



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
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
Quick Calendar:

- Feb 5 – Scout Jumuah
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 Cub Scout Interest

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A Scout is Reverent

There are many challenges in this life that require a solid moral foundation in order to stand tall as a champion rather than cower as one who is defeated. Since its inception, Scouting has maintained that “no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God, and, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of that member” (Scouting’s Declaration of Religious Principle). With this in mind, here are several resources that can aid our members in developing Reverent Scouts.

For less than \$10, www.scoutshop.org has the [pamphlet](#) “A Scout is Reverent”. This small book has several interdenominational prayers that will be useful at meetings and on camps.

Also from scoutshop.org is “Strength for Service: to God and Country”, an excellent [daily devotional](#) that would be a superb gift to any young scout. Each day is punctuated with a story of strength, courage and faith.

www.scouting.org has many tools available for the Chaplains and Chaplain Aids of your Troop or Pack. The best search word on the site is “Chaplain”

Finally, every Scout (both youth and adult) has the opportunity to earn the Religious Emblem of their individual faith. The criteria for each award are set by the Scout’s personal faith group. Again, more information can be found on www.scouting.org

May the Great Scout Father of all good Scouts be with us until we meet again.

From Will Wilson, Goose Creek District Chaplain

Please note: though Scouting often uses quotations from the three major western religions, Scouting is “absolutely nonsectarian in its attitude towards [...] religious training” (ibid). Always be respectful of the diverse backgrounds that strengthen the Scouting experience.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Say Hello to Our New Goose Creek Committee Chairman



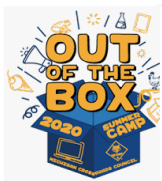
Goose Creek is proud to announce that the Honorable Ron A. Meyer has accepted the position of the Chairman of the Goose Creek District Chairman. Jim Bonfils, who was filling the position for several years, is stepping down to Vice-Chairman.

Hon. Ron A. Meyer is founder and principal of RMA, LCC, a government relations and land use consulting firm in Northern Virginia. Ron served as Loudoun County Supervisor from 2015 to 2019. He represented the Broad Run District, which covers Loudoun's two Metro stations, data center ally, and One Loudoun. He won election in 2015 by more than 17%, outperforming his party ticket by more than 25%. He was appointed to represent the Loudoun Board on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and the MWCOC National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB). He was also Chairman of the Route 28 Transportation Improvement District. Outside of elected office, Meyer was a communications executive and frequent commentator on cable news, working for four years for MediaDC (parent company of Washington Examiner and The Weekly Standard) after maintaining his own communications firm.

As Supervisor, Meyer was known as a pragmatic dealmaker and built a strong bipartisan record focusing on major infrastructure and land use negotiations. Meyer attracted more than \$110 million in NTVA funding to his priority projects, and negotiated development proffers to cover an additional \$90+ million, including numerous parks, school sites, and the construction of his signature project: a parallel bypass to the Greenway for Ashburn. Meyer played a lead role in major land use applications, including Silver District West, Ashburn Station, Broadlands Metro, One Loudoun, Dulles Berry, Project Samuel, and Project NOVA. He also played a major role in landing the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) office deal, which will bring 3,700 jobs to Ashburn.



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.

We also want to know what activities that you would like to see at Day Camp that would help with rank advancements. So our camp director has set up a [Google form](#) for you to fill out and submit. All it asks is what rank the advancement activity would be good for, the name of the activity, and any details needed to fulfil that requirement.

Our camp staff sets up a Great program, but with your input we can change 'Great' to 'Outstanding!'



Order of the Arrow Elections



For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

Troop elections for the Order of the Arrow are once again starting, taking place from January 18th to March 17th. Due to Covid-19 all OA elections and presentations will be held online to ensure the safety of both the scouts and the OA members. To participate in this year's elections your troop must meet virtually, and at least have 50% of all members in the troop attending at the election. Votes will be cast and counted virtually, so for every scout to vote they must have access to their own device and a google account.

