



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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 New Article

from *The Scoutmaster Minute* blog,
<http://thescoutmasterminute.net/2015/08/26/knowledge-to-action/>



Knowledge to Action

There are those times as a Scoutmaster that leave you inspired. The other night I had one of those moments as I began to share my Scoutmaster minute with the Troop. Like most Troops, we have young men that make up the membership of the unit. Ranging from 10 1/2 to 17 these young men tend to be exactly what we want them to be... boys.

We all know that at times boys do not always think before they act and they certainly allow emotion to overrule logic. And so it is when working with boys. As much as I hate the saying "boys will be boys"... boys will be boys. There is nothing at all wrong with that, as long as Adults are Adults and work to being good teachers, coaches and mentors to the boys.

So the Scoutmaster minute this week was addressing some issues that came up, nothing earth shattering, but boys heading down a trail that would not lead them to positive outcomes. Heading them off now will save lots of grief later. It comes down to, like most things in Scouting and life, living the Oath and Law.

And so I explained to the Troop that we make a promise to live the Scout Law in our daily lives. Yes, they know that. So I asked the question, "what is the Scout Law?" The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader spoke up with, "A Scout is..." I cut him off.. yes.. yes.. we all know the 16 words that make up the Scout law.. but what is the Law? Really, it's just a bunch of words that we commit to memory and rattle off each meeting.. but why do we need a Scout law and why bother saying it? A young Scout chimed in, "It is how we should live". Yes, I said.. but what are those twelve words that make up the law? They are values that we should be living every day. So what are values I asked? One of the Scouts from the new Scout Patrol spoke up. He said that Values are things that you think are precious.

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We do hold those things as precious that we believe in and act upon. We protect and maintain things that are precious to us. Our families, our nice car, our collections, and our relationships. We value all of those things and we live good values that we have been taught.

So now we need to take our knowledge, those things that we know like the Scout Oath and Law and translate those values in action. We will do that when we determine that the values found in the Scout law are precious.

We will be more friendly, we will be more trustworthy by giving those that are around us a reason to trust us. We will be more obedient and cheerful because we know that those values make a difference in the lives of those that we make contact with every day.

The Scout Law is something that is precious to us. It drives us to turn that knowledge into action. When we do that we will change our attitudes and truly begin to view one another as precious. That will compel us to serve them from the heart, not the head.

When things start needing redirection and attitudes need to be checked, coming back to the Scout Law is always a great idea. Who knows, you may even hear from the one that you least expect a gem that places it all in perspective. That discussion has the power to change the lives of members of our Troop. In turn, we can make a big difference everywhere.

Turn that knowledge into Action!

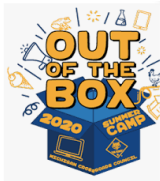
Editor Note: Please note that this article was written in 2015, prior to BSA's inclusion of young ladies to the program.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



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.



Troop 997 Webelos Arrow of Light Invitational



Troop 997 is hosting their annual Webelos Arrow of Light Invitational event at Willowsford Farm and Conservancy near Aldie, Virginia on Saturday November 14. Please come join them to meet scouts from their troop and to participate in fun activities intended to introduce your Webelos scouts to Boy Scouting. During this event, each of the patrols from Troop 997 will teach a few scouting skills in a series of hands-on demonstrations that includes: first aid, knot tying, map reading / navigation with a compass, and fire starting / safety. This event is open to all Webelos scouts and their families.

Where: Willowsford Hidden Meadow Group Campground - Near 41149 Shasta Daisy Court, Stone Ridge, VA 20105 (coordinates 38.898712°N, -77.581010°W). Please pass through the gate to enter the camping area and park along the side of the path.

This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Boy Scouts and adult scouters to ask questions about joining Troop 997, a youth-led troop with an outdoor focus. They regularly meet on Thursday evenings at St Theresa Catholic Church from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on the first three Thursdays of the every month. Please send Scoutmaster Terry Kolb (tkolb118@gmail.com) an RSVP if you plan on attending and include a list of visiting scouts, Pack number, and contact information.

