



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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 For Everyone

 New Article



from Scoutmaster Jerry, <http://thescoutmasterminute.net/2015/11/22/reflection-2/>

Reflection

If you play a game that has a desired outcome or purpose it is important that you first know what that purpose is and then have some way of knowing if you achieved the results you were looking for.

By and large that is the reason we have an Eagle Scout Board of Review. We can assess and determine through the interview with the Scout whether or not the program is delivering the promise of Scouting and achieving its goals of helping make young people of character, good citizens, that are physically fit. Along with all of that, do they make ethical choices and does it look like they will do the same in the future.

Reflection is an important part of every thing that we do in Scouting. It allows us to take a look back and see if we achieved the outcomes we want in playing our game.

Reflection comes in many forms, we can do it as a group or take time in silent reflection. But no activity is complete until the reflection is done.

This last weekend our Troop went camping. First winter camp out of the year and we went caving on Saturday exploring the largest Lava tube cave in the US. It is adventurous and challenging and our Scouts love to test themselves. As with most outings or activities a theme develops throughout the weekend. This weekend the theme quickly became "Rising to the Challenge". Overcoming hardship, attitudes, and things that make you uncomfortable were some of the behaviors that we noticed in our Scouts as they went through the weekend.

For some of the Scouts it was the first time they would camp in sub freezing temperatures. For some it was their first time in a cave. For others it was a leadership challenge as they learned that as a leader there were Scouts that depended on them to just get through the weekend. Cold weather, challenging experiences, and doing something new and difficult, these young men learned and practiced great leadership. I was pleased to watch as members of the Patrol Leaders Council made their way through camp checking on the younger Scouts. Instructing them on how to get through the night. Reassuring younger Scouts that they will be ok and that if they do what they are taught, they will be warmer in the morning and will be able to have a better experience in winter camping.

I walked through camp Saturday night around 10:30 and found gear properly stored, tents pitched with all the tie outs in place and the sounds of tired happy Scouts sitting in their tents, the gentle glow of a headlamp lighting the green nylon of a tent fly.

Sunday morning leadership was once again challenged as cold fingers attempted to pack even colder nylon tents and sleeping bags. Our departure time was supposed to be 9:00 AM. We missed it by 20 minutes, but the reason was acceptable to me. The Troop was in Patrol lines taking a few minutes to share a few things they learned over the weekend. Patrol leaders talking with their patrols about the challenges they faced over the weekend and how they all rose to the challenge. Before we loaded up I shared with them my pride in them and how they are great young men. I shared with them the fact that they needed to reflect on the weekend and see just how much they learned about skills, their attitude, and how they grew because of the experience. The final question that I asked them to reflect on was this, Is there any place you would rather be?

When we got back to the hall and parents started arriving to pick up their Scouts, many of the Scouts came to me and shared the answer to that last question. Each and every one of them say "NO WHERE ELSE".

So reflecting back on this weekend I would say Promise Delivered and Program solid.

It is important to reflect. You may not always get the answer you want, that is your opportunity to learn and grow doing better next time. If things are going well... keep it that way! Don't let it slip.

Make sure that reflection time is a part of your program. Have the Scouts take time to reflect and have serious reflection on how they are doing in the Scouting program. It is a game with a purpose, without reflection, you will not know if that purpose is being met..

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



COVID Guidance for NCAC Units Chartered in Virginia



As of December 10, 2020, Virginia's Governor Northam has tightened COVID-19 restrictions related to group gatherings:

"Reduction in social gatherings: All social gatherings must be limited to 10 individuals, down from the current cap of 25 people. Social gatherings include, but are not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, regardless of whether they occur indoors or outdoors. This does not apply to religious services, employment settings, or educational settings. Restaurants and retail stores are already governed by strict social distancing requirements, and are not included in this limit."

Last week the Commonwealth of Virginia issued new COVID-19 directives designed to reduce the rate of community transmission of the virus. To ensure compliance with these new restrictions, until such time as new directives are issued, there should be no overnight Scouting events at the unit, district, or council levels in Virginia. In addition, Scouting meetings and activities should be organized in smaller cohorts to keep groups sizes below 10 participants. Please note this applies to outdoor as well as indoor meetings or events, and that non-participating adults or other family members who will be at the site also count towards this total.

