10 troops come to run the different activities and help with the food prep. They had just a much fun showing the Cub Scouts about what Boy Scouts do and had a great opportunity to use the EDGE method in their teaching.

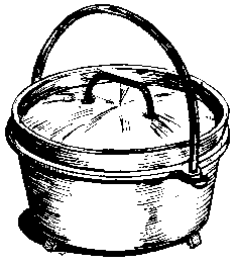
A special thanks to all the adult volunteers who came out to help set up, take down, pickup trash bags, distribute charcoal and fire pit stands, prepare foil strips, manage traffic, and run the food distribution area.

And when will next year's Webelos-o-ree be? We already have Camp Snyder booked for October 3-4, 2020 (with all bathhouses open) so put it in your unit's calendar.





Going Dutch at Roundtable!



If some of your fondest scouting memories involve cooking and eating you should have come to the September Scouts BSA roundtable because we cooked and ate some of the best dutch oven food ever. The logistics of setting up 6 cooking stations in the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church, and having 9 meals completed by the start of Roundtable was a challenge. We started cooking at 6:00 PM and had all the meals ready to serve by 7:45. We were joined by Scouts BSA Leaders, Cub Leaders, Commissioners and the OA scouts for great conversation and yummy grub. If you couldn't attend, don't worry because it was so successful we have decided to make it an annual event.

On the menu was jambalaya, lasagna, mountain man breakfast, sweet potato stew, mac-n-cheese, banana bread, butternut/apple bake, pea soup, pineapple upside down cake and cobbler. Many thanks to our cooks: Shawn Carroll, Shannon Klee, Chris Loving, Ric Terrazas, Rob Painter, John and Nick Blackwell and Charles Thornton.

We are creating a Goose Creek District cookbook, starting with the recipes for the above dishes. We would love to add your favorite recipe so please consider sending it to Bob Kellogg at rbkell497@gmail.com.





Troop 58 Breaks Summer Camp Record!



Summer may be over, but the stats are rolling in. This year was the Troop 58's largest group yet to swoop into Summer Camp, as over 50 Scouts and adult leaders from the troop attended Camp Shenandoah in Swoope, VA in mid-June. Camp Shenandoah has been serving Scouts for almost 70 years, since 1950. Across the troop, the Scouts worked on 143 merit badges and attended 22 other classes like stand-up paddleboard.

Sixteen of the troop's recent cross-over Scouts joined in the fun and successfully completed the Timber Mountain Program. Troop 58's Treasurer, Wilson Chua, also conquered a 1 ½ mile swim around Hope Lake earning his Mile Swim patch. Water-related merit badges earned by the Scouts included swimming, lifesaving, motorboating, canoeing, kayaking, rowing, and oceanography. The final lakeside campfire on Friday night included Troop 58's rendition of TopNotcher – always a classic! One of the troop's Life Scouts, Daniel Han, had such a great time at Camp Shenandoah and made such a good impression that he was offered a job at the camp.

When he arrived back at home that Saturday, he did his laundry returned to Camp Shenandoah the next morning – as a member of the camp staff for the remainder of the summer! Troop 58 is also prepared to attend the Sea Base Out Island Adventure in late July. During this high adventure trip, 2 crews of Scouts flew to Miami, FL, drove to the Brinton Environmental Center, and then paddled to Big Munson Island in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. They camped there for an action packed week of ocean kayaking, snorkeling (day and night), fishing, sailing, and exploring the ocean – all without running water and electricity!



Newsletter Milestone



Congratulations to our District Newsletter editor, Dr. Alan Steiner, on his 100th newsletter edition.

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.

Goose Creek District Committee Help



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

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

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

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



Webelos Invitational



We would like to invite you to our Troop 966 Webelos Invitational on November 16th & 17th at Bear's Den Hiker Hostel. Each year Troop 966 looks forward to sharing our love of Scouting with area Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts so your Cub Scouts may experience a day of scouting as a Boy Scout. Scouts with a parent are welcome to camp over night or join us for the day.

This event is free, just come and spend the day with us. All food, refreshments, supplies will be provided. (The only items you will need to bring are refillable water bottle, mess kit, personal camp overnight items and tent if applicable.)

For more information, please reach out to Teresa Barth by Nov 3 at 966outdoors@gmail.com.

Arrow of Light Scouting Adventure



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

The top three patrols will be recognized at the evening program.

The patrols will focus on Scouting Adventure requirements 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6, but will also participate in additional scouting activities.

