



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
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 For Everyone

 New Article

From Scouting Rediscovered., <http://scoutingrediscovered.com/scoutcraft/dreams-and-decisions/>



## Dreams and Decisions

I had a dream once.

It was to make my Troop the perfect Scout Troop. I just joined Scouting and I was excited about the whole thing. I knew if I worked hard enough, I could become a leader and iron out all the wrinkles that I observed around me.

Six crazy years later, I still have that dream, and it is still just a dream.

I've learned a lot through Scouting so far, but this is one thing that strikes me as particularly important and applicable to all other areas of life: no one can simply decide to make a dream a reality. No one can wake up in the morning and decide to have a good Scout Troop or a bad one. We cannot choose our destination – we can only choose the next place we're going to place our foot.

Think about a Troop you've seen that runs a very poor Scouting program. None of the youth leaders or Scoutmasters of that Troop got up in the morning and said to themselves, "I'm going to ditch all the traditional principles of Scouting." or "I'm going to drop expectations as low as I can.". They didn't choose their destination, but they did choose all those little steps which led up to it. Maybe it was just more convenient at the time or maybe someone gave them bad advice.

Dreams are wonderful things! They give us hope; they inspire us; they guide our decisions... but unless all the little decisions are made right, then we won't ever get closer to that dream.

When I was a Patrol Leader, I dreamed of having the perfect Patrol. Now, as an adult leader, I still dream of having the perfect Troop. I wouldn't trade that dream for anything! Sometimes, though, I got so caught up in the dream that I forgot how important the little decisions were.

I can now add another item to the long list of life lessons Scouting has helped teach me: the little things matter; they are the real decisions! When a sledge hammer comes down and shatters a dream into thousands of little pieces, we can look closer and see that it was only made up of thousands of little decisions.

Little decisions - Are they strong? Are they right? I try to make mine better every day!

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**The newsletter staff is taking the month of July off, the next district newsletter will be August 2020.**

## District News

District Website: [www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek](http://www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek)

### 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/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/outdoor-adventuring/shooting-sports/)) that can be useful in finding classes (currently only those in 2019 are listed though). Also please contact Steve Wolfson ([SteveWolfson@verizon.net](mailto:SteveWolfson@verizon.net)) if you are interested.

### District Uniform Closet



Is your kid growing? They have a habit of doing that, don't they? Got a drawer full of slides and neckerchiefs you will never use again? Don't throw out those outgrown uniform pieces! Goose Creek is starting a "uniform Closet", to benefit those families that need a boost getting their Scout outfitted. As they say, "Waste not, want not". Contact Shannon at [GooseCreekCubCamp@gmail.com](mailto:GooseCreekCubCamp@gmail.com) for more information, if you have pieces to donate, or if you know of a Scout that could benefit. We are also planning a "uniform drive" at Day/Twilight Camp (whenever it may happen next)!

### Webelos-o-ree 2019



The date for the Goose Creek's annual Webelos-o-ree is set for October 3-4, 2020 at Camp Snyder. This event is open to all Webelos so mark the date down on your calendar now. Note: Those that are currently Bears will be Webelos this fall and are eligible to attend.

This camping event is designed to show Webelos and their parents what a Scouts BSA troop is all about. The activities will be run by our own troops and can include such things as: Fire building, cooking, monkey bridge, BB shooting and/or archery, first aid, and knife safety. We provide dinner and in the evening there is a campfire run by the Order of the Arrow. For the adults we'll provide plenty of Scout leaders to answer questions about camping, joining a troop, and camping equipment. We will also hold a Webelos to Scout orientation for Arrow of Light Scouts.

The Webelos-o-ree starts off with an opening ceremony Saturday morning and wraps up Sunday after chapel services. For those who don't want to camp over, there are also registration options for staying just for the activity periods and for joining us for dinner and the campfire before going home.