For all leaders in National Capital Area Council, please ensure your unit continues to operate within state and local guidelines that apply to your chartered organization and to any venues where you will be holding meetings or events. If you are unsure if your unit activities are in accordance with local guidelines, please discuss the matter with your chartered organization and unit committee.

There has been very encouraging news recently about our fight against this pandemic, and we are hopeful it means we are near the end of this disruption to our Scouting program. Thank you for your continued support, and for helping to keep our Scouts safe and healthy during this challenging time.

Prior to any unit activity, this [Pre-Event Medical Screening Checklist](#) should be reviewed and used as necessary



Freeze-o-ree to be Rescheduled



Due to Virginia's Governor Northam tightened COVID-19 restrictions, and guidance from the National Capitol Area Council, the Goose Creek Chapter of the Order of the Arrow felt it necessary to reschedule the Freeze-O-Ree originally planned for February 2021. We do look forward to resuming all normal activities as restrictions are lifted.



Ashburn Troop 997 Ups the Ante with Scouting for Food



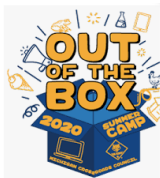
Last summer, Troop 997 Scouts came together to collect food in their neighborhoods to help restock the depleted shelves at the Dulles South Food Pantry. Forty Scouts, parents and siblings worked to collect nearly 1400 pounds of donated food and accrued 100 service hours across the Troop.

Seeking to help restock again after the Thanksgiving holiday, newly elected SPL Martin M. and his ASPLs Andy J. and Joe W. led Troop 997 in their own Scouting for Food effort, gathering over 2600 pounds of food last Sunday for the Dulles South Food Pantry, with Scouts and adults hanging door tags, collecting food, sorting and delivering. "It was great seeing both old faces again and new faces for the first time all working for a good cause, regardless of our unique circumstances", said SPL Martin M.

Troop 997 has most recently been conducting Troop meetings via Zoom, but remains committed to a monthly, safe outdoor program. Recent activities include a hike to Sky Meadow, a day trip to the Sandy Spring Adventure Park, a day hike at Gettysburg, a better-late-than-never New Scout campout in rural Vermont and an Arrow of Light Invitational field day. Upcoming events include a December ten-miler along the Potomac River, and a ski/sled/tubing day trip in January. Troop 997 meets on Thursday nights, at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Ashburn when safety permits, and over Zoom when weather or health conditions require. Arrow of Light Scouts interested in more information or a Troop visit should contact Scoutmaster Terry Kolb at 703-624-0794 or tkolb118@gmail.com.



Goose Creek Day Camp and Twilight Camp



Goose Creek Day and Twilight Camp have been officially scheduled, so plan accordingly! Camp 2021 will be held once again at the Loudoun County Fairgrounds, from June 28-July 2 (Day Camp) and June 28-July 1 (Twilight Camp). Watch for updates as we move closer to the season! Contact Shannon Klee at goosecreekcubcamp@gmail.com with questions.



Unsubscribing from Goose Creek District Mail Groups



Many Goose Creek District Adult Leaders belong to one or more of our Mail Groups, such as packs@goosecreekdistrict.org, troops@goosecreekdistrict.org, etc. Subscribing to these Mail Groups enables you to receive periodic mailings from the various District communities, including the fabulous District Newsletter. But there may come a time when you no longer wish to receive these messages.

A self-service tool is now available to unsubscribe from the Mail Groups. Simply send an email to

(put-mailgroupname-here)+unsubscribe@goosecreekdistrict.org. i.e., packs+unsubscribe@goosecreekdistrict.org. You will automatically be unsubscribed from the Mail Group and receive a message back stating your unsubscription was successful.

Please note: To subscribe to a Mail Group, you'll still need to send an email to communications@goosecreekdistrict.org as before. Please specify which Mail Group you wish to join (Packs, Troops, etc.).

You may still send all questions or requests to communications@goosecreekdistrict.org or john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org for a human response to all your Goose Creek District Communications needs!