Please note: Wearing of masks will be strictly enforced when social distancing within 6 feet cannot be maintained or within confined spaces. Anyone who refuses to wear a mask will not be allowed to participate.

Bottom line: If you don't feel well, stay home, and seek medical attention. Symptoms to watch for include coughing, sneezing, fever, chills, muscle aches, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, or new loss of smell. If you have any of these symptoms please stay home and seek medical advice from your healthcare provider..



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.



Troop 1550 in Leesburg earns the Boy Scouts of America Historic Trails Award



October 9-11, 2020 Troop 1550 camped at McCoys Ferry Campground (a National Park Campground) that's located along the C & O Canal. They volunteered with the C & O Canal Trust for their annual C & O Canal Trust Pride (in our trail) Day scraping peeling paint off & painting picnic tables, scraping off chipping paint & rust and spray-painting grills, repairing signs & painting fences/guard rails as well as picking up trash on the trail & in the towpath itself. They filled several bags of trash.

Rod Newton, Program & Volunteer Coordinator for the C & O Canal Trust, led a discussion on the history of the C & O Canal & the C & O Canal Trust & answered questions from scouts & leaders.





Stars for Our Veterans



Post 2001 has partnered with the national Stars for Our Troops organization to send stars from retired American flags to veterans as a remembrance for their service. Cub Scout Pack 1500, which is sponsored by Post 2001, volunteered to help with the project.

Each Cub Scout was given one of the flags that have been sent to the Post for retirement. The Cubs and their families assembled in the Brambleton Middle School to cut the stars from the flags. By the end of the evening 3000 presentation packets were prepared.

One grandfather, who helped cut out the stars, was presented one of the packets by his grandson in remembrance for his service on the USS Coral Sea off the coast of Vietnam. We are so proud to honor those who have risked their lives for our safety and show our appreciation through this gesture.

YPT Training



As we are approaching the time for recharter of all of the units in Goose Creek District, the number of adult volunteers with expired and soon to expire YTP has gone up to almost 23%.

The revised YPT program that was instituted two years ago is now having an echo effect, but we all need to check the status and take the training as is required for rechartering. Thank you for your attention to this important training.

District Social Media Platforms



Follow us today.



Facebook - @BSAGooseCreek



Twitter - @BSAGooseCreek



Linkedin - Goose Creek

Scouting Salute to Service Members and Families



On behalf of the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, we take great pleasure in inviting you to join us in supporting the 2020 Scouting's Salute to Service Members & Their Families virtual luncheon. In honor of our military personal, this virtual ceremony will be held on Veterans day, this November 11, 2020. The event will feature LT. General L. Scott Rice, former Director of the Air National Guard who will be delivering our keynote address, Brig General Charles McGee (RET) will be the recipient of the Silver Buffalo award, General David L. Goldfein (RET) is receiving the Distinguished Eagle award and Captain John R. Rotruck is our Operational Pandemic Honoree.

Scouting has a rich history of teaching our youth the values of teamwork, leadership, and service to others. The lessons our programs teach, have a significant impact on their lives and our communities at large. With the ongoing and unprecedented challenges due to COVID, Scouting's programs have continued and become more valuable and necessary than ever. At NCAC more than 55,000 Scouts are training to become the ethical leaders we need now more than ever. Our Scouts have gone on to become medical personnel, military and national guard members and elected officials.

Since our inception, The Boy Scouts of America and the military services have fostered a close relationship. Activities such as collecting scrap during World War 2, placing flags on the graves at Arlington Cemetery and even sending popcorn care packages overseas are just a few actions that highlight our appreciation for the military services. These are just a few ways the BSA has endeavored to honor and support the brave women and men who serve in our nation's military. The National Capital Area Council is proud to share in this tradition and history.

