



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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 For Everyone

 New Article / Updated Information



*from Charles W. Dahlquist II, BSA National Commissioner, in Scouting Magazine, March-April 2018*

## You can make a Difference

When learning of the Scout motto, someone once asked Baden-Powell, "Be Prepared for what?" BP's response: "Why, for any old thing." As Scouts and Scouters, we are always ready, in body and mind, to do our duty to assist others and to "Do a Good Turn Daily," even when it might not be convenient.

Tom Brokaw was once quoted as saying, "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." And yet, I regularly have the opportunity and blessing to serve with you and your fellow Scouters as you make profound differences in the lives of the Rising Generation. I learned of one such occasion from Scott Hellen, a Scouting friend who serves as a member of the BSA Disabilities Awareness Subcommittee.

Scott told me the story of Joe, a Scout who has little control over his muscles. Joe came to the Jamboree with a motorized cart and a special aide to help him. On the first morning, the aide asked Joe, "What do you want to do today?" Joe's response: "I want to go mountain biking!" So off they went to the Summit mountain bike course. When they arrived, a staffer asked Joe, "Have you ever ridden a bike?" To which Joe replied, "No, but this sounds fun!"

As he looked at Joe, that young staff member could easily have said, "We're glad you're here, but this course would be just too dangerous for you." Instead he said, "Let's see if we can make this work!" He called over another young staffer to assist him. Then they all put on bike helmets and the staffers got Joe on the bike, holding on to the handlebars for dear life! Then, with one staffer on one side of Joe and one on the other, they guided Joe all the way through a most rigorous mountain bike course.

When they finished, Joe was ecstatic. While the two staffers were worn out and doubled over with fatigue, Joe said, "That was super!" Just then, one of the staffers straightened up and said to Joe: "Ever been on a skateboard?" Joe's response: "No! But it sounds fun!" – and off they went to the Summit skateboard park for another wonderful adventure.

The message in the story is twofold and serves as a tribute to each of you who serves so faithfully. The first: Be Joe! Get up every day looking for an adventure. The second: Be the staffer! Be ready to help a Scout fulfill a dream.

Thanks to each of you for your heartfelt devotion to serving the Rising Generation; to becoming trained yourself; and for giving your time, talents, heart and soul to help accomplish the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

## District News

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



### Roundtable



Please join the Goose Creek Roundtable staff at our next Roundtable on March 10th at 7:30 pm. We will share valuable information about what is going on across the District and have a guest speaker discuss conservation.

Pre-registration is required using the following link: <https://ncacbsa.org.zoom.us/j/93818504055?pwd=STRENk9YeEJFMW1nYW1qUFNWaytyZz09>



### Spring Camporee



Greetings Goose Creek Troop Leaders. The Spring Camporee is on and will be held virtually between now and March 19th with results and a livestream held on March 27th at 10AM.

Our theme is "Take Your Best Shot!" in honor of the vaccines being administered around the world.

Unlike other camporees where the challenges are designed for you, this camporee has you designing the challenge for yourself. Our theme is Take Your Best Shot!, so this could include rocket launches (moonshot!) tomahawk throw (target shot) bb guns, rifles, archery, horseshoe throwing, golf shots, catapult, frisbee golf, you name it! As long as your activity involves something flying through the air you can earn points. Any first aid related challenge will also be accepted. (After all, you might have to administer a shot!)

So dial up your SPL, hold a PLC and get your scouts in gear. These pandemic times are hopefully coming to an end real soon and this may be their last opportunity to participate in a Camporee based solely on video submissions. The video upload instructions, scoring and other instructions are included in the Leaders Guide.

Finally, we are accepting applications from anyone who would like to judge these submissions. The application process is super easy; just let me know if you are interested.

If you haven't received the Leaders Guide in one of the district emails, or wish to be a judge, please contact Charles Thornton, [scouterchalis@gmail.com](mailto:scouterchalis@gmail.com), 571-420-1035.

### 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

Any questions, contact Jim Bonfils at [JimBonfils@icloud.com](mailto:JimBonfils@icloud.com)



## Recruiting



This year has been a tough year for scouting and many units have taken a hit with retention and recruiting of new scouts across the board. While we are all tired of virtual events and the last thing anyone wants to do is plan a virtual event... it is completely understandable! With that said, we need to take advantage of this spring, along with the warmer weather it brings and reinvigorate our outdoor activities and units with some new faces through a spring recruiting plan! Whether that looks like a bring a buddy event to a unit activity or a meeting we need to host a spring recruitment event and already start thinking about what our fall unit recruitment events will look like. Never too early to start planning an amazing time for our youth and offering them an adventure of a lifetime by joining Scouts BSA!

