



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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'Adultism' can be a loaded term but I think it would be useful to consider it in the context of our work in Scouting.

Adultism is the broadly defined as valuing the ideas, initiatives and direction of adults over that of youth. If Scouting is to stay true to its foundational principles we ought to make an effort to understand the place of adult influence and guidance.

That we commonly call ourselves "adult leaders" is a sign that we are in danger of misunderstanding our role in Scouting. Since most adult volunteers begin their work in Scouting with Cub Scout aged boys they develop a set of practices and attitudes proper to working with younger children that they may not change adequately as they begin working with older children.

Direction

Scouting has inherent emphasis and focus; a self-defined direction to everything we do. Think of it as a field of play, as literal as chalk markings on a soccer field or the painted lines of a basketball court. This kind of established boundary and rules of play don't need our interpretations or endorsements – they are a part of the game.

Adultism skews Scouting when we think that adults independently set up the field of play, control the relationships between the players and develop the rules of the game. We don't need to invent these things, they are already there.

Self Determination

Scouts are inherently self-governing. They choose leaders, they select their own activities and administer them. Adult volunteers have a relatively small role in this. We've often discussed our responsibility to support a safe physical environment for our Scouts while recognizing the latitude built into Scouting for Scouts to experience failures as a vital part of the learning process.

Adults sometimes expand this provisional authority to coerce Scouts into doing what adults would prefer they do; they expand their veto power in a way that devalues the authority of Scouts to decide the way forward.

Responsibility and Authority

If Scouts are truly responsible then they must have the real authority. They have to make decisions that are not continually subject to change or nullification by adults.

Autonomy

Scouts have what every adolescent craves – autonomy. Adults are very uncomfortable with autonomous young people, we are threatened by them. While this autonomy is practiced within the framework of a defined direction we should take any decision to limit this autonomy seriously and with measured thought.

Adultism devalues direction, waters down self determination, skews authority and responsibility and devalues autonomy. We've said, time and time again, that Scouting is for the Scouts, that it is something they do for themselves rather than something we present to them. Seeing Scouting work, realizing its full potential for good, begins with understanding the adult role, the scope of its responsibility and authority and honoring the Scouts role in his development above our own.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Goose Creek Day Camp and Twilight Camp



The Basics

Dates: Monday, June 28 - Friday, July 2, 2021 for Day Camp

Monday, Monday, June 28 - Thursday, July 1 for Twilight Camp

Note: our annual Staff and Den Walker Trainings day and times are TBD.

Location: has been changed to a property the Council owns in Ashburn. There is no address yet, but the address across the street is 43831 Centergate Dr, Ashburn, VA 20148

Activities: Our schedule is in progress, but you can count on a return of all our shooting ranges, Crafts, Sports, and lots of other goodies! Keep your antennae tuned.

Note: The Early Bird discount for this year's Day and Twilight Camps will be extended through May 15

Camp Needs YOU!

We are in need of adult support (as well as Youth, but it doesn't *legally* happen without adults) to fill Program Areas. We are still looking for science-minded folks who could donate some time to our camp; and we also lost one of our key Archery leaders, so if you or anyone you know could step up to any of our Program Areas, please send a message to goosecreekcubcamp@gmail.com, to see you can help. In addition, if you volunteer for the whole week, you will be able to send one camper to camp for FREE!

A CHANGE FOR DEN WALKERS

Please be advised that for our Day and Twilight Camps, Youth Protection Training is now REQUIRED for all Den Walkers. It has been noted that "The Guide To Safe Scouting" requires YPT only if an adult will be present at an event for 72 hours (including non-consecutive) and even though our camps will not run that long, Council has decided to require it for all Den Walkers as well as Staffers.

Finished With Your Paperwork?

When you have completed the paperwork, including health forms and any trainings that are required for Den Walkers and Staff, please send an email to Shannon Klee at goosecreekcubcamp@gmail.com, to arrange drop-off or mailing. We are flexible, and we prefer to have it in hand sooner rather than later!

Contact Shannon Klee at goosecreekcubcamp@gmail.com with questions and to receive her newsletter which has lots more information about this.



News from the District Membership Team



The membership team has some exciting news to share with all of you. We have set up a Membership Hub with the intention of making it a one stop shop for all things Membership.

We have also established (this is the best part if you ask me) an automated process for applications that will allow you to track where they are in the process. While this is the preferred method for submission and transfers between units, we understand there are issues and not all units want to accept online applications.

All applications will need to be submitted using this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LCXHJlwnY59C7SrZIPR0yC502I_-e1SVpCGjox-ol3w/edit?usp=sharing

This will alert membership that there is an application that needs to be reviewed. Once reviewed, with the click of a button, it's sent to our District professional, who will review and submit to the registration team at Council. Once that step is complete, it is pushed back to the volunteer membership team and we do not mark it "complete" until it is verified against your unit roster. The best part is you will be able to track the application(s).