## Troop Participation in the Webelos-o-ree



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

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

For the past few years we have tried to keep certain activities reserved for the troops that have done them in the past, this has often had us scrambling to fill them in when we finally heard that a troop doing one could not come that year. **This year all activity slots are open and will be given to the first troop that requests them.**

## Scouts at Loudoun United FC Pro Soccer Game



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

The Scout individual ticket price is \$15 a ticket. Stay tuned for a website advertising this event with this BSA Scout pricing. For now, please visit their website to learn more about their exciting season at: [www.loudoununitedfc.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:ElizabethEsper@yahoo.com). We have the field from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm and, by request, they will offer one of their players, nutritionists, athletic coaches, or staff to talk to the Scouts about careers in sports, nutrition, physical therapy and athletic training.

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

## Goose Creek 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](mailto:JimBonfils@icloud.com)

## 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



## “Cheerful Service Chatter”

Chapter News for our Arrowmen  
Lodge Website: [www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA](http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA)



## OA Calendar



- 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, 2021 – Lodge Banquet

## “Onward and Upward”

### On the Advancement Trail



### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

**Samuel Barthes** – Troop 1910

**Reilly Hornech** – Troop 982

**Philip Thresher** – Troop 1910



### Scoutbook Introduces a Faster Way to Track Your Scout’s Progress



Recording service hours and camping nights just got easier. The Scoutbook team has introduced Activity Logs.

With this update, unit leaders can easily add multiple registered youth and adults in the same activity entry. Parents and their youth will also be able to make updates through the Scouting app or Internet Advancement, whichever works best for them. All recorded service hours will automatically count toward Journey To Excellence, too.

Personal activities can still be privately recorded and, similar to advancements, be submitted to unit leaders for review and approval.

Aspects that are going away include the Good Turn For America service hours website. Councils can still use the Good Turn for America tools for entering Eagle Scout service project hours and Exploring service hours.

Previously recorded logs on service, camping and activities have been migrated to the new logs; Scoutbook users will be redirected to Internet Advancement to access them.

For more on the new activity logs and how to record activities go to <https://help.scoutbook.com/knowledge-base/activitylogs/>.

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#### Top Ten Reasons Why I'm In Scouting

- 10 - My basement was empty and needed remodeling anyway.
- 9 - I get to wear a uniform.
- 8 - I like the smell of bug repellent.
- 7 - I enjoy going to the bathroom in the woods.
- 6 - I'm in it for the crafts.
- 5 - I'm allergic to house chores (needed something to fill the void).
- 4 - I get quality time with my son and 30 of his closest friends.
- 3 - It's a great way to collect coffee mugs.
- 2 - I needed a tax write off.
- 1 - It only takes an hour each week.



## How to Conduct a Board of Review through Videoconferencing



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

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

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

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

If an Eagle Scout board of review must be convened using videoconferencing, make a request to the NCAC ARC ([alandeter@verizon.net](mailto:alandeter@verizon.net)), and indicate the following:

- Scout's Name, BSA ID, Date of Birth
- Troop, District
- Reason for Request including the urgency that argues against holding an in-person Board of Review when conditions will allow in-person meetings in the near future

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

## Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Recognition



The Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution serving Northwestern Virginia invites you to recognize your Eagle Scout with a letter and certificate of recognition for their Court of Honor. Application is easy but can take 4-6 weeks for delivery due to the approval process.

Please provide the following information when ordering a letter and certificate:

1. Scout's Full Name:
2. Scout's Troop Number:
3. Date for Court of Honor (if known):
4. Name/position of person requesting letter and certificate (for accounting purposes):
5. Address for mailing letter and certificate:

You may address all requests and inquiries to:

Robert Fagan  
Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman, SAR Scouting Activities

Email: [rjfm1f99@hotmail.com](mailto:rjfm1f99@hotmail.com)

## Temporary Changes Made to Rank Advancement/Camping Requirements



Scouts BSA has implemented temporary changes, detailed below, to allow Scouts to complete rank requirements by through September 1, 2020. This deadline will be re-evaluated as needed.

The goal when using video conferencing must be to preserve the ideals and intent of each requirement as best as possible. Scoutmasters or their designee(s) should remain mindful of the Methods of Scouting, such as the Patrol Method, before implementing the modified requirements listed below. Some advancement activities can be completed by video conferencing but not all. For example, virtual visits to a city council meeting, national historic landmarks, museums, and art galleries may be acceptable, but swimming, rifle shooting, and motorboating merit badges cannot be completed virtually.