Here are some “Out of the Box Ways” to invite youth to scouting:

1. Host Open Houses or Join Scouting Nights
2. Hold a unit “Bring a Buddy Challenge”
3. Distribute yard signs with your contact information (I have them)
4. Place short articles in local community, company, subdivision, and city/town newspapers/newsletters
5. Get joining info into church newsletters and bulletin inserts
6. Develop a pack, troop, team, or crew information sheet to hand out
7. Pursue opportunities to speak to conferences of churches and community organizations (Virtual events count!)
8. Work extra hard to facilitate Webelos-to-Boy Scout and Boy Scout-to-Venture transition plans
9. Reach out to youth that have taken a break from scouting due to the pandemic
10. Ask your scouts to invite all their friends
11. Ask local supermarkets to insert fliers in grocery bags
12. Ask local pizza company to place fliers on pizza boxes
13. Advertise your BeAScout site on Social Media
14. Use social media of all types (Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram...)
15. Unit recruiting videos
16. School Morning Announcements
17. Encourage your scouts to earn the Recruiter Strip

There are so many ways to get the word out and make it more exciting. If you need help please do not hesitate to reach out to get some support, Dena McGuigan, [membership@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:membership@goosecreekdistrict.org)



## District Court of Honor



It's that time of year — time to recognize those amazing Scouters who've made a huge difference in the lives of young people here in Goose Creek District - NCAC. All Goose Creek Packs, Troops, and Crews are invited to the Goose Creek District Annual Court of Honor on Thursday, April 29th, via Zoom. Special recipients include the District Award of Merit, Unit Volunteer of the Year Awards, Eagle Scout Class of 2020, OA Vigil Honorees and the District Key 3 Awardees.

Schedule of events:

7:00pm - 7:30pm - District Committee Meeting

7:30pm - 9:00pm - District Court of Honor

Come meet your District Committee and see how they are working for you, or just log in for the main event. Same Zoom log-in for both. <https://ncacbsa-org.zoom.us/j/91869730908?pwd=UFFDN290RmUyU0FhR0V2Vlh0SGUydz09#success>

In addition to recognizing our adult volunteers, we invite all 2020 Eagle Scouts to please join us in Full Class A Uniform for a special recognition.

The Boy Scouts of America is a volunteer organization which relies on dedicated volunteers. If you haven't yet recognized that special volunteer from your unit as the Unit Volunteer of the Year, you still have time. Please submit:

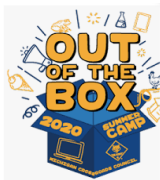
- Your name
- The Unit volunteer of the Year's name (one per unit)
- Unit type (Troop, Crew, Pack) and number (1154)
- along with a short description of how this leader upholds the ideals of scouting in your unit

Submit this information to [stevewolfson@verizon.net](mailto:stevewolfson@verizon.net)

Please put your unit, number and unit volunteer of the year in the Subject field of the email. (i.e. Troop 43 Unit Volunteer of the Year or Crew 7070 Unit Volunteer of the Year)

Unit Volunteer of the Year nominations are due April 15, 2021.

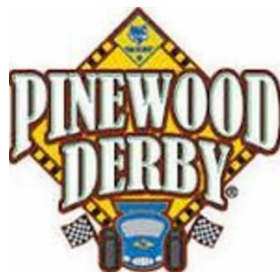
## Goose Creek Day Camp and Twilight Camp



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](mailto: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 fulfill that requirement.

## 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 – Open thru March 5<sup>th</sup>

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](#)

## 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 wrapping up soon ending on 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 Scoutmasters and Scoutmasters 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](mailto:packs@goosecreekdistrict.org), [troops@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@goosecreekdistrict.org) or [john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto: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.

## “Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

**Joe Davis** – Troop 1907

**Jonathan Mason** – Troop 572

**Charles Oyama** – Troop 572

**Jayden Pearson** – Troop 982

**Sachi Watsen** – Troop 2970g

**Ashley Wintermute** – Troop 2970g

**Please note that the two ladies listed (Troop 2970g) are Goose Creek's first female Eagle Scouts and among the first 30 in our Council.**

## 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

## Revision to Eagle Scout Package Delivery to Council

 A scanned image of the Eagle Scout Rank Application form. The form is titled "EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION" and contains various sections for personal information, unit details, and signatures. It includes a header with the BSA logo and a footer with the BSA logo and "© 2019 BSA".