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

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

Where: Northern Virginia Lions Club Campground, Boyce, VA

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

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



Attention – Girl Arrow of Light Scouts and Other 6th to 8th Graders



Interested in nature, camping, hiking, kayaking, white water rafting, rock climbing... learning new skills like fire building, first aid, and axe handling, developing leadership and communications skills and serving the community, all while building lasting friendships and having FUN?

Scouts BSA Girl Troop 998 is looking for YOU!!

Come Learn More: Scouts BSA Girl Troop 998 is holding an OPEN HOUSE on Monday, November 4th at 7:30 PM at Leesburg United Methodist Church (107 W. Market St).

Please contact: Scoutmaster Sue Breen at suebreen@verizon.net or 703-297-0085 to RSVP.





Webelos Invitational Activity



Troop 997 is planning an activity intended to introduce all Webelos scouts to Scouts BSA and to their troop.

When: Saturday November 16 10AM-4PM

Where: Hidden Meadow Group Campground at The Greens, Willowsford.
Entrance Near 41149 Shasta Daisy Ct, Aldie, VA

Activities:

- Meet Troop 997's Troop Guides and learn about the New Scout Program
- Experience Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Training
- Learn about the Patrol Method for Camping
- Play Capture the Flag, cards, and other fun games
- Enjoy a Campfire with Songs, Skits, & Stories
- Lunch will be provided. Not-to-be-missed Dutch oven chili and cornbread as well as hamburgers and hotdogs cooked over an open fire (of course)

You are also invited to attend Webelos Night Troop meetings (7-8:30 at St Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn, VA) on Thursday nights 11/7/19, 1/9/19, and 2/6/19. Feel free to come to ANY meeting, but please contact us to confirm due to holiday activities.

Scoutmaster Terry Kolb tkolb118@gmail.com

Cmte. Chair Dave Bryan dbrya0@gmail.com



Troop 1159's Sea Base Sailing Adventure



This summer, Leesburg's Troop 1159 sent three crews to the Florida Keys as part of their 2019 Sea Base Coral Reef Sailing Adventure.

Below is an excerpt from the Troop's Historian's journal –

As soon as we made it out into the Atlantic, the waves hit us - we had a wild ride heading directly into the rollers. After a while, we deployed the sails and turned, which gave us a much smoother ride. We drove for a few hours, and after we crossed to the gulf side the ride was much smoother. We made lunch underway, with hot dogs grilled on the back of the boat and Mac and cheese made in the galley. We then motored to Old Dan Bank, where the Island Rose set her anchor and Bahama Rogue again rafted with her; it's a protected anchorage within sight of Tail Feather, a couple hours from Sea Base. The scouts had started marinating steaks earlier and there was an announced competition between the boats for the best marinade. We all assembled our apples to bake on the grills, and Captain Steve set up the movie screen - a spinnaker strung between the boats, and the boys made their steaks.

"To Scouts completing a voyage I would say..... go."





“Cheerful Service Chatter”

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



Order of the Arrow - Unit Elections



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

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

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Jamie Bergamini – Troop 2012

Declan Blodgett – Troop 572

Christopher Howard – Troop 39

Bennett Humpton – Troop 572

Andrew Potter – Troop 962

Joshua Stoner – Troop 958



Goose Creek District Merit Badge University



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



Eagle Scout Time Extensions and Positions of Responsibility



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

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

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



Boards of Review for “Disbanded Unit” Scouts



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

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

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

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

Life-to-Eagle Seminar



Keep your eyes open for an announcement of our next 2019 offering of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek.

These training conferences are primarily targeted for the Life-to-Eagle Advisers & Coordinators at the unit level – but are by no means limited to same. Life Scouts and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend as well. The key goal is to get each of the unit Eagle Advisers up to speed on changes to the process, and some of the district-level mechanics of same. That way, they can help share the message to the Life Scouts in their units on a more frequent basis.

Date: Nov 23, 2019

Time: 10:30-2:30

Place: Loudoun County's Rust Library in Leesburg (large meeting room)

Then, you can expect another 3-4 L2E offerings next year, typically mid-month in January, April, August and November.

Also, if you ARE a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit, and have not attended one of these in Goose Creek within the last 2 years, you really should make an attempt to do so. Lots of things have changed over the years, and even the long-standing and experienced L2E Advisers will learn something new.