This virtual event will provide an opportunity to not only honor our military but also to help our youth. All funds raised from this event will help to ensure that every young person that wants to be a part of this great organization will have the opportunity to do so and that we are able to continue providing Scouting programs during the pandemic because our youth need and deserve them.

Scouting changes the lives of our youth in ways that no other program can, and now you have the opportunity to give the gift of Scouting to future generations. Many sponsorship opportunities are available when you choose to support the 2020 Scouting's Salute to Service Members & Their Families. To sponsor now or for additional information please visit www.NCACBSA.org/military or contact, Jenna Welle at 301-214-9113 or Jenna.Welle@Scouting.org.

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

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Nathan Alves – Troop 966

Joshua Derrow – Troop 961

Michael Gutshall – Troop 163

Luke Harrison – Troop 961

Omar Hussein – Troop 2012

Tyler Hutchison – Troop 2950

Antonio Labarbera – Troop 950

Avinash Nayak – Troop 2012

Jeremy Noll – Troop 39

Robert Schmand – Troop 2012

Daniel Testa – Troop 163

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
- Name of L2E Training materials recipient
- Actual position the recipient holds (Adv Chair, L2E Guide, etc)
- Email for the recipient



BSA Unveils Distinguished Conservation Service Award



For more than a century, the BSA has encouraged and honored conservation work with an award that recognizes youth, adults and organizations who have demonstrated tremendous effort and commitment to the environment. **This award, which until now had been known as the William T. Hornaday Award, is being discontinued**, and the new BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award is being introduced to underscore the importance of encouraging everyone to participate in environmental stewardship.

The new BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award will continue to recognize the conservation efforts of Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, adult volunteers, and other individuals, corporations, and institutions that contribute significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection. It has been streamlined and modernized to build on the extraordinary contributions made by all the dedicated award recipients to date, and we believe the changes will help make these important efforts even more accessible for today's members.

The BSA continuously looks for opportunities to improve our programs and awards as part of our efforts to strengthen the Scouting experience for all. As part of the BSA's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, we are in the process of reviewing our programs, names of camps, awards and other aspects to ensure each component models our commitment because there is no place for racism or discrimination— not in Scouting and not in our communities. As we reviewed the William T. Hornaday Award, the BSA uncovered issues with Dr. Hornaday that go against the BSA's values, and we determined that, given this information, the conservation award should no longer bear his name in order to uphold our commitment against racism and discrimination.

Effective immediately, the Boy Scouts of America is transitioning conservation recognition to the new BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award. The change in the award going forward does not in any way diminish the impactful conservation efforts taken on by Scouts, volunteers, and organizations over many years as part of the previous awards program. Their efforts have made important and positive differences in their communities and remain among the proudest bodies of work in Scouting.

For those who have earned a Hornaday award prior to this change, the legacy award can now be referred to as the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award. Although we are unable to replace medals or badges earned by previous award recipients, replacement certificates can be requested.

For those that have submitted or are currently working on a Hornaday award or project, the new award program outlines a path to transition to the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award. Bronze or Silver award distinctions will be used temporarily for individuals whose efforts were already submitted or underway under the previous award program.

For all others, the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award will stand on its own as the organization's highest award for conservation and environmental service.

More information on the new awards program, including details about how you can participate is available [here](#).



Seeking Scoutmasters for Camp Snyder Merit Badge Week 2021



Scouters, we're looking for adult leaders with Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster experience to fill 10 positions, to guide up to 100 provisional overnight camping and 50 day camper Scouts BSA during the Camp Snyder Merit Badge Week of July 18-24, 2021. This summer camp will be conducted with NCAC approved COVID-19 virus transmission precautions.

As a temporary Scoutmaster, you will monitor and guide small provisional groups of Scouts BSA during the day and/or overnight. We need male and female Scoutmasters for the expected male and female mix of Scouts BSA who will be participating. Oversight in monitoring compliance with the camps COVID-19 virus transmission precautions will be particularly important.