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](mailto: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





## Wearing the Totin' Chip Patch



The Totin' Chip Patch is the same shape as the flap over the right pocket so that's obviously the place to put it, right? Wrong!

The BSA's *Guide to Awards and Insignia* says that neither the "Totin' Chip" nor the "Firem'n Chit" patch is for uniform wear except centered on the right pocket (the "temporary patch" position, which would better be named the "at the wearer's discretion" position) or on the back of the merit badge sash. The only patch that 'officially' goes on the flap is the Order of the Arrow Lodge Patch.

## 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](mailto:rjfmf99@hotmail.com)





## James M. Stewart Good Citizenship Award



We could use a few more Jimmy Stewarts in the world.

The Oscar-winning actor, philanthropist and military officer was a Scout in Troop 3 of Indiana, Pa. — about an hour east of Pittsburgh. As an adult, he was a dedicated friend of Scouting and received the Silver Buffalo Award, the BSA's top honor for adult volunteers.

Stewart died in 1997, but his spirit of citizenship endures in a number of tangible ways, including the James M. Stewart Good Citizenship Award, available to members of Scouts BSA.

The award, launched in 2003, was created through a partnership between the BSA, the James M. Stewart Museum Foundation, the Stewart family and the BSA's Penn's Woods Council (now part of the Laurel Highlands Council).

Registered Scouts can earn the James M. Stewart Good Citizenship Award by completing all of the following requirements:

- Take the Jimmy Stewart Museum quiz
- Write an essay of at least 500 words on the importance of citizenship in Scouting
- Perform a good citizenship project in the community in honor of James M. Stewart

Learn more and order award materials at the [official site](#)



## The Duke of Edinburgh's Award



HRH The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex – the Queen of England's youngest son – visited the United States in May to promote one of the British Royal Family's principal charities for youth, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Founded in 1956 by the Queen's husband, HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, this international award program now operates in more than 140 countries around the world reaching more than 8 million youth. In 2010, the Award formed a national partnership with BSA. NCAC began offering the DofE Award locally in 2011.

To earn a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, youth participate for 6-18 months in activities in four areas: physical fitness, special skills community service, and adventurous journey. Participants choose their own activities in these areas, utilizing existing interests or pursuing new ones and spending at least an hour per week on each. Participants must also embark on an adventurous journey to challenge themselves in the great outdoors while discovering new experiences and learning the importance of teamwork and self-reliance.

The DofE award is an internationally renowned honor that, like Eagle Scout sets youth apart from their peers by highlighting their dedication to service and commitment to excellence. Youth are eligible to continue working towards their award until age 25.

Visit [www.USAward.org](http://www.USAward.org) for more.

## Council / National News

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

### 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](http://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) Philmont has modified their policy and, for the 2021 summer season, at least ONE crew member must have WFA with CPR certification.. Note that this is a minimum requirement; it is always a good idea to have more WFA-trained crew members. This requirement applies to any backcountry activity, such as your unit shakedown hikes conducted locally. Remember that you're 14 yrs and older can be certified in WFA too!
- 3) 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

Philmont is streaming their next Preparedness Seminar on March 18th on Facebook Live! This is #6: Base Camp Procedures. Their FB page is at:

<https://www.facebook.com/PhilmontScoutRanch/photos/pb.107991269228808.-2207520000../4338760869485139/?type=3&theater>



## March Webinar Series: NCAC Summer Camp 2021



Join the staff of the different NCAC Summer Camps & Programs for informational webinars and get all your summer camp questions answered! There will be representation from Goshen Scout Reservation, Camp Snyder, District Day & Twilight Camps, Camp Catoctin BSA, and the High Adventure Committee. Let's get camping in Summer 2021!

### March 4: Camping & COVID

Camp is going to look a little different this year. Learn what Goshen and Snyder are doing to keep camp both safe and fun this summer.

### March 11: Scouts BSA Camping Options

Get information about programs for both Troops and individuals at Goshen's Camps Bowman, Marriott, and Olmsted; Goshen's Provisional Camp program; Snyder's new Specialty Week; and Camp Catoctin BSA.

### March 18: Cub Scouts Go to Camp

Get all the details on day camps and overnight camps at Camp Snyder, Camp PMI, Camp Ross, and District Day & Twilight Camps.

### March 25: High Adventure at Summer Camp

Looking for adventure? Check out Goshen's Lenhok'sin High Adventure or one of the High Adventure Committee's trips to a National High Adventure Base.