There is no separate subscription for the monthly Newsletter - it is sent out to all the major Mail Groups. Just subscribe to one of these (packs, troops, etc.) and you will receive it each month.

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. 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

Goose Creek Uniform Closet



Goose Creek now has a Uniform Closet! We held a Uniform Drive in June, and were able to acquire a bin full of Pack uniform pieces, as well as a loaded bin of Troop pieces! Many thanks to all of the units and families that made donations that week. Your donations are very much appreciated. We now have a functioning closet, so please reach out to Shannon Klee at goosecreekcubcamp@gmail.com if you know of a Scout or adult leader that needs some help with their uniform, or if you would like to donate to the closet.

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles (Note: This listing includes many Scouts that have earned their Eagle in 2020 but had not been reported to the newsletter until we received the end of year report from Council):

Aryan Agarwal – Troop 956
Mir Ali – Troop 786
Tanner Allen – Troop 1168
Zachary Aller – Troop 2012
Areeb Baig – Troop 786
Tyler Beetle – Troop 1154
Evan Black – Troop 2012
Thomas Bonina – Troop 1158
Michael Boyd – Troop 58
Joseph Cawley – Troop 997
Griffin Cook – Troop 1158
John Cramer – Troop 1154
Mason Daily – Troop 998
Thomas Dennis – Troop 2970
Zachary Dennis – Troop 2970
Brian Donovan – Troop 1158
Brendan Dugdell – Troop 1158
Noah Esper – Troop 1154
Zachary Ferguson – Troop 1158
Nathaniel Freeman – Troop 1666
Benjamin Fuller – Troop 1154
John Glass – Troop 1430
Nicholas Gobs – Troop 997
Jack Henry – Troop 997
Nolan Hill – Troop 1158
Syed Hossain – Troop 786
Maxwell Hughes – Troop 1154
Braden Jones – Troop 1168

Nathan Jones – Troop 2970
William Kingora – Troop 956
Gage Kurutz – Troop 1430
John Lambert – Troop 2970
David Lancaster – Troop 1550
Colin Lewis – Troop 1666
Joseph Livsey – Troop 1168
Thomas Livsey – Troop 1168
Benjamin Lovingood – Troop 961
Praneeth Malyala – Troop 1158
Ethan Markowitz – Troop 1666
Jason Mills – Troop 998
Alexander Moomey – Troop 2012
Cameron Orme – Troop 1168
Jack Osborne – Troop 982
Emerson Rodriguez – Troop 1158
Xavier Salimbangon – Troop 997
Rishi Saranu – Troop 1666
Gabriel Seymour – Troop 2010
Patrick Sheaffer – Troop 1550
Austin Straus – Troop 961
Talha Tariq – Troop 786
Gabriel Thompson – Troop 1158
Christopher Tuttle – Troop 969
John Walters – Troop 2010
Sean Westberry – Troop 1430
Darren Wiles – Troop 1666
Spencer Wride – Troop 1168

For 2020 Goose Creek had 114 Scouts new Eagles with a total of 13,399 service hours for their projects.



Possible Eagle Project(s)



Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum (LHFM), located within Claude Moore Park in Sterling Virginia, has some possible Eagle Project(s).

Part of the grounds around the museum is a community garden that has fallen into disrepair due to age, and additional raised beds are needed to meet demand. There may be other project opportunities that can be discussed with the museum director [Lori Kimball](#).

Also, something that Troops may find an interest in, LHFM in coordination with Claude Moore, has just opened a Black Smith Forge. Lori can speak better about the specifics.



NESA Scholarships



The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) is proud to offer scholarships that can help you continue your educational adventure.

Lawrence S. and Mabel Cooke Scholarship

One scholarship of up to \$48,000 (up to \$12,000 per year for four years) and four \$25,000 scholarships (up to \$6,250 a year for four years) awarded annually to an Eagle Scout who has shown academic performance, financial need, and active participation in school and Scouting activities. Established by Lawrence S. Cooke in memory of his late wife, Mabel Cooke.

National Eagle Scout Association Scholarship

\$5,000 scholarships awarded on a regional basis to Eagle Scouts who have shown active participation in school, Scouting activities, and community service.