Geology Workshops at George Mason University



This event is a great springboard into BSA Geology and STEM awards. 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 \$11 fee per youth attendee. Pre-registration is required for all online. To register and for additional information go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-Geology>

Saturday – Nov 23rd - Webelos Program Structure:

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 – Nov 24th - Boy Scouts' Program Structure:

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.



NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting – Merit Badge Fair



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

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

Merit Badge Fair

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

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

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

Religious Emblems Workshops

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

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

For both emblems Scouts should download their workbook at:

www.JewishScouting.org/Emblems-Awards/

There is no cost to attend these workshops

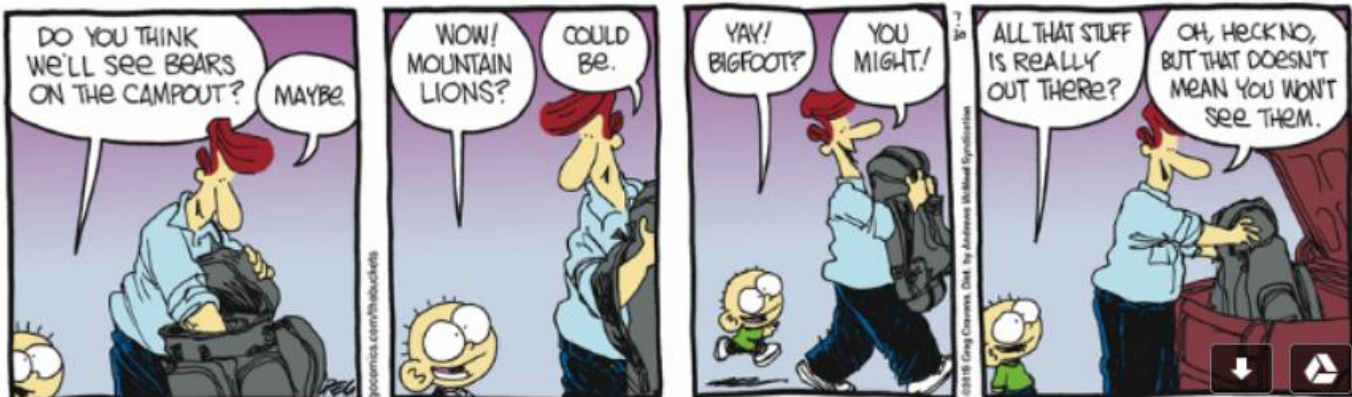
Adult Activities

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

There is no cost for Adult Activities

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

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





Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



BSA Membership Fee to Change Beginning Jan. 1, 2020



Starting next year, the Boy Scouts of America membership fee will be \$60 a year for all registered youth in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts. The annual fee for adult members and youth in the Exploring program will be \$36.

While costs to the organization have increased every year, the Boy Scouts of America has worked to keep the annual membership fee as low as possible by subsidizing core costs, including liability insurance the BSA must carry to cover all official Scouting activities.

Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to subsidize these costs at levels in the past, especially as the cost of insurance has increased dramatically. The BSA kept the cost low to make Scouting available to as many young people as possible but keeping the cost artificially low for many years now magnifies the impact of changes.

Across the country, Scouting remains one of the most valuable investments that can be made to support youth. From once-in-a-lifetime adventures to merit badges that spark interests and future careers; from campouts under the stars to service projects that leave a lasting impact on our communities; Scouting's year-round program expands horizons and provides young people with a safe and welcoming place to learn, grow and thrive. It has been Scouting's mission for more than 100 years to instill the timeless ideals of the Scout Law to help young people address and overcome challenges in their lives and the issues facing their generation.

To ensure the BSA has the resources to fulfill the promise of Scouting despite increasing operating costs, the National Executive Board made the difficult, but necessary decision to increase the annual membership fee effective January 1, 2020.



Rechecks of Criminal Backgrounds Explained



You might have seen an email announcing that the Boy Scouts of America will be performing periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds of all volunteers.

Without dedicated volunteers, Scouting wouldn't be the great, life-changing program it is today. You help make Scouting happen. You can also help make Scouting a safe place for our Scouts.

The BSA is committed to youth safety, so before your 2020 annual registration can be processed, you've got to review the disclosure documentation and sign a background check authorization as detailed in the email.

To get some additional clarity on the topic, *Bryan on Scouting* (<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org>) talked to Steve McGowan, General Counsel for the Boy Scouts of America.

"We recognize this requires some extra steps for all of us who are volunteers, but it's one more way we are committed to putting youth safety first," McGowan says.