For scouts to be eligible to join the Order of the Arrow they need to at least be first class and have 15 nights of camping, only five of which can come from summer camp, within the past 2 years. Assistant scoutmaster and scout masters are also eligible to join the Order of the Arrow.

To register your troop for the election there are some forms that need to be filled out. Please email the [OA Chapter Chief](#) to request the forms and to receive instructions on how to fill them out correctly.

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](mailto:(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.

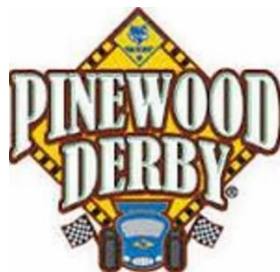
Please note: To subscribe to a Mail Group, you'll still need to send an email to communications@goosecreekdistrict.org as before. Please specify which Mail Group you wish to join (Packs, Troops, etc.).

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 Pinewood Derby 2021



The 2021 Goose Creek District Pinewood Derby Championship will be hosted by Pack 1154 of Ashburn, VA on March 6, 2021

With uncertainty of future attendance restrictions and current NCAC event guidelines for district events, no in-person attendees will be allowed in the building. All races will be broadcast online. Additionally, no prior pack race qualification is required.

Who Can Participate

Any 2020-2021 Cub Scout (Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, Arrow of Light) are eligible to race. NO prior pack race qualification is required. Other friends/family members may participate in the Open Race or Outlaw race.

Trophies And Medals

Each Rank Division (Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light) and Open will be awarded a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Place Speed Award and one Best Design. Outlaw class will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Speed Award.

Grand Finals Championship will be awarded an overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Place Speed Award.

Registration Fee

With no concessions or sponsors for the 2021 race, the registration fee has increased to \$10 to cover 100% of the cost of the event.

Every participant will receive a Collector's Patch.

For the full information about this event, including when/how to drop off your car and the rules go to [Pack 1154 Pinewood Derby](#)

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 Jim Bonfils at JimBonfils@icloud.com



Faith Emblem Class - Scouting Religious Award



In support of the Girl Scout promise and Boy Scout Oath, the P.R.A.Y program is being offered to allow all scouts grades 2-12 to earn their Scouting Religious Emblem. Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.) is a not-for-profit organization representing Protestant and Independent Christian Churches. This program serves to help young people grow in their Christian faith. Galilee United Methodist Church will be the host church offering this program. All scouts are invited to register for these classes -- a current affiliation with Galilee Church is not necessary. Volunteers will be teaching each class.

The program is broken down as follows:

- God and Me (Grades 2-3)
- God and Family (Grades 4-6)
- God and Church (Grades 6-8)
- God and Life (Grades 9-12)

A special recognition is available for young people who complete all four levels of the P.R.A.Y. series.

This program will be offered virtually via zoom. The teacher for each level will schedule 4-6 one-hour classes between March 1 and March 31. Please note, scouts must attend (virtually) and participate in each class and the activities to be eligible for the award. Workbooks and supplies will need to be picked up prior to the first class. (Additional details regarding supply pickup to come). There will be an award ceremony at the completion of the program, it is expected to happen virtually sometime after Easter.

The cost per scout to participate in this program is \$24. This covers the workbook, supplies, and awards.

Please remit payment to Galilee UMC through one of the following methods:

Mail: Mail a check made out to "Galilee UMC" with "Faith Emblem" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to

Galilee UMC
45425 Winding Road
Sterling, VA 20165

Online: Please click on this link: galileeumc.org/give and choose "Faith Emblem" from the drop-down list. Please type in \$24 in the "custom amount" box. For the "Choose Your Designation" box, scroll down and click on Faith Emblem Class - Scouts.

If your scout would like to participate in this program, please sign up here: www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4EAEAA23A75-faith for the class appropriate to your scout's age. There are only 8 spaces available per class. Registration closes Thursday, February 11, 2021.

Registration and payment must be received by Thursday, February 11 to secure the scout's place in the class.