During the day there will be adult led Merit Badge classes. Outside of the classroom, Scoutmasters will need to oversee dining inside and outside of the Marriott Dining Hall, as well as the fun activities, like the swimming pool and night-time campfires. Overnight Scoutmasters will camp with their provisional units in the Camp Snyder campsites.

This is an opportunity for former or current Scoutmasters or Assistants with a flexible schedule to serve our youth in a time of need! We desire Scoutmasters who can spend part or all of the week during the day and overnight but will certainly welcome those that can only serve during the day or overnight to fill these 10 around-the-clock positions.

If you are interested, please contact Rick Ferry, rt.ferry72@gmail.com or Dave Seitz, dbseitz@gmail.com.



Silver Beaver Nominations Due November 30



The Boy Scouts of America, acting through the National Court of Honor, may award the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth. The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.

The [Silver Beaver Nomination Form](#) and the [Silver Beaver Award FAQ](#) are now available. The nomination form and supporting information packet for the Silver Beaver award should be emailed to silverbeaver@ncacbsa.org. All nominations MUST be received no later than Monday, November 30th of this year.

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

Temporary Change to Camping Merit Badge Requirement



The coronavirus situation has also resulted in Scouts being unable to complete the Eagle-required Camping merit badge, specifically requirement 9b.

Although this requirement adds "Scout fun" to a camping experience, it will be temporarily suspended as a requirement for Scouts to earn this badge. All other Camping merit badge requirements must still be completed to earn this badge. Upon direction from the National Council, requirement 9b will be reinstated with 30 days' notice to our Scouting family via Workplace, Bryan on Scouting, Scouting Wire, social media, and any other means determine appropriate.

Deferment of Some 1st and 2nd Class Swim Requirements



The coronavirus pandemic has slowed many Scouts from advancing to Second Class or First Class because of the inability to complete the associated swimming requirements. Swimming remains a major health and safety concern and cannot be abandoned by Scouts BSA. With that in mind, the Swimming rank requirements for Second Class (5b) and First Class (6a) may be deferred until each Scout's next rank, as necessary (through Life, but not Eagle).

This temporary deferment will allow Scouts to advance in rank up to, and including Life Scout, but not beyond. All other rank requirements must still be earned to advance. When conditions warrant and upon direction from the National Council, these requirements will be reinstated with 30 days' notice to our Scouting family via Workplace, Bryan on Scouting, Scouting Wire, social media, and any other means determined appropriate.

Merit Badge Corner

How to Apply to be a Merit Badge Counselor Online



Great news - we're taking the process of applying to be a Merit Badge Counselor online!!

For a new counselor, please send an email requesting a 'sign-up link' to our Merit Badge Dean, Rich Pender, at meritbadgedean@goosecreekdistrict.org.

Effective immediately, ALL new MBC applications should be submitted via this online system. Only Scouters who hold another District or Council position should use the paper forms.

He will send back the requested link - using it will take Scouters to a site where they enter in the info normally contained on the Adult Volunteer Application and the background check waiver. It also checks on YPT status based on BSA ID. Quick entry, and privacy for confidential data.

Once this process is completed, you'll just need to send one completed form to meritbadgedean@goosecreekdistrict.org - the MBC Information form that lists contact info and badges requested. This form can be found at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>

Please send this form as a PDF, not a photograph of a filled-out form, as it streamlines the process for our new local registrars.

We hope this will save time for those applying - we know it will streamline our process, as the online system will make sure all required information has been provided, so we won't need to comb and proof applications.

For existing MBCs on the District roster seeking to add or delete badges, just provide that MBC Information form indicating additions and/or deletions to the Merit Badge Dean.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



How to Find an Alternative Meeting Location for your Unit



Scout meetings hold everything together and provide a solid foundation to deliver the other ingredients of a successful Scouting experience.

Bryan on Scouting has heard from a number of unit leaders looking for an alternative meeting place for one or more of the following reasons:

- Local or state COVID-19 regulations make it impossible to meet at your regular location.
- Your chartered organization facility has chosen to remain closed or is otherwise unavailable right now.
- You and your Scouts are experiencing "Zoom fatigue" and desperately want to find a way to safely meet in person.