He also mentioned that the organization had received some questions about this initiative, so he has helped put together this FAQ so volunteers could get answers to their questions. These FAQs can be seen at:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/10/14/rechecks-of-criminal-backgrounds-explained/>

One of the most important FAQs was:

What happens if a unit leader does not provide an authorization?

Leaders who do not provide new authorization will not be able to renew their registration. Council registrars should be instructed not to renew any adult without first confirming that a new signed authorization form is on file at the council service center.



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)



LDS Transition



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

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

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

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

- An article in the Salt Lake Tribune about the new Latter Day Saints church youth program video shared in LDS churches: 'Top Latter-day Saint leaders discuss post-Scouting program in worldwide video' - www.sltrib.com/religion/2019/09/29/top-latter-day-saint/
- Bryan on Scouting article from July 2019 - 'How you can welcome families moving from LDS units to your pack or troop' - <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/07/30/how-you-can-welcome-families-moving-from-lds-units-to-your-pack-or-troop/?fbclid=IwAR06NiQV27M0eQWAA1tyqJodQDAFTN4IrvW8CJR9ELr8-AI-cuYaKoKJExk>
- Official LDS FAQ on transition - www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/english/young-men/16635_000.pdf?lang=eng
- Further guidance from the LDS Church - www.churchofjesuschrist.org/callings/aaronic-priesthood/leader-resources/scouting-in-the-church?lang=eng
- LDS approved recruiting poster - www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/english/young-men/310-1302%2818%29_LDS_FishingCS_Flyer_FILL_FPO.pdf?lang=eng
- Greater Salt Lake Council video 'The Path Forward' with former National Commissioner, Charles Dahlquist - www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsipkWAO_CE
- BSA's LDS-BSA transition website - www.ldsbsa.org/2020-transition/
- Draft letters from ScoutWiki that can be used - https://en.scoutwiki.org/LDS_Transition_Letter?fbclid=IwAR01LHa9n175v3ul3fCaJX75ZM99tKY8ePKI584f5z7jf0-rIGIQUPqWOYc
- June 27th, LDS Scouter Blog article - 'Why Church Members Should Use Scouting to Complement the New Youth Initiative' - www.latterdaysaintscouting.org/blog/a-minute-with-mark-blog/a-minute-with-mark-scouting-friends/?fbclid=IwAR1uzmGddRknYvjFsrnBnedOCX7qGadeN0AB2yMY6yV Mo7ulh5r7EsOZ5io
- One LDS Scouting Family's video on why they're staying - www.youtube.com/watch?v=feaY-T_q2EY&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3u3asJPJZGixHj7rt7slooYdXomAICiEXDVJP13IH-vchfrgXLSXyW_I8&app=desktop
- Facebook resources on LDS Scouting transition: www.facebook.com/groups/CubScoutScouters.LDSandCommunity/
www.facebook.com/SaintsandScouts/?hc_location=ufi

Questions from a New Den Leader



If your Cub Scout pack is typical, you'll not only be recruiting Scouts this fall – you'll also be recruiting adult leaders. Den Leaders are the ones that packs usually need the most, and they're the most important because they deliver the program.

Your prospective den leaders will undoubtedly be full of questions, since many will come to you with either no Scouting background or perhaps have experienced Scouting as a youth member many years ago. If so, direct them to these Bobwhite Blather articles:

- <https://bobwhiteblather.com/questions-from-a-new-den-leader/>
- <https://bobwhiteblather.com/more-ideas-for-den-meeting-planning/>



The Akela Chess Classic Cub Scout Tournament



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

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

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

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

Fees: The cost is \$25.00 per Scout.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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.

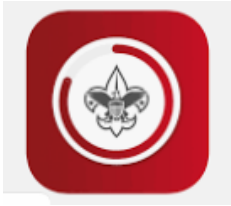
When:

- 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



Scoutbook – Hands-on Experience Opportunity



A demonstration environment has been established where you can get a hands-on experience for the new Scoutbook for den leaders without disrupting the real business of your den.

To access, please visit <https://leaderpp.scouting.org>. At the log in page, a set of credentials to choose from is presented to you in the top-left corner. Simply select a user and click “log in”. The experience is best accessed and viewed from your smart phone.

For an app-like experience that provides you immediate access, be sure to “add to home screen” from your device. Instructions are below.

For iOS Users:

2. In your Safari browser, click the upload symbol.
3. Scroll to the right until you find “Add to Home Screen”.
4. Click “Add” in the top right corner.