Even when using video conferencing, all virtual campouts and activities should consist of as many elements found on a normal outdoor campout or activity as possible. All existing youth protection policies and digital safety guidelines must be followed.

### **Tenderfoot rank requirements**

- 1b. – Virtual patrol or troop campouts via video conferencing will be permitted.
- 2a. – During the same day as your virtual patrol or troop campout, assist in preparing one meal with the help of those with whom you live. Tell your patrol or troop why it was important for each person to share in meal preparation and cleanup.
- 2b. – During the same day as your virtual campout, demonstrate the appropriate method of safely cleaning items used to prepare, serve and eat a meal.
- 5a. – Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Verbally commit to following the buddy system on your next troop or patrol outing.
- 7a. – Tell how to display, raise, lower, and fold the U.S. flag.

### **Second Class rank requirements:**

- 1a & 1c. – Virtual patrol or troop activities via video conferencing will be permitted.
- 3b. – Using a compass and map together, plan a 5-mile hike approved by your adult leader.
- 4. – Evidence of wild animals can be demonstrated with information or photos of your local area found online.
- 5c. – May be completed virtually via video conferencing on dry land.
- 7c. – Learn about the dangers of using drugs, alcohol and tobacco and other practices that could be harmful to your health. Discuss what you learned with your family and explain the dangers of substance addictions. Report to your Scoutmaster or other adult leader in your troop about which parts of the Scout Oath and Scout Law relate to what you learned.
- 8a. – May be completed virtually using video conferencing.
- 8d. – May be completed by comparing costs at three (3) online sites or locations.

### **First Class rank requirements:**

- 1a – Virtual patrol or troop activities via video conferencing will be permitted.
- 2e. – On the same day as your virtual campout, serve as the cook. Supervise your assistant(s) in using a stove or building a cooking fire. Prepare the breakfast, lunch, and dinner planned in First Class requirement 2a. Supervise the cleanup.
- 4a. – By drawing, computer software, or other virtual methods, plan an orienteering course that would cover at least one mile. Explain why measuring the height and/or width of designated items (tree, tower, canyon, ditch, etc.) is helpful. Explain how you would complete your course using a real map and compass.
- 4b. – Scouts do not need to follow their route.
- 5a. – Evidence of native plants can be demonstrated with information or photos of your local area found online.
- 6e. – May be completed on dry land.
- 9a. – Visit may take place virtually or by phone.
- 9c. – Outings can include past or future plans.

## Life-to-Eagle Training



Keep your eyes open for an email announcement of our remaining 2020 offerings of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek.

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

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

**Date:** August 15 or 22, 2020 (pending confirmation libraries will be open)

**Time:** TBD

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

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

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

## Merit Badge Corner

### How to apply to be a Merit Badge Counselor



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

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



## Council / National News

Council Website: [www.NCACBSA.org](http://www.NCACBSA.org)

### ★ Journey to Excellence Scoring Will be Adjusted in Light of COVID-19



When you planned a big spring event for your pack, troop, crew or ship last year, you weren't counting on a global pandemic disrupting everything.

The same can be said about the volunteers who created the 2020 Journey to Excellence scorecards ([www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/](http://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/)).

Journey to Excellence, often shortened to JTE, is a self-evaluation tool that lets unit leaders see, quantitatively, how well their unit is meeting the goals of Scouting. JTE scorecards are updated each year to reflect feedback from unit leaders like you.

"We made certain assumptions in creating the JTE standards," says Neil Lupton, chairman of the BSA's National Assessment and Evaluation Committee. "Those assumptions fail in the face of the coronavirus."

That's why the committee has announced that it will re-evaluate and revise JTE requirements once the coronavirus threat is diminished and the country's path forward becomes more clear.

"As always, JTE should be helpful and encouraging to all in Scouting," says Jeff Rand, Lupton's professional counterpart on the committee and leader of the BSA's performance management team.