Over the weekend multiple units received emails from us indicating that their applications have been submitted as we dug through and attempted to verify every application that was received this year. If you are missing any scouts off your official my.scouting.org roster, please resubmit them using this [link](#) to the form.

On another note, many units have online applications that need to be accepted, please do so today at my.scouting.org.

Visit our Membership Hub:

<https://sites.google.com/goosecreekdistrict.org/membership/home?authuser=2>

Submit your applications here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGYDFSmJ8y510NXMA7gQT-hiqVMgWH83RAV8uA-Y281kX1BGw/viewform>



Program Launch



Please join the Goose Creek for Program Launch on May 12 at 7:30 pm. We will share valuable information about what is going on across the district and help units get ready to launch their summer programs and have the best summer ever!



OA

Goose Creek Chapter is hosting a virtual Order of the Arrow Ordeal May 14-15 and the cost for candidates is \$55.

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

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Dominic Bourgeois – Troop 982

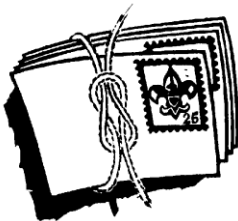
Cole MacMillan – Troop 956

Nathanael Pampaloni – Troop 39

Russel Shoja – Troop 982

Naeem Syed – Troop 1907

Eagle Recognition Letters from the Military



If you want your new Eagle Scouts to receive recognition letters from one of the military services, follow these directions:

Army – for the U.S. Army Youth Certificate of Recognition, signed by the Army’s Chief of Staff, nominations must be sent to a local U.S. Army recruiting battalion

Navy – for a U.S. Navy Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate, send requests to the commanding officer of the local navy Recruiting District. District locations are available at www.NavyCS.com/districts.html or by calling the nearest navy recruiter. Requests should include the new Eagle Scout’s name (as it will appear on the certificate), date of the award ceremony, mailing address to send the certificate, and information for contacting the troop leader.

Air Force – Requests for an Eagle Scout congratulatory letter from the U.S. Air Force should be sent of AFRS/PA, Attn: Scout Letters, 550 D Street West, Suite 1, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4527.

Marines – Send your request, in writing, to Commandant of the Marine Corps, Director of Marine Corps Staff, The Pentagon, Rm. 4E791, Washington, D.C. 20350-3000.



Modular Design Preview Adventure



Do your Cub Scouts love to create and build? Then, they'll be thrilled with the new Modular Design Cub Scout Preview Adventure presented by Snap Ships.

[Preview Adventures](#) launched two years ago to deliver new adventures on Scouting.org instead of in a handbook. They are offered for a limited time, and these experimental adventures count as electives and could be considered to be part of future handbooks based on feedback. You can check out these adventures on [this page](#), including the latest adventure: Modular Design.

Modular design is a design principle of a system that can be constructed with parts that are interchangeable, replaceable or modified, and that can fit with other systems. Many toys work on this principle, such as interlocking blocks, which are the base of the building toy [Snap Ships](#) by PlayMonster. The [PlayMonster](#) toy brand has partnered with the BSA to provide discounts, awards and resources for this new, exciting modular adventure.

This is a great adventure that can be delivered in a virtual or in-person den meeting. In this adventure, Cub Scouts learn the concepts of modular design through fun building activities, including learning how to create original model designs or building instructions. This adventure is only for Bears, Webelos and Arrow of Light Cub Scouts. They can use any modular toys to fulfill requirements, and Snap Ships spacecrafts are a great fit.

Completing the adventure

You can find the requirements, den meeting plans, meeting resources and the digital recognition for this Preview Adventure on the site. To help launch this new Preview Adventure, Snap Ships has donated 10,000 ships to the BSA. These spaceships will introduce the adventure to those attending National Camp School for Cub Scout Day Camp and Resident Camp. In addition, 15 councils have agreed to help introduce the adventure in upcoming district or council events.

When your den has completed this adventure, record Cub Scouts' completion in Scoutbook. They can receive instant digital recognition, either in-person or virtually. This new Preview Adventure is allowing Cub Scouting to test new digital instant recognition.

Instead of adventure loops or pins, there is a customized congratulatory video, a "license to build" and a 25% discount code for any Snap Ship purchase on Amazon. You can access the downloadable recognition directly from the Preview Adventure landing page. Work is being done to attach this Preview Adventure to an email that would include the digital recognition and would be sent to parents.



Cleanliness is next to godliness except at Scout camp, where it is next to impossible.

Book – The Eagle Court of Honor Book



To turn a run-of-the-mill Eagle Scout Court of Honor into something unforgettable, toss out the carbon-copy script your troop has used for years. Instead, pick up a copy of *The Eagle Court of Honor Book* (\$14.99 at www.ScoutStuff.org).