Hall/McElwain Scholarship

\$5,000 scholarships awarded on a regional basis to Eagle Scouts who have shown active participation in school, scouting activities, and community service.

Palmer Scholarship

Three \$2,500 scholarships awarded to Eagle Scouts who have shown active participation in school, Scouting activities, and community service.

Eligibility

- Eagle Board of Review Date: Must be on or before February 8, 2021.
- Awardee must be an active member of the National Eagle Scout Association for each award period.
- Eagle Scouts may apply for NESA scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school and, if not selected, may re-apply through their junior year in college.
- Recipients may receive a NESA scholarship one time only.
- NESA scholarships are available to Eagle Scouts attending four-year colleges or universities, vocational trade schools, and other approved programs.
- NESA scholarships are not available to students attending any of the U.S. military academies.

For more information and to apply go to [NESA Scholarships](#)



Advancement Updates, Including Time Extensions



Effective January 1, 2021, NCAC has the authority to grant limited extensions of time to complete Eagle, Quartermaster, or Summit requirements. This authority replaces the current COVID-19 extension process and modifies the Request for Extension of Time to Earn the Eagle Scout Rank for non-COVID-19 situations.

This new extension is available only to youth members who qualify under the three tests listed in [9.0.4.0](#) which is linked here and posted at www.scouting.org/advancement.

Test #1: The member joined or rejoined (or became active again after a period of inactivity, or became refocused on advancement after a period of inattention) in time to complete all requirements before turning 18.

Test #2: Through no fault or choice of the Scout, an unforeseen circumstance or life changing event with severe consequences has come to exist that now precludes completion of the requirements before the deadline. Examples might include, but are not limited to, a hospital stay, disabling injury, significant personal or family incident or issue, natural disaster, severe unseasonable weather, or the actions of others (see below, "Misinformation from adults in positions of authority"). If the circumstance is health related, it should have been unforeseen and of recent onset, or a complication or intensification of an ongoing issue.

Test #3: The circumstance is beyond the control of the Scout, could not have been anticipated or planned for, and was not or cannot be resolved in time to complete the requirements. Though the updated GTA containing these three topics will not be published until after the new year, the authority outlined in topics 9.0.4.0, 9.0.4.1, and 9.0.4.2 will take effect on Jan. 1, 2021.

The process for requesting and reviewing a time extension is outlined in topic [9.0.4.1](#), with a new form found here [11.2.0.0](#). The NCAC form will no longer be accepted after December 31, 2020. It will be returned so the unit can resubmit using the BSA form.

When submitting the form and other paperwork, please include the Scout's name in any electronic file names. Send the request form and supporting information to the following individuals:

- Alan Deter, NCAC Advancement Chair, alandeter@verizon.net
- Brad Scales, NCAC Appeals and Extension Coordinator, mva_tenor@yahoo.com
- Eric Smith, NCAC Program Director, eric.smith@scouting.org.

An appeal process has also been established if we deny an extension. This process is outlined in topic [9.0.4.2](#) and includes a separate form linked at [11.2.1.0](#).

Please note that existing COVID extensions granted between Oct. 1, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2020, will expire three months after they were granted.

★ Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award



The National Eagle Scout Association has established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for their Eagle Scout leadership service project. Each year, local councils select a council-level winner, and from that pool, each region selects a region-level winner. A national winner is then selected from the four regional finalists.

Council Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award.

On or before January 21 of each year, an Eagle Scout, his/her parents, or any registered BSA volunteer (with the Eagle Scout's permission) may submit their Eagle Scout service project for consideration. The Scout must have passed their Eagle board of review in the prior calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Each council NESA committee will choose one winner from among the council's nominees. The winner will receive a certificate and a bronze device for the Eagle Scout embroidered knot from the National Eagle Scout Association. In addition, it is recommended that each winner's name be added to a perpetual plaque located in the council service center or other prominent local council facility, and provided by the council. All council winners will be considered for the Regional Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award. Council winners are encouraged to submit a link to an HD video about their project to the national NESA office.

Submission Guidelines

The nomination shall be submitted to the NESA committee of the council in which the service project was completed on or before January 21 of each year. The submission must include the application (found on www.nesa.org), a name and summary of the project, and the Eagle Scout's contact information. A complete duplicate copy of their Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (previously submitted by the Scout to their Eagle board of review committee) must be attached to the application.