Please contact Julie Logan (julielogan5@yahoo.com) with any questions.

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Joel Beasley – Troop 950

Lawrence Jimeno – Troop 956

Samuel Knowlton – Troop 956

Nathan Lindley – Troop 2970

Robert Quan – Troop 1941

Daniel Rivinius – Troop 2970

Maiwand Saafi – Troop 950

Gauthan Sevugan – Troop 2970

Aison Tran – Troop 1430



Merit Badge Requirement Changes - 2021



The requirements for the following merit badges have been updated:

- **Archaeology** (4b; requirements 8-11 reordered)
- **Collections** (1, 5a, 5c, 5e, 5f; deleted 7; added 3d)
- **Digital Technology** (5b)
- **Disability Awareness** (1a, 1b)
- **Electricity** (10)
- **Fish and Wildlife Management** (3)
- **Fishing** (10)
- **Fly-Fishing** (10, 11)
- **Lifesaving** (1, 2, 15, 16)
- **Motorboating** (1a, 2a, 3a, 4, 5a, 5c)
- **Photography** (1a, 1b)
- **Public Health** (1)
- **Rowing** (2)
- **Sports** (1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 4)
- **Theater** (5, added 3j)
- **Woodwork** (7)

When new merit badge requirements are released, a Scout who is starting the badge may choose to follow either the new or old requirements until the end of the year. At the start of the new year, Scouts who are beginning must use only the new requirements.

If a Scout has already started working on a merit badge, they may continue to use the old requirements to earn the badge. They need not start over again with the new pamphlet and revised requirements.

There is no time limit for starting and completing a merit badge, but all work must be completed by the time a Scout turns 18



Revision to Eagle Scout Package Delivery to Council

The image shows a sample of the Eagle Scout Rank Application form. It includes fields for Scout's Name, District, Unit Type and Number, and a section for the Scout's Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose. There are also checkboxes for various requirements and a section for the local council's verification.

The National Capital Area Council (NCAC) Advancement and Recognition Committee (ARC) is revising the process in the Eagle Scout Procedures Guide for providing the Eagle Scout materials to the council following a successful board of review.

Effective immediately, units may implement the following:

Electronic Submission

- For electronic submission, send an e-mail with the following information to: ncac_eaglecert@scouting.org. This is the same address used for ESRA verification, so clearly indicate in the subject line the purpose of the e-mail.
 - Eagle Submission - Scout's Name, District, Unit Type and Number
 - For example: Eagle Submission – Joseph W. Smith, Patuxent, Troop 1111
- In the body of the e-mail, provide the following information for NCAC to notify when credentials (e.g., certificate, award, etc.) are ready for pick-up:
 - Unit Point of Contact (POC) Name
 - Unit POC Phone #
 - Unit POC E-mail
- Attach to the e-mail a single, good quality, scanned file consisting of the following:
 - Completed, signed Eagle Scout Rank Application – both sides
 - NCAC signed local council verification page
 - Scout's Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose and Listing of Honors and Awards
 - Approved time extension(s) (if applicable)
 - Approved board of review extension (if applicable)
 - Approved request for board of review via videoconference (if applicable)

Hand-carried Submission

- In a folder, bring the following to the reception desk at NCAC:
 - Completed, signed Eagle Scout Rank Application – both sides
 - NCAC signed local council verification page
 - Scout's Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose and Listing of Honors and Awards
 - Approved time extension(s) (if applicable)
 - Approved boards of review extension (if applicable)
 - Approved request for board of review via videoconference (if applicable)
- The reception desk will have the submitter complete a card which will be sent to notify the unit once the credentials are received from the BSA at NCAC.