If you fall into any of these categories, here's a simple, [five-step plan](#) just for you.



How to Include 'Eagle Scout' on an Application



We know that applicants should include their Eagle Scout Award on a college application, but what's the best place for that information?

Admissions professionals say you have several options, including your résumé, application or personal essay. The bottom line is this: Don't just include the words "Earned Eagle Scout in 2019." Provide the context, too.

"We recommend that Eagle Scouts not simply list the achievement on the application," says Mark Cortez, director of outreach and recruitment at The Ohio State University. "For example, their project management, organization and leadership development could be highlighted in their activity description or in their essay."

When doing so, remember that application readers might not know Scouting terminology like "senior patrol leader" or "Eagle project." Include the context there, too.

You might want to do one or more of the following:

- Briefly outline the process for earning the Eagle Scout Award
- Share how many hours of volunteer time you completed as a Scout
- Explain the leadership opportunities you experienced ("As the top elected youth member of my Scout troop, I led 30 Scouts over the course of six months.")
- Talk about how you planned, developed and gave leadership to others for your Eagle project
- Describe a memorable Scouting trip, especially one where you overcame difficult circumstances to have an enjoyable experience



New High-Adventure Base 'Find Your Adventure' Portal Launches



The BSA's Outdoor Adventures team is gearing up to welcome Scouts and Scouters to high-adventure bases for the 2021-2022 seasons. To help you manage registering for these life-changing experiences, you can log on to a new [Find Your Adventure info portal](#).

Registration for 2022 opens during the last week of October at Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier and the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Through the new portal, you can review and register for any of the BSA's high-adventure bases all from one site. Different from the previous system, you will be required to log in with your My.Scouting credentials.

Reservations are finalized in the order they are received, so log in to your My.Scouting account to confirm your username and password, and that all your information is current. Your reservation will be populated from the information in your My.Scouting account. To help you Be Prepared, review this [checklist](#).

By confirming you can log in, or resetting your information if needed ahead of time, you will have a smoother registration process. If you need help resetting your password, check out these [instructions](#).



Can being an Eagle Scout Help you get into College?



We tell our Scouts that their experiences in Scouting will help them get into college.

And it certainly makes sense. Through engaging, immersive activities, Scouts learn how to manage their time, research a subject, communicate with others and work in a group — skills sure to impress any college admissions officer.

But when a Scout sends off a college application, the response comes back “yes” or “no.” There’s no further explanation about what exactly did the trick or where the application fell short.

Bryan on Scouting contacted dozens of colleges and universities across the U.S. — everything from large public schools to small liberal arts colleges.

The question was simple: “What kind of effect does being an Eagle Scout have on a prospective student’s application to your school?”

They received a handful of boilerplate responses encouraging applicants to pursue whatever extracurricular activities interest them. But they also received a number of thoughtful answers from the decision-makers themselves: college admissions professionals.

They are sharing 17 of them in this [article](#). The common thread: being an Eagle Scout won’t get you into your dream school on its own. But when combined with strong grades, a quality essay, solid test scores (if the colleges on your list still require them) and impressive letters of recommendation, that Eagle Scout Award can give you the extra edge you need.

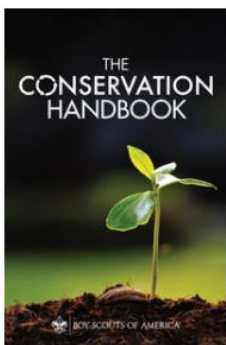
“As an Eagle Scout myself, I remember how many years it takes to acquire the necessary merit badges and then the time and effort to go through your Eagle Scout project and the board of review for approval,” says Kevin Mathes, a Class of 2000 Eagle Scout and dean of admissions at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. “I feel the words ‘Eagle Scout’ indicate to an admissions reader that the student spent considerable time and energy on something that is meaningful to them.”