Evaluation Criteria

- Project planning required
- Effort to develop the project
- Extent and character of the leadership provided by the Scout
- Extent of achievement of the planned result, including changes or modifications required to complete the project
- Project's impact on the beneficiary and/or on the community at large
- Originality of the project
- Scope of the work
- Time and materials contributed
- Level of skill employed to complete the project

Email applications to adamsaward@scouting.org.

Does Virtual Camping Count Toward Camping Merit Badge and Order of the Arrow Nights Camping?



Virtual camping (i.e., backyard or solo camping) may be counted toward the required nights of camping for the Camping merit Badge and OA election eligibility if all the following stipulations are met:

- To be counted, all virtual camping nights should be a direct result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and be part of a BSA unit-organized unit camping event (i.e., multiple members of the unit are involved and camping simultaneously at remote locations).
- Some form of unit-organized communications should occur either during or immediately following the event.
- All existing youth protection policies and digital safety guidelines must be followed.
- No more than 3 nights of virtual camping are to be credited in any month in which government- or council-imposed COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

This change is in effect until further notice. Please see <https://oa-bsa.org/coronavirus/temporary-camping-night-policy-due-covid-19> for further details.

Scoutbook Domain Change



The BSA IT team has completed an update to the Scoutbook domain and web address that you login to Scoutbook. This update has created an issue for some users trying to access Scoutbook, and while BSA IT works to resolve the issue at a system level, details about this issue and how to resolve it locally are copied below. In addition, you can read the complete update here >>

[November 23, 2020 Scoutbook Updates](#)

- Scoutbook has been moved to <https://scoutbook.scouting.org>. A redirect form <https://www.scoutbook.com> has been put in place. If you have Scoutbook pages bookmarked, please update them. Users of the volunteer written and supported Feature Assistant Extension for Scoutbook for Chrome and Firefox may get a pop-up asking for permission to run the extension on the new domain. The URL for the sandbox is now <https://scoutbookpp.scouting.org>.

This change will make Single Sign On and reports more reliable because they are all running on the same domain.

- BSA IT is currently working to fix an issue that is directing users to Internet Advancement instead of Scoutbook. There are 2 workarounds:
 1. Use an Incognito or Private window. See [Finding Your Browser's Private Browsing Mode](#) if you need help.
 2. Clear your cache and scoutbook.scouting.org cookies in your browser. Note clearing all cookies, not just the scoutbook.scouting.org cookies will affect other web sites you visit.

Life-to-Eagle Training



Due to the year's pandemic situation, the Life to Eagle Seminars for 2020 have had to be postponed. The only safe option for conducting it would be virtual, and quite frankly, no one wants to sit in on a virtual training that lasts 3-4 hours. We had been holding out hope that things would have relaxed in late summer or early fall, but the strongly-preferred option - one of the county's public libraries - hasn't availed itself. While some of them are open, recent communications from the Loudoun County Public Library system have confirmed that the meeting rooms are not open. Looking forward, they've shared, "we don't know when we'll be opening meeting rooms again, but we expect it will be quite some time."

In light of the unfortunate loss of L2E Training opportunities this year, the Advancement Committee is willing to share the slides by sending a PDF set of those materials directly to the Advancement Chairs and L2E Guides within each of the Troops in the district. To request a copy, we simply ask that you send an email to us (at MSVA_Tenor@yahoo.com) and in that email, provide the below information. It's important to note that the slides alone are insufficient as a standalone document for conveying the necessary information, and are heavily dependent upon the voice-track that accompanies it in the L2E sessions. The information below will help us stay in touch with the key advancement personnel in the individual units themselves.

- Unit Type & Number and email for the recipient
- Name of L2E Training materials recipient
- Actual position the recipient holds (Adv Chair, L2E Guide, etc)

Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Recognition



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

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

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

You may address all requests and inquiries to:

Robert Fagan
 Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret)
 Chapter Chairman, SAR Scouting Activities
 Email: rjfmf99@hotmail.com

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Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org

★ Read this former SPL's excellent advice for leading younger Scouts



The iPhone 5s, with its 4-inch screen and maximum 64 GB of storage, was Apple's latest and greatest way back in 2013 when Justine Cole was 11 years old. Iron Man 3 was the year's top-grossing movie.