### ★ 2021 NCAC High Adventure Expeditions



**Philmont 12-day Backpacking:** June 26–July 10 and July 17–31

- 4 crews (12 max) available on each date!
- Philmont Online Registration Portal: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-37103>

**Sea Base Coral Reef Sailing!** July 17 to 23

- Two Crews of 6-8 each are available!
- Contact [john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org)

**Northern Tier Wilderness Canoeing!** July 20 to 31

- One Crew of 6-8 is available!
- Contact [john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org)

All logistics are handled by the High Adventure Committee. You just need to pack. And train, update your gear, train, plan your routes, train, and have the trip of a lifetime.



## NCAC Summer Camp 2020 Update



As always, your safety and the safety of all our members, volunteers, and employees is the Boy Scouts of America's top priority. As such, we have taken a careful and informed approach in evaluating whether to run summer camp this year. Since the spread of this pandemic, we have been continually monitoring the situation, and consulting with health experts, government officials and other camp professionals.

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that, after a thorough review, the National Capital Area Council has decided to suspend our resident camp programs at Goshen Scout Reservation, Camp William B. Snyder, Camp Airy, and the Day Camp program for the 2020 summer season. We know camp is an important part of every Scout's summer, and this decision was not made lightly. This is not the end of our summer programming, however; NCAC has assembled a team of volunteers who are designing a fun, exciting alternative program that provides advancement opportunities for our Scouts. More information on these programs will be coming soon.

As promised, we will be issuing refunds for any payments already made towards camp. Your unit will have the following options for your refund:

**1. Roll over some or all of your payments to Summer 2021.**

We look forward to getting our summer camp community back together as soon as possible; rolling your payment forward as a deposit for next year ensures you will be a part of that fun!

**2. Request a refund for your 2020 fees.**

We appreciate your patience as we determine how to make refunds available.

If you have already registered for summer camp, please discuss with your unit and inform us which option you would prefer. If we have not heard from you by June 30, 2020, we will roll your deposit to next year.

Our entire team is saddened that we will not be able to see you at camp this summer. This is an extraordinarily challenging time unlike anything we have experienced. Our hope is we all emerge from this challenging moment stronger than before.

Most importantly, we look forward to providing the full range of Scouting programs, including outdoor adventures, as soon as the situation allows. For Scouting At Home information and resources, please visit [ncacbsa.org/scouting-at-home](https://ncacbsa.org/scouting-at-home).

We hope all our Scouting families stay healthy and positive in our current environment and join us in preparing for future great summer camp experiences at Camp!



## 2020 High Adventure Base Ops Under COVID-19



**Philmont:** [www.philmontscoutranch.org/coronavirus/](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/coronavirus/)

Closed until July 1, all treks before this are canceled  
Philmont will have revised crew details by May 31st

**Sea Base:** [www.bsaseabase.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Sea-Base-Coronavirus-Update-05.01.2020.pdf](http://www.bsaseabase.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Sea-Base-Coronavirus-Update-05.01.2020.pdf)

USVI trips open June 1st, June 15th for FL Keys trips  
SeaBase.Events@scouting.org

**Northern Tier:** [www.ntier.org/Covid-19/](http://www.ntier.org/Covid-19/)

Ely will open June 15  
Atikokan and Bissett are closed for 2020

**Summit:** [www.summitbsa.org/covid19/](http://www.summitbsa.org/covid19/)

Closed until July 1  
Two weeks added to 2020 summer season

VIDEO: [Conversation w/the High Adventure Bases](#)

- All bases will have additional screening, cleaning and distancing protocols in place upon your arrival
- Rescheduling options very flexible; you may book later this year or up thru 2022, transfer to another HA base
- If cancel is only option, 10% fee, receive in 10-12 wks
- WFA/CPR: highly encouraged but not req'd in 2020
  - BSA online learning class may be made available
- Annual Health/Medical Record:
  - Parts A&B must be dated w/in 2 wks of arrival
  - Part C's dated after 02/01/19 accepted
  - Sports/school exams dated >02/01/19 accepted
- Swim checks req'd – may sub equivalent skills (i.e., MB)
- Philmont: min crew size of 5 participants (2 adults)
- Adult/youth ratio for “aging out” relaxed thru 2022

## Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities



As Scouting moves to virtual and online platforms, we offer the following reminders to help keep kids safe. The below guidance applies to all online Scouting activities and meetings.