Jeff Schiffman, director of admission at Tulane University in New Orleans, agrees.

“A lot of applicants will do something once or twice, but to be an Eagle Scout requires years of commitment and dedication, and our admission committee is keenly aware of the time needed to achieve this rank,” he says. “It’s definitely one of those few extracurricular activities that can help an applicant stand out.”



Conservation Handbook, Second Edition



The Conservation Handbook is a book about caring for the Earth. It is for Scouts and BSA leaders, for parents, park rangers, land managers, and everyone else who wants to involve volunteers in projects that are good for our natural resources. While the Conservation Handbook bears the emblem of the Boy Scouts of America, its message is of value for leaders of many organizations. It is a book for anyone eager to explore environmental opportunities that can help young people become enthused stewards of the land.

Available in Scout shops and at ScoutShop.org.



Tips for First-time Campers Who are New to the Cub Scout Family



The first time taking your Cub Scout camping can be a little scary, especially if you are a little (or a lot) inexperienced. Here's the best news: You are not alone! And you're part of an organization that specializes in teaching kids (and their adults, by default!) how to camp.

The BSA offers training to prepare you for camping with your Cub Scout, whether it's an overnighter with your pack or a longer council-organized outing. First of all, go over this [checklist](#) for Scouting in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, for a pack overnighter at a council-approved location, at least one registered adult leader who is attending must complete [Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation \(BALOO\)](#) training.

For more information about first time Cub Scout camping go to this [Bryan on Scouting article](#).

Michael's Woodshop



Michael's Woodshop, located at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, has received approval to resume activities. There are a number of new safety and cleaning protocols in place, but their basic operations remain the same. To see what activities they offer view their [newsletter](#)

Journey to Excellence



Scouting's Journey to Excellence (JTE) is the BSA aspirational planning, performance and recognition program designed to encourage and reward success of our units, districts, and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence and continuous improvement in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

The JTE standards are based on achievements the previous year or previous few years, both individually and for the creation of national standards. Due to the extraordinary circumstances occurring in 2020, benchmarking 2019 to 2020 at the district and council level is not constructive and similarly basing 2021 standards on 2020 for districts and councils is equally inappropriate. Many units, however, have largely adapted their programs to the challenges of 2020 so their members have continued to enjoy Scouting.

For these reasons, the Journey to Excellence recognition program for districts and councils is discontinued immediately. The Unit level recognition program will continue, and recognition patches will be available for units.

Revised unit criteria, due to the pandemic, is available at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/2020-scorecards-english/>

2021 unit scorecards are available at <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/>

NCAC HAC Input



Attention all Goose Creek Units planning High Adventure trips in 2022:

Here are Important Facts To Know about Unit Reservation Dates and Procedures for booking 2022 adventures:

Lotteries:

Only Philmont continues to operate a lottery system to reserve expedition dates in 2022. Northern Tier and Sea Base are first-come, first-served open registrations.

Dates:

Philmont Lottery System will now open on October 27th and close December 1st, 2020. Lottery selections will be made randomly by computer after December 1st (i.e., reservations will not be assigned in the order that requests are made). Units may now enter the Philmont lottery in consecutive years. Go [here](#) to download a 2022 registration info packet with explicit instructions and processes.

Northern Tier Open Registration opens on (as of September 28th) October 7th for 2022 Summer Treks (all bases) and January 19th, 2021 for Winter (2021-22) Treks. There are limited numbers of treks available on each date, so having backup dates when making a reservation is essential. Reservations are first-come, first-served; you will know immediately if your request is available and must pay a \$250 deposit. Go [here](#) for registration information.

Sea Base also operates on a first-come, first-served basis – but the opening date (as of September 28th) is coming soon. Reservations are immediate and so is the deposit due (\$250). Go [here](#) for 2022 reservation details; check back frequently for when the system will open – also check their Facebook page [here](#).