Notes

- The Unit is responsible (not the Scout) for arranging delivery of the Eagle Scout Package to the NCAC in Bethesda, Maryland, and it is the Eagle Board Chairperson's responsibility to confirm how this will be done and inform the Scout at the conclusion of the Board. Whether submitting electronically or hand-carrying the Eagle Package to NCAC, it is imperative all the material is included otherwise it will not be processed by NCAC staff.
- Completed Project Workbooks are not required
- Letters of reference and blue cards are not required



New Environmental Protection Agency Award



To commemorate the agency's 50th anniversary last year, the Boy Scouts of America and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency signed a memorandum of understanding to create a special award, encouraging those in the Scouts BSA program to strive to protect the environment. The award, which features a patch, requires Scouts to earn environmental and community health-focused merit badges and participate in a service project.

The award is designed to teach Scouts about their world and encourage them to explore and preserve it. Here is the [award application](#). To earn the 50th Anniversary Environmental Protection Agency award, Scouts must earn four merit badges: The Public Health merit badge and one from each of three following groups.

Animal study group:

- Animal Science
- Bird Study
- Insect Study
- Mammal Study
- Reptile and Amphibian Study

Outdoor activity group:

- Backpacking
- Camping
- Climbing
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Fly-Fishing
- Hiking
- Gardening
- Kayaking
- Rafting
- Scuba Diving
- Whitewater
- Wilderness Survival

Earth sciences group:

- Energy
- Forestry
- Geology
- Nature
- Oceanography
- Plant Science
- Soil and Water Conservation
- Weather

If your Scout has already earned these merit badges, they can count toward the Environmental Protection Agency award. In addition to the merit badges, Scouts must also participate in an environmental or public health community service project totaling at least six hours, as part of an approved Scouting program. The project could be anything from picking up litter to organizing a public health awareness initiative.

Scouts can start working on the award now, but all the requirements must be completed by Dec. 31, 2021.



New Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook for 2021



The [Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook](#) file used by Eagle candidates in preparing for, proposing, planning & reporting on their Eagle Scout Service Project (ESSP) has changed effective 1/1/21. Scouts who have already started completing the prior (2019) version can stay with that file through completion of the project. But any Scouts who have not started using the workbook to propose their Eagle Scout Service Project, must be sure to download and use the 2021 form.

The Jan 2021 version has been revised to work on both iOS and Windows based platforms, provided the Scout still uses Adobe to open the file



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](#)

Note: The deadline for submitting this year's scholarships has been extended to Feb. 12 (the Feb 8 EBoR deadline is still in place) to allow the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts the opportunity to apply.

PINEWOOD DERBY CARS-AND WHAT THEY SAY:



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.

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

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.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Boys' Life is now Scout Life — New Name, Same Great Magazine



Your Scout found a surprise when his or her latest issue of *Boys' Life* arrived: a special collector's edition revealing the new name of the Boy Scouts of America's premiere youth publication.

Scout Life represents all the magazine's readers, providing the same great content enjoyed over the past 110 years. In the January-February 2021 issue, Scouts can read about boys and girls troops conquering Wisconsin ski slopes while working on the Snow Sports merit badge. They can learn how to pick out the right pair of hiking boots. There is a cool feature on how to preserve a snowflake. And Scouts can glean helpful tips gathered from the archives of *Boys' Life* magazine.

The magazine is still full of fun factoids, beloved comics, and hilarious and corny jokes. If it is in a Scout's life, it is in *Scout Life*.

Scout Life will continue to be published 10 times a year in two demographic versions: a Cub Scout version tailored to youth ages 5-10 and an older Scout edition for youth ages 11 to 17. The Cub Scout edition features more comics and fun activities while the older Scout issue has stories that can help readers prepare for careers and life. For example, the latest edition has advice on buying your first car.

Online, Scouts can visit scoutlife.org or follow one of the magazine's social media sites:

- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Pinterest](#)



Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath, and Scout Jumuah - 2021



Each year on Feb. 8, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its birthday. It's a date officially known as Scouting Anniversary Day. But this is more than an excuse to eat an extra s'more and commemorate another year of Scouting adventures. It's also when packs, troops, crews and ships honor a Scout's "duty to God."