Justine is 18 now, and a lot has changed in those seven years. Apple's newest model sports a 6.7-inch screen and tops out at 512 GB. And Robert Downey Jr.'s Tony Stark has been in an additional five films.

The difference is stark indeed between the life experiences of someone who was an 11-year-old in 2013 and someone who is 11 now. And yet in Scouts BSA, we ask young people ages 10 to 17 to coexist in the same troop.

Within that safe-but-challenging setting, young people learn how to lead, follow and team up with others with whom they might have little in common. And that's a wonderful thing indeed.

Justine, who turned 18 last month, just wrapped up a stint as senior patrol leader of Scouts BSA Troop 5074 of Livonia, N.Y. (Iroquois Trail Council).

She passed her Eagle board of review on Nov. 16, 2020, meaning she'll join the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts next year. She also plans to continue in Scouts BSA as an adult volunteer, furthering her impact on the next generation of Eagle Scouts.

But before all that, *Bryan on Scouting* asked Justine to look back on what it took to lead girls who were a half-decade younger. Here is what she **said**...

★ ScoutStrong Awards



Presidential Active Lifestyle Award

Open to all youth and adult members and alumni of all BSA programs. Meet a daily activity goal of 30 min / day (adults) and 60 min / day (under 18 yrs) for 5 days / week for 6 out of 8 weeks.

BeMedWise

Fifty percent of teens begin to self-medicate with OTC medicines in their homes as early as age 11. Designed to complement existing Scouts BSA and Venturing program materials, this program consists of four 15-minute exercises that can be led at regularly scheduled meetings.

SCOUTStrong Healthy Unit

Commit to three healthy practices at your regular unit meetings – fruit & veggie snacks, water, physical activity – and everyone earns a patch!

For more information on these awards and other ScoutStrong go to this [site](#).



Awesomeness Wanted: NCAC Camp Staff 2021



Do you like camping and the outdoors? Do you miss camp? So do we! Join our awesome group of camp staff and work at one of the coolest summer jobs you could ever have!

Ready to Sa-TURN a Cub Scout's summer into something stellar? Apply to work at Camp Snyder, where the 2021 Camp Theme – A Space Adventure – is carried through archery, nature, crafts, swimming, boating, and all camp activities as Cub Scouts and their leaders have fun outdoors.

Want to escape to the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains for the summer? Apply to work at one of seven Goshen Scout Reservation Camps! Join our energetic and goofy staff at our Webelos Camps – Camp PMI and Camp Ross. Want to teach your favorite Merit Badge? Choose one of our three Scouts BSA/Venturing camps – Camp Bowman, Camp Olmsted, or Camp Marriott. Looking for adventure? Become part of our elite staff at Lenhok'sin High Adventure Base. Want to support camps in retail or in emergency medicine? Our administration camp – Camp Post – might be the place for you.

Staff must be 15 years or older to be an instructor and 16 or older to work at Goshen's Lenhok'sin High Adventure. Not yet 15? If you're 14, you can be a Counselor-in-Training at any of our Cub Scout, Webelos, or Scouts BSA/Venturing Resident Camps. We're also on the lookout for those 18 years of age or older to take on leadership positions.

Have friends or family that love the outdoors, but aren't in Scouting? Tell them about it! Prior experience with the Boy Scouts of America is not required.

Employment dates are from June 12 to August 3, 2021 for Goshen Camps and June 21 to July 30, 2021 for Camp Snyder.

We're coming up on hiring season! Interviews, via phone or video call, start January 2. Submit your application by January 19th to get a January interview date.

Apply online and get more information on our websites. Visit www.gotogoshen.org/staff for Goshen Camps and www.gotosnyder.org/work for Camp Snyder.

How to Host a Pinewood Derby Event Safely this Year



A lot of things have been cancelled, pared down and changed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but your pack's Pinewood Derby season can totally still happen.