Note: Some states may have legal requirements that differ from, and even go beyond, what is provided here. It is your responsibility to check and abide by your state laws and consult your local council when reviewing and applying the following guidance, which is not comprehensive.

- **Follow all youth protection policies.**
  - **All youth protection policies still apply in an online environment.** Ensure you always have two-deep leadership for online activities and meetings. Our ban on one-on-one contact between an adult leader and youth applies to all interactions — whether in person, online, through a web conference, over the phone, via text, or in any other form.
  - All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents, and the BSA suggests parents take part in online activities and meetings.
- **Use business-oriented conference platforms that include good safety and privacy features instead of platforms with other primary purposes (such as gaming).**
  - Review the terms of service, safety and privacy features, and data collection policies of any platform you use, and review the BSA Digital Privacy and Social Media Guidelines.
- **Regularly review and implement the latest security features of your chosen platform to avoid unauthorized visitors or other security issues in your meetings.**
  - Just as you put in place plans for the physical security of your meeting place, here are some tips to consider as you get started developing your own strategy to manage online security:
    - Use unique meeting identification numbers for each session.
    - Utilize password features for all meetings.
    - Do not publish meeting invitations via public forums and remind attendees not to pass along invitations.
    - Use “waiting room” features to manage letting individuals into your meetings.
    - Disable features that you will not need, such as screen-sharing by non-hosts, private chats, and whiteboards.
- **Do not record online activities/meetings that include youth participants.**
- **Recording of online activities that only involve adults is subject to local council legal review and approval. Check with your local council for guidance.**
  - Call recording is subject to various legal requirements under U.S. law and the laws of individual states, some of which require all parties to a call consent to recording.
- **Safeguard personal information.**
  - If you collect a person’s personal information online—for example, through web forms used to register people for online meetings—then you should post a notice or disclosure at the point of collection describing how you will use the information. The notice should be conspicuous and written in plain English.
  - Meeting organizers must keep such information private and not share a youth’s personal information with anyone except that youth’s parent or guardian or the unit leader responsible for tracking advancements.
- **Collecting personal information from youth under 13 is not recommended.**
  - Do not collect personal information *directly* from youth under 13 years of age due to the parental notice and consent requirements under the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (“COPPA”). You should collect any data needed from the parent or legal guardian only.

## 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.



## 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/>.

## Training Opportunities

### 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.

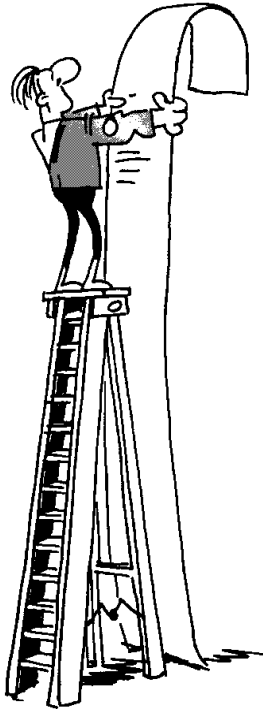
The next class will be held Sept 18-20 and Oct 17-18. The fee for the course is \$300

To register and find out more information go to [www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/](http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/)



"If hiking is so good for the soul, why are mine covered in blisters?"

## District Calendar



### June 2020

10 Roundtable  
10 OA Chapter Meeting  
11 Commissioner Mtg  
24 District Committee

### July 2020

4 Fourth of July

### August 2020

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

### September 2020

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

### October 2020

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

### November 2020

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

### December 2020

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

### January 2021

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

### February 2021

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

### March 2021

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

### April 2021

8 Commissioner Mtg  
12 School Holiday  
14 Roundtable  
14 OA Chapter Meeting  
28 District Committee

### May 2021

12 Roundtable  
12 OA Chapter Meeting  
13 Commissioner Mtg  
26 District Committee  
31 Memorial Day