For Android Users:

1. Click the Create Bookmark icon.
2. Click the “Add to” drop down and select “Home Screen”.
3. Click “OK”.

A quick note, as this is a demo environment with multiple people accessing, you may see some changes or find some meetings may be moved, etc. This is to be expected. A how-to-guide can be found at <https://help.scoutbook.com/knowledge-base/den-leader-experience-demo-environment-sb/> There are also presetup den meetings. You can see the walkthrough via the guide.



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/



2020 Philmont & Sea Base Adventures Now Available!



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

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

Philmont

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

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

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

Sea Base

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

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

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

How to Apply

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

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



Help Your Units Plan Their High-Adventure Trips with Videos



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

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



Boys' Life Wants YOU (actually your Scout) to Join the Magazine Advisory Team



What does your Scout think of *Boys' Life* magazine?

Do they have ideas of what they'd like to see more of? Less of? What's their favorite section? Least favorite? What new stories would they like to see?

They can let the *Boys' Life* editors know by joining an advisory team for the magazine. Boys' Life isn't looking for input from adults for this team, just youth of all ages.

Scouts can fill out a form (with their parent's or guardian's permission) at <https://boyslife.org/contact-us/magteam/>, and will be emailed a series of surveys to complete. If they're younger than 13, parents will receive a copy of the emails, too. A few readers might get the opportunity to participate on a video panel to directly share their feedback and ideas with Boys' Life editors.

Since 1911, *Boys' Life* has been the premiere magazine from the Boy Scouts of America for kids and teens, featuring award-winning stories, photos and comics. Online, it's the home to fun games, jokes and podcasts. Research has shown that youth who subscribe advance further, spend more time outdoors and stay in Scouting longer than those who don't.

For the adults

OK, Scouters, after you've let your youth know about how to join the BL advisory team, how do you send in your ideas?

You can go to <https://boyslife.org/contact-us/> to send in outings, service projects and more for the editorial team to consider.

You can also send in your story ideas for *Scouting* magazine at <https://scoutingmagazine.org/contact/story-idea/>. You can send in letters to the editor at <https://scoutingmagazine.org/contact/letter/>.



Planning for the Blue and Gold Banquet



There are almost as many kinds of Blue and Gold Banquets as there are packs. Some groups have a full catered meal while others have a potluck dinner and others only serve cake or have an ice cream sundae bar. Regardless of how your pack celebrates, there is some planning involved.

To help in your planning and to see 6 good planning guides that may help you as you prepare go to <http://cubscoutideas.com/2149/blue-and-gold-banquet-planning-guides/>

Yet some blue and gold banquets last longer than *Gone with the Wind*, testing the endurance of boys and parents alike. So check out <http://scoutingmagazine.org/2011/01/make-your-blue-and-gold-banquet-enjoyable/> on how to get everything accomplished and still get the boys in bed on time.



Blue and Gold (The Complete Guide to Working the Scout Market)



The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated on February 8, 1910, so most packs celebrate our anniversary in February with the Blue and Gold Banquet. According to the BSA website, “the purpose of the blue and gold banquet is to celebrate the pack’s anniversary, thank pack leaders and other adults who have helped the pack, and inspire the leaders, Scouts, and parents.”

This 60 page book is jammed full of the most relevant information you could ever ask for in regards to working not only Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinners, but also how to work any scouting program and event. This is one of the **ONLY** books that is devoted solely to giving **YOU** the information you need to work a market that can generate income for you in the slow times of the year and year round.

If you are already performing for children, work a family-focused show or if you are even a strolling magician, then Blue and Gold Banquets are a perfect extension of what you are already doing. You can learn to work them well with simply modifying your current show and having an understanding of how to market effectively to them. This is what Kyle gives to you and so much more.

This book teaches you not only how to understand the Scout market, but also answers questions that Scout groups are specifically looking for in an entertainer. It shows you step-by-step techniques on exactly how to market to scout groups to land the gigs you want to be doing. Kyle also gives you his full lead generation letter, follow-up letters and full templates that he has used for years to handle all aspects of communication and marketing.

For more information about this book go to:
<http://www.penguinmagic.com/p/S14003>

Podcasts



November 2019 – Pack Communication



Playwright George Bernard Shaw said, “The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.”

Communication is so important to the success of a Pack, so joining us this month is Sherry Miller, who has held every den leader position and several different committee positions with Pack 84 out of First Baptist Church in Sulphur, Louisiana. Sherry is currently serving as Roundtable Commissioner.