2021 NCAC High Adventure Expeditions!



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

Individual openings only on June 26th trip including some female openings

4 crews still avail on July 17th date! <https://scoutingevent.com/082-37103>

Sea Base Coral Reef Sailing! August 4-10; One crew of 6-8 is available!

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-37277>

Northern Tier Wilderness Canoeing! July 20 to 30; One crew of 6-8 is available!

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-37278>

All logistics are handled by the High Adventure Committee.

Troop Leader Resources



In order to deliver the PROMISE OF SCOUTING, youth and adult troop leaders need to plan a program that is involving, challenging, and FUN!

BSA maintains a Troop Leader Resources website

(<https://troopleader.scouting.org/>) that is filled with videos, action photos, useful information and practical ideas, to help make it easier for youth and adult troop leaders to present a Scouting program that is fun with positive outcomes.

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

Unit registration opens September 8th. Mark your calendars!

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

The Orion Project



Do you know a group of Scouts who would like to visit the Summit Bechtel Reserve in July 2021? If so, they have just opened programming during July 18 to July 31 and have combined some of their best programs to create a new adventure called the Orion Project

This is a seven-day/six-night program running Sunday to Saturday. It consists of half-day introductory level experiences at each of the nine Summit high adventure venues: BMX Biking, Skateboarding, Shooting Sports, Archery, Climbing, Canopy Tours, Mountain Biking, Challenge Course/Zipline, Waterfront Activities.

In addition, each group will experience the rapids of the world-famous New River, have the chance to ride The Big Zip – our 34-mile zip line.

Each night (Monday-Friday), we will open the Scott Summit Center for activities, fun and socializing. The Scott Summit Center incorporates small versions of our adventure sports venues and we are planning special events for the Orion Program Participants: think shows, Appalachian activities and special guests.

For more information go to [The Orion Project](#)



A Scout was telling his fellow Scouts how getting the first aid merit badge had prepared him for an emergency. "I saw a women hit by a truck," he stated. "She had a twisted ankle, broken bones, and a fractured skull."

"How terrible! What did you do?"

"Thanks to my first-aid training, I knew just how to handle it. I sat on the ground and put my head between my knees to keep from fainting."

Training Opportunities

Virtual PowWow 2020



The NCAC Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow is a supplemental, action-packed training event for adult Cub Scout Leaders and all other adults interested in learning more about the Boy Scouts' Cub Scout program. Attendees can spend the day learning new ideas and concepts that will enhance their ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scouts.

Pow Wow will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2020 with opening ceremony at 8:40 am. The first training session will begin at 9:00 am. This year all sessions will be offered via Zoom © and are six – 45 minute sessions on various Cub Scout program topics.

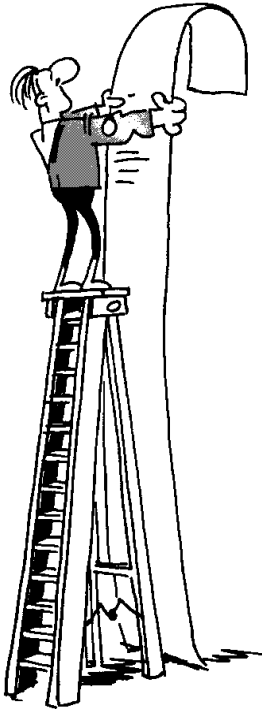
Training sessions will be offered on relevant topics for every Cub Scout position and are designed to help attendees make their Cub Scout programs more fun for the Cub Scouts ... and for them too!!! To sign up please visit the [2020 Virtual POW WOW](#) site and for any questions please send an email to [Bill Mayo](#).

We hope to see you there!



"It's our best seller."

District Calendar



November 2020

11 Roundtable
 11 OA Chapter Meeting
 12 Commissioner Mtg
 18 District Committee &
**Annual District
 Business Meeting**
 25-27 Student Holiday
 30 **Final Date for
 Recharter Turn In**

December 2020

9 Roundtable
 9 OA Chapter Meeting
 10 Commissioner Mtg
 16 District Committee
 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

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