**Webinars will begin at 6pm EST.**

Register in advance at:

[https://ncacbsaorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_K297Jl5zTrOSqlcHr9mpVw..](https://ncacbsaorg.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_K297Jl5zTrOSqlcHr9mpVw..)



## High Adventure Training



Upcoming NCAC High Adventure Committee Training:

Philmont Outdoor Skills Workshop: Virtual classroom session: Sunday, March 14 (1.5 hs); In-person skills session: Saturday, March 20 (3.5 hrs).

Northern Tier Preparedness Training: March 27 & April 17 (3.5 hrs).

Contact John Blackwell, [john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org), 301-346-9551.



## Dealing with Lapsed YPT Training



From Ask Andy, <http://netcommissioner.com/askandy/2014/11/issue-421-november-11-2014/>

**Dear Andy**

**When an adult volunteer's Youth Protection training lapses, even though it has been brought to his or her attention weeks prior to the expiration date, are they still allowed to interact with Scouts or do they stay away until Youth Protection is current again?**

Here's the deal... If an adult volunteer's YP training tenure has expired, that person is dropped from the unit roster and from membership in the BSA on the re-chartering date. If the re-chartering date hasn't happened yet, and this YP-expired adult interacts with youth, he or she is putting the unit and chartered organization in jeopardy from a liability standpoint. So, your troop committee chair (CC) can sit on his or her hands and wait for re-chartering to roll around, so that the council does the right thing, or the CC can step up to the plate and tell this volunteer that, especially since he or she has been cautioned about lapsing and has refused to take action to correct this, they're history. Take your pick.



## Lose Yourself (And Find Yourself) in the Philmont Photo Archive



Want to go back to Philmont? Step into the time machine. Philmont Scout Ranch has opened its vast archive of participant and staff photos to the public.

That means if you've participated in a Philmont program in the past quarter-century — cavalcade, traditional crew expedition, individual trek, Philmont Training Center or Philmont staff — your photo's on there.

Viewing watermarked photos in the Philmont photo archive is free; buying a print or a high-res digital version will cost you \$10 or \$15, respectively. The Philmont photo archive includes 2014 photos and goes back to 1988. Philmont says it's working backward at a rate of about five summers per year.

So if you went to Philmont any time between 1965 (the year Philmont began saving participant and staff photo negatives) and 1987, be patient. Your photo will show up soon.

Philmont, which went all-digital with its participant and staff photos beginning in 2007, has scanned more than 100,000 photo negatives so far.

To find yours, check out the [Philmont photo archive](#).



## Michael's Woodshop



Here is a link to [Michael's Woodshop News, Spring 2021](#) which was just posted to the Camp Snyder website. We have several exciting new offerings this spring, including our "Baloo the Builder Workshop" which we expect to become one of our most popular activities. In addition, please see the upcoming Paddle making class being offered by the Aquatics Committee. This is a unique opportunity to learn how to make canoe paddles from an expert. Please act quickly, space is limited.

If you have any questions, or would like to be added or removed from our distribution, please send an email to [MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com)



## Training Opportunities



### Wood Badge



Wood Badge is the Boy Scouts of America's ultimate leadership training designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of Scouters in all aspects of the BSA, whether unit, district, or council level – from assistant den leaders to Scoutmasters, from Cubmasters to Venturing Advisors, from committee members to commissioners. It is a fun, energetic, and inspiring course guaranteed to infuse your unit with fun and meaning – all designed to fulfill the mission of the BSA, and ensure our youth is getting everything they are promised from the program.

Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles and successful organizations throughout the country. Participants can expect to develop skills in many areas, including leadership theory, team building, problem-solving, communication, project planning and more. These skills can be taken back to packs, troops, crews and ships to help leaders guide youth in dynamic Scouting programs. Scouters will find these skills invaluable in their business and personal lives as well.

Wood Badge consists of two parts:

- The first five full days is the initial group training, usually held over two weekends – the first weekend Friday through Sunday, and the second Saturday and Sunday.
- The second part requires participants to apply the skills they learned by completing a 5-part plan (called a “ticket”) over the following 18 months, leading towards the individual participant's vision of a better Scouting future.

Requirements for attending Wood Badge:

1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and age 18 or older.
2. Have completed the basic position-specific training courses for their Scouting role.
3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record. Parts A, B, and C are required which includes a physical. Part C is required for everyone, including people who are not present for more than 72 hours.