Through a trio of faith-based celebrations known as Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath and Scout Jumuah, young people give back to the chartered organizations that give them so much. The exact dates vary, but each one is an opportunity for Scouts to publicly demonstrate the 12th point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Reverent.



That might mean an act as simple as wearing the full field uniform to worship services. It might mean participating in services by doing a reading, singing a song, or presenting religious emblems and awards to Scouts and Scouters. Or it might be something as grand as a service project to benefit a religious organization in the community.

However you choose to celebrate, it's essential this year to do so safely. And so in addition to [sharing dates and information about Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath and Scout Jumuah](#), we've also shared some suggested pandemic-era modifications.

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. The flag is certified by the Architect of the Capitol and can be flown on a specific date.

Instructions

- 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)
- 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.
- Follow Submission Instructions - Each Congressional website has its own set of instructions for submitting the request, and 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](#)



High Adventure Base Updates for Summer 2021



The four BSA National High Adventure Bases (Northern Tier, Philmont, Sea Base and Summit) are hard at work in anticipation of opening this summer. However, Adventure is Always Unpredictable and the mighty COVID still abounds. If and When decisions are made, the High Adventure Committee will get the word out to Goose Creek and all Districts promptly.

BSA National has consolidated management functions for all four bases under a new program area, Outdoor Adventures. This has created several benefits; for starters, the registration process is now centralized and located in a Scouter-familiar area, my.scouting.org. Go [here](#) to start planning your unit's next adventure - or explore what's Out There (and the possibilities are tremendous!). Waiting till the last minute to make up your mind?? There ARE still 2021 High Adventure trip dates available at all bases (check each base's website listed below).

Here are some recent updates for crews heading out this summer:

Wilderness First Aid (WFA) and CPR Certification Courses:

- 1) Course offerings have been very limited due to the pandemic. However, many are opening up again on a limited basis. Go [here](#) for a list of WFA vendors in the Metropolitan DC Area with notations on what is presently being offered.
- 2) The bases are coming out with waivers specific to this season. Philmont has published guidance for participants to take a WFA class if available, but they are training Back Country staff and won't require each crew to be WFA trained.
- 3) Philmont will still require CPR Certifications. If in-person classes are not available, online courses will be accepted for this year only.
- 4) The other bases are in the process of revising their policies, working under the consolidated management structure mentioned above.

BSA Health and Medical Records:

- 1) Current forms (dated w/in the last 12 months) are still required.
- 2) Must be the 2019 version AND specific for the base you are attending.
- 3) All three sections (A, B & C) are required
- 4) All forms need original signatures
- 5) All medical conditions (physical and mental) of concern MUST be explained

"Wherever You Go, The Adventures Are!" (with apologies to Buckaroo Banzai)

Philmont Scout Ranch: <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/>

Northern Tier: <https://www.ntier.org/>

Sea Base: <https://www.bsaseabase.org/>

Summit: <https://www.summitbsa.org/>



How to Work with Scouts with Autism



Working with Scouts with autism will take patience. But the rewards — for the Scout, for you and for the members of your unit — will make it well worth your efforts. After all, Scouting is for all young people. There is a place for everyone, especially Scouts with autism.

Autism, which now affects 1 in 68 children and 1 in 42 boys, manifests itself in a variety of ways. That is why it is called autism spectrum disorder, because it's distinguished by a wide range of symptoms.

There's no one-size-fits-all approach, but there is advice that is proven to work.

These tips come from the BSA's [*Guide to Working with Scouts with Special Needs and Disabilities*](#).

- Provide consistent, predictable structure. Be patient. Allow extra time for activities.
- Provide a visual schedule using words and pictures. All Scouts will find this useful. Do not put times in the schedule because a Scout with autism may expect you to follow it to the minute!
- Let the Scout know about transitions early by saying, "In five minutes we'll be ending this activity and starting another."
- Give the Scout information about new activities ahead of time.
- Break up tasks into smaller steps.