There are a couple of ways to make this favorite Cub Scout event happen. First and foremost, be sure to follow your local government's rules and regulations, along with [CDC guidelines](#). Those policies will help you in choosing how to run your event and allow you to stay safe and have a really successful race day!

For more information check this [Bryan on Scouting article](#).



Getting a Flag that was Flown Over the U.S. Capitol



For the Eagle Scout in your family or retiring Scoutmaster/Cubmaster, a great gift is a US Flag that has flown over the Capitol Building in Washington DC. The flag is certified by the Architect of the Capitol and can be flown on a specific date. To top it off, the flags are not expensive. Here's how to get a special American flag for that special someone.

Instructions

1. Contact Your Senator or Representative in Congress - The request to have an American flag flown over the US Capitol building should be made through your Congressional representative. At the website, look under 'Services' to order a flag.
 - Senator [Mark Warner](#)
 - Senator [Timothy Kane](#)
 - Congresswoman [Jennifer Wexton](#) (10th District - Virginia)
2. Fill out the form - The form will offer several types of flags, in different sizes and fabrics (usually, either cotton or nylon). Flags are typically 3 x 5 feet, or 5 x 8 feet, though larger sizes are sometimes available. Prices generally run in the \$10-25 range, depending on the specific items ordered.

The form will also ask for details such as the name of the person being honored by the flag, and the date you wish to have the flag flown (for instance, it can be flown on a person's birthday, or a special anniversary). You can also indicate the type of special occasion being honored. The information will be included on a Certificate that accompanies the flag.
3. Follow Submission Instructions - Each Congressional website has its own set of instructions for submitting the request, and payment. Some may allow web submissions, while others will ask that you print out the form and mail it in, with appropriate payment.

For flags flown over the Pentagon go to [here](#) (Note: You provide the flag to be flown)

For flags flown over the Virginia Capitol go [here](#)

LOL



You Know You're a Cub Leader When

- Twenty-five boys cheer when you step into the meeting room; then you realize that you are the only one with the key to the games locker.
- You find that old skit just as funny the 15th time around.
- You're sitting in a restaurant with a friend and he asks you what Boy Scouts is all about and the restaurant closes before you finish.
- Someone offers to shake your hand and you automatically extend the left one.
- A parent comments on the noise in the room and you don't know what he's talking about.
- Someone says, "You have to be a bit crazy to be doing this!" and you nod and smile knowingly.

Save the Dates for Summer Camp 2021 at Goshen Scout Reservation



Next summer, we'll be offering five weeks of summer camp at all our Webelos and Scouts BSA/Venturing resident camps and four weeks of backpacking program and river trekking program at Lenhok'sin High Adventure.

Week 1: June 27 – July 3, 2021

Week 2: July 4 – July 10, 2021

Week 3: July 11 – July 17, 2021

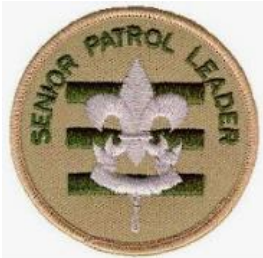
Week 4: July 18 – July 24, 2021

Week 5: July 25 – July 31, 2021

Due to COVID-19, all Goshen camps will be in deposit phase until March 1, 2021. To reserve your unit's spot, you'll need to register and pay for one youth. Spaces for your unit will be reserved based on the number of spots you request during registration. Beginning March 1, units will be able to add and pay for their other youth and adult campers. Provisional scouts – individual Scouts BSA and Venturers (not Webelos) attending without their unit as part of the Provisional Camp program – will also be able to sign up beginning March 1, 2021.

Learn more about Goshen's Webelos camps, Scouts BSA/Venturing camps, Lenhok'sin High Adventure, the Provisional Camp program, and Summer Camp 2021 at www.gotogoshen.org

Troop Elections and Ranked-Choice Voting



When you switch to ranked-choice voting in the next election for senior patrol leader, Venturing crew president or Sea Scout ship boatswain, you'll get the most-preferred candidate in the least time, teach young people a fascinating lesson about elections, and do something courteous and kind by sparing the feelings of Scouts who get few or no votes.