A minimum (non-refundable) deposit is due with registration, and then full payment is due 45 days before the start of the course. Each Wood Badge course is limited to 48 participants. Per national guidelines, any course not having 30 fully paid participants 30 days prior to the start of the course is subject to cancellation.

QUESTIONS?

For information about specific courses, contact the Course Director listed on the [registration page](#).



## National Youth Leadership Training



National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting 6-day program designed for youth to learn leadership skills that will help them succeed in Scouting and in life!

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Scouts who have completed their unit's introduction to leadership course, have been practicing these skills, and are ready for the next level of training should attend NYLT once they meet all Eligibility Requirements.

### NYLT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Scouts must:

- Complete their home Unit's Introduction to Leadership Skills course\*
- Receive approval from your Scoutmaster or Unit leader
- Be at least 13 years of age by course start date
- Earn First Class rank, if registered in a Troop
- Have current BSA Health Form (Parts A, B, and C)
- Be comfortable camping and cooking outdoors
- Commit to attending the entire six-day course

\* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), and Ships (ILSS) should be offered through a Scout's home unit. Ask your Unit Leader how you can participate in this course.

### WHAT NYLT IS (AND IS NOT)

NYLT is not like summer camp and is not designed for rank advancement or earning merit badges. NYLT is an intense and challenging hands-on leadership training program. It is essential that NYLT participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this advanced training. In order to get the most benefit from this unique experience, participants must exhibit emotional maturity, a positive attitude, proficiency in basic camping and outdoor cooking, and have an ambition to serve in leadership roles.

Behavior at NYLT: Participants agree to conduct themselves in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law.

### QUESTIONS?

For information about specific courses, contact the Course Director listed on the [registration page](#). General inquiries about the NYLT program may be directed to [contact@myNYLT.org](mailto:contact@myNYLT.org).

You can follow NCAC NYLT Youth Training online on Facebook [facebook.com/myNYLT](https://www.facebook.com/myNYLT)

NYLT Resources:

- [NYLT General Packing List](#)
- [NYLT Scholarship](#)
- [Youth Staffing Application](#)

## 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](#).

## 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.

OPI's winter WFA course dates have been set. Check out the dates and register on [www.ncacbsa.org/opi-wfa](http://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!

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A young boy goes camping for the first time in the woods with his father. After they have set up camp he asks his dad where he can go to the toilet.

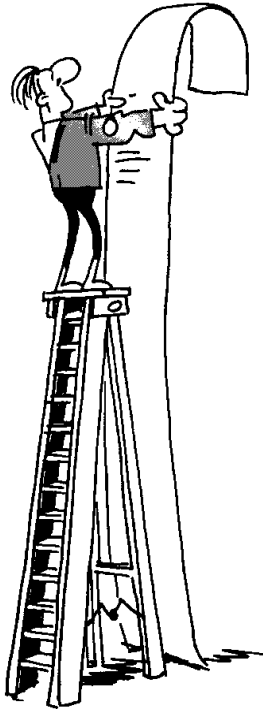
"That's the beauty of camping in the woods," the father replies, "You can go to the toilet wherever you want."

After five minutes or so, the young lad wanders back to the campfire.

"So, where did you go to the toilet then, son?" The father asks.

"In your tent," the boy replies.

# District Calendar



March 2021	
2	School Holiday
6	<b>District Pinewood Derby</b>
10	Roundtable
10	OA Chapter Meeting
11	Commissioner Mtg
25	District Committee
29-31	Spring Break

April 2021	
12	School Holiday
14	Roundtable
14	OA Chapter Meeting
15	Commissioner Mtg
29	<b>District Court of Honor</b>

May 2021	
12	<b>Program Launch</b>
12	OA Chapter Meeting
13	Commissioner Mtg
27	District Committee
31	Memorial Day

June 2021	
9	Roundtable
9	OA Chapter Meeting
10	Commissioner Mtg
24	District Committee
28	<b>Day Camp Starts</b>

July 2021	
4	Fourth of July

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

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

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

November 2021	
10	Roundtable
10	OA Chapter Meeting
11	Commissioner Mtg
18	District Committee & <b>Annual District Business Meeting</b>
30	<b>Final Date for Recharter Turn In</b>

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

January 2022	
12	Roundtable
12	OA Chapter Meeting
13	Commissioner Mtg
17	MLK Jr. Day
27	District Committee

February 2022	
4	Scout Jumuah
5	Scout Sabbath
6	Scout Sunday
9	Roundtable
9	OA Chapter Meeting
10	Commissioner Mtg
21	President's Day
24	District Committee