Together we’re going to figure out the best practices for Pack Communication.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/cubcast/2019/november-2019-pack-communication/>



November 2019 – Winter Camping – Why You Should Brave the Cold



Why would anyone want to go camping in cold weather? Seriously – we want to know. So we invited Zach Chopp-Adams, district member at large for the Three Fires District in Southern Shores Field Service Council located in Southern Michigan. Zach has been winter camping for over 20 years – and he's only 33.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/scoutcast/2019/november-2019-winter-camping-why-you-should-brave-the-cold/>

Training Opportunities

Pow Wow 2019



What is Pow Wow? Pow Wow is a supplemental, action-packed training event for adult Cub Scout Leaders, Pack Committee Members, Charter Organization Representatives, parents of Cub Scouts and Cub Scout-interested persons. You'll spend the day learning new ideas, concepts and having hands-on experiences that will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scouts.

Training sessions are offered on relevant topics for every Cub Scout position and are designed to help you make your Cub Scout program more fun for the Scouts ... and for you too!!!

Pow Wow is an all-day adult training event and the course sessions are intended for adults only. All courses have limited enrollment and many fill very quickly. Courses that reach maximum enrollment will not be available when you electronically pre-registration or at walk-in registration.

When is Pow Wow? Pow Wow is Saturday, November 16, 2019. Doors open at 7:30 am with 8:00 am for walk-in registration. Opening ceremony begins at 8:25 am. The first training session starts at 9:00 am.

Where is Pow Wow? Annandale High School at 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale, VA 22003.

What's included for the registration fee? The fee includes a day of training (as many as six courses, an event patch, lunch with beverage and a cookie), and as much scout fellowship, spirit, and networking you can take-in during the day!!

For more information about PowWow go to: www.ncacbsa.org/training/pow-wow/

NCAC Camp's OPI: Wilderness First Aid



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

Courses are offered at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. Go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-30602> to see and register for classes for Nov 2019 thru May 2020.



National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) 2020



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

University of Scouting 2020



When: February 29, 2020

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

Registration: Opens early January 2020

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

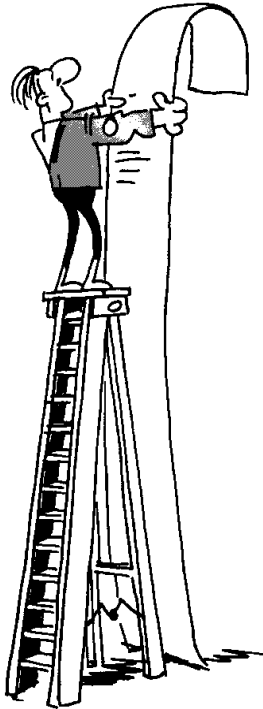
- The College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses from pack administration to planning for an outdoor program.
- The College of Boy Scouting provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.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



Top Ten Things a Scoutmaster Learns When Eating with His Scouts

10. Teaspoon and tablespoon measurements are interchangeable, especially when measuring hot spices.
9. Pop Tarts are part of the food pyramid.
8. Cremation is a cooking technique.
7. The item that takes the longest to cook is always cooked last.
6. The Scout equivalents of rare, medium, and well done are frozen, raw, and burnt.
5. Recipes are always left home on the kitchen table or known only by the one Scout not on the campout.
4. Fires with 10-foot flames are a 'must' for cooking.
3. One key ingredient is always forgotten.
2. Food that falls in the fire and still served is often the best, at least there's a reason for the grittiness.
1. That each meal is always the "best he's ever had!"

District Calendar



November 2019

2 **SFF Distribution**
 9 **SFF Food Pickup**
 13 Roundtable
 13 OA Chapter Meeting
 20 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg
 23 **Life to Eagle**
 27-29 School Holiday
 30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

December 2019

11 Roundtable
 11 OA Chapter Meeting
 18 **Annual District Business Meeting**
 23-31 Winter Break

January 2020

1 Holiday
 8 Roundtable
 8 OA Chapter Meeting
 20 MLK Jr. Day
 21 Moveable School Holiday
 22 District Committee & Commissioner Staff Mtg

February 2020

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

March 2020

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

April 2020

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

May 2020

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

June 2020

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

July 2020

4 Fourth of July

August 2020

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

September 2020

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

October 2020

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

Goose Creek District Leadership Chart