Alert the Scout's parents if there is going to be an activity that may cause sensory difficulties for their son. Consider moving noisy activities outside where the noise can dissipate. If the Scout has issues with food taste and texture, carefully plan the menus around these issues so the Scout can eat the same things as other members of the unit as much as possible.

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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.

Training Opportunities



University of Scouting 2021 – Virtual Learning



Has the pandemic put a hamper on your Scouting program? Do you want to improve your Scouting Unit's performance, or want to add some pizzazz to your program? If so, register for the 2021 Virtual University of Scouting!

The University of Scouting is the National Capital Area Council's largest one-day training event offering fun classes for all Scouting Volunteers. This training includes learning opportunities for every volunteer from a Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, Post, Lab, District, or Council. Every volunteer, new or seasoned, are welcomed and encouraged to attend. This year, the entire event is virtual.

The University of Scouting offers more than 150 classes in 5 different "colleges."

- The College of Cub Science is for adult volunteers whose primary focus is on the Cub Scout Program. Find information on how to make your meetings more energetic and purposeful. Learn about Family Scouting and the Lions program.
- The College of Scouts BSA focuses on scouting from the ranks of Scout to Eagle. Information on how to run, and maintain a youth-run Troop. Discover the secret to challenging the youth on their advancement and camping.
- The College of Adventure provides you with information and resources for your older youth in Scouts BSA, Venture Crews, Explorer Posts, and Sea Scouting. Learn how to take the next step in challenging your older youth.
- The College of General Studies has many classes that will improve any unit, with classes covering the Unit, District and Council operations, Social Media usage, online Scouting, and the STEM program.

The University of Scouting's Course Guide provides a [course description](#) of every offered class.

The College will run on February 27, 2021. Classes start at 9:00 AM and end at 3:50 PM. They will all start on the hour and run for 50 minutes. There will be a ten-minute break at the end of each class, providing time to log into the next class. Attendees may attempt to log into their class about five minutes before the start of each class.

Noontime Assembly – The noontime keynote presentation is from the NCAC Scout Executive Craig Poland. No other classes will take place during this time. We will hear from Mr. Poland, who will update us on the state of scouting in the NCAC and Nationally. We also recognize an outstanding NCAC "Trainer" with the 2021 D. Andrew Grafton Award.

New to Zoom? Download the UoS Zoom Guide by clicking [HERE](#)

The Zoom links for the training will be sent to each registered adult volunteer a week before the training.

To register click [HERE](#) (Please select your classes from the catalog before attempting to register)



Winter WFA Courses at Camp Snyder



Get Wilderness First Aid Certified with the NCAC's own Outdoor Preparedness Initiative (OPI)! Be prepared for a BSA national or local high adventure, your own trip, or just outdoor adventure in general.

PI's winter WFA course dates have been set. Check out the dates and register on www.ncacbsa.org/opi-wfa.

OPI provides certification from the American Red Cross and offers courses at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA. The training is for adults and youth, ages 14 and up.

Make sure to sign up soon, since course sizes are strictly limited due to COVID-19!



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.

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.

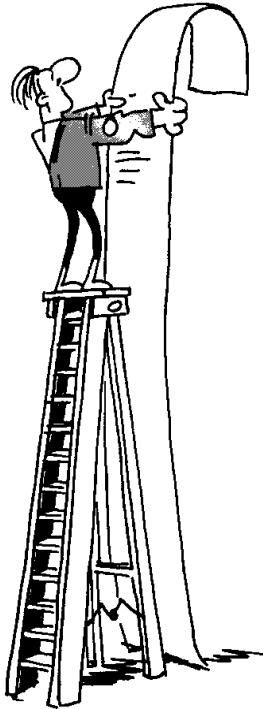
When: Saturday 03-13-2021 9:00 AM ET to 1:00 PM ET

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](#).

District Calendar



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
- 29 **District Court of Honor**

May 2021

- 12 **Program Launch**
- 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

January 2022

- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner Mtg
- 17 MLK Jr. Day
- 26 District Committee