In ranked-choice voting, instead of selecting just one person to win, voters privately rank every candidate on the ballot. The ballots are then tabulated round by round without the need for runoffs. That's why you'll also see ranked-choice voting called "instant-runoff voting."

In each round of tabulation, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. Each voter who ranked that candidate at the top of their list has their vote reassigned to their next-highest pick. This process is repeated until one candidate has received a majority of the votes.

To see a practical example of this go to this [Bryan on Scouting article](#).

Whatever election format you choose, be sure to check out [Bryan on Scouting's tips](#) for running safe and efficient unit elections online.

Training Opportunities



Virtual Den Chief Training Conference



Be a Den Chief! A Den Chief is a youth leader who assists a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout den. If you are already a Den Chief, would like to be one, or serve as an adult Cub Scout Leader and want to learn more about Den Chiefs, don't miss this training event! During the course, you will learn all about your Den Chief job. You will learn how to make friends with Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts. You will have fun, learn leadership skills, play games, and take part in activities that help you know better what you are to do in the weekly meetings of your den. Whether or not you were a Cub Scout, you will be helped by this activity-packed day.

This training is open to any scout in Scouts BSA or Venturing/Sea Scouts who wants to serve as a Den Chief. We do recommend scouts be active in a scouting unit beyond the Cub Scout level for at least one year before serving as Den Chiefs.

When: Saturday 03-13-2021 9:00 AM ET to 1:00 PM ET

What to Have Available When You Login: Pen and notepad, and Den Chief Handbook if you already own it.

What You Will Get: We will mail you 100+ pages of helpful Den Chief material, the Den Chief Handbook (if you do not have it), Trained patch, training card, Den Chief reminder card.

Registration: \$15 registration fee, [register on-line](#).

Pow Wow Weekly Webinar – Fall Funstravaganza



If you weren't able to join us for the first installment of our Pow Wow weekly webinars – We had a blast!

Talking about the resources and ideas for safe Cub Scout events and having fun to keep Scouts involved in the program is both crucial and challenging.

Here is the [site](#) where they are posting their resource links. They plan to update this site weekly with additional content.



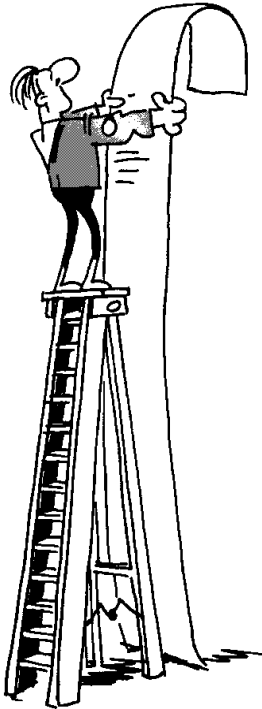
Save the Date: College of Commissioner Service 2021



NCAC's College of Commissioner Service 2021 will be held virtually via Zoom on March 13 and 14, 2021. The program on Saturday, March 13 will consist of six class periods plus a Keynote Speaker. The Sunday program will consist of three class periods. Our Keynote Speaker is (tentatively) Roger Mosby, CEO and President of the Boy Scouts of America!

Registration will open in February.

District Calendar



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
16	District Committee
27	University of Scouting (virtual)

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

May 2021	
12	Roundtable
12	OA Chapter Meeting
13	Commissioner Mtg
26	District Committee
31	Memorial Day

June 2021	
9	Roundtable
9	OA Chapter Meeting
10	Commissioner Mtg
23	District Committee
28	Day Camp Starts

July 2021	
4	Fourth of July

August 2021	
11	Roundtable
11	OA Chapter Meeting
12	Commissioner Mtg
25	District Committee

September 2021	
6	Labor Day
8	Roundtable
8	OA Chapter Meeting
9	Commissioner Mtg
22	District Committee

October 2021	
11	Columbus Day
13	Roundtable
13	OA Chapter Meeting
14	Commissioner Mtg
27	District Committee

November 2021	
10	Roundtable
10	OA Chapter Meeting
11	Commissioner Mtg
17	District Committee & Annual District Business Meeting
30	Final Date for Recharter Turn In

December 2021	
8	Roundtable
8	OA Chapter Meeting
9	Commissioner Mtg
15	District Committee