The book, in its third edition, includes complete ceremonies, planning checklists, inspirational pieces, Eagle Scout charges, poems, quotes, and more.

But if you've ever been to an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, you know that the ceremony is just part of the experience. You've also got to deal with all of the before and after details — the source of headaches for many an Eagle Scout mom or dad. We're talking about all the lists of whom to invite, tips for planning the perfect reception, ideas for making your own props, and suggestions for meaningful gifts for the newly minted Eagle.

So get advice on all of that from a trusted source: author Mark Ray, a frequent contributor to *Scouting* magazine and other official BSA publications. Mark has participated in the program at every level during a career that's stretched over more than 25 years. You may know Mark's other popular publication, *The Scoutmaster's Other Handbook*.

Ideas for a Memorable Eagle Court of Honor



Try these readers' tips from *Scouting Magazine* to make your *troop's next eagle scout court of honor memorable*.

Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Recognition



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

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

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

You may address all requests and inquiries to:

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

Email: rjfm1f99@hotmail.com

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Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org

Camp Snyder is Open for Small Group Camping



Only one patrol sized group per campsite, 12-13 attendees, and no more than 25 members per scout unit can camp at Camp Snyder on a specific weekend. This is in compliance with Executive Order 72 for the State of VA. The goal is that the small group method help to mitigate COVID-19 virus transmission. There will be no formal activities provided during your stay but there is plenty to do at the camp on your own.

For more information and to register for a weekend go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-42563>



Summer of Service



Join Scouting families across the country in a spirited Summer of Service! As we have throughout our history, Scouting families are answering the call to work together in service of the greater good. From public health drives, to caring for the environment, to assisting neighbors in need, Scouts have always been a force for positivity and goodness in our communities. Now more than ever, our world needs that Scouting spirit once again. Let's step up! Together, we can answer the call to make a positive impact in our neighborhoods and communities. Join us today, with projects big or small, in a Summer of Service!

To find out more go to: [Summer of Service](#)

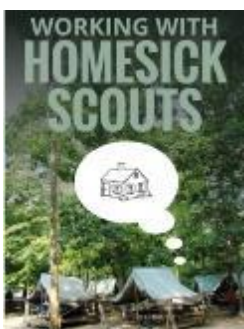
Michael's Woodshop



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

Book – Working with Homesick Scouts



If you are headed off to camp this summer it's likely you will be working with one or more homesick Scouts. Understanding, preventing, and treating homesickness ought to be approached like administering first aid for any other illness or injury. Homesickness is not imaginary, it's not an indication of weakness or lack of character, it's not a symptom of bad parenting or bad leadership and, thankfully, it's reasonably easy to prevent.

Scout leaders and parents of Scouts should consider following a homesickness prevention plan well before the Scouts are headed to camp. For advice on how to do this see this [article](#).

Two Things You (probably) Didn't Think About Taking to Summer Camp

Excerpted from Scoutmaster Clarke Green, May 28 2014., <http://scoutmastercg.com/>

Two humble things find a number of uses at summer camp; clothespins and index cards.

I usually have a pocket full of index cards, and use them all day long to take notes, leave messages, and post reminders or notices for youth leaders. With clothespins or thumbtacks I can clip them to a tent flap, a branch, or pin them to our bulletin board.



Here are some ideas that you may find useful and fun:

1. Simple “where is” board.

Someone is usually trying to find me at camp, or I am looking for someone else. A simple “where is” note can help folks figure out where to look first.

2. Summer Camp Chore Chart

Here's one idea your Senior Patrol Leader can use to assign patrol tasks for the day.



3. Notes and Notices

I can be reasonably sure a Scout will find a note clipped to their tent flap. I can use the same method to distribute mail from home or other information a particular Scout or youth leader needs.

4. Clothespin Obstacle Course

Two Scouts use 5 clothespins to attach themselves together and follow an obstacle course. The team who completes the course with the most pins still attached wins.

5. Clothespin Endurance Champion

Each Scout holds a clothespin pinched open between two fingers with their arm fully extended and elbow straight at shoulder level. The last Scout to hold this position wins.

6. Clothespin Hunt

A number of marked or colored clothespins are hidden around the campsite. The patrol who finds the most in a given time wins.

7. Clothespin Challenge

Which Scout or Patrol, in the opinion of their fellow Scouts, can create the best animal, gadget, or inventive use for clothespins by the end of the week? Whittling, a couple of Popsicle sticks from the trading post, some glue, lashings, or the addition of other found objects – amazing things can be made from clothespins.

8. Hanging Clothes

Goes without saying, but I'll say it anyway.



High Adventure Base Updates for Summer 2021



- All four National Bases have made considerable preparations and plan to be open for Summer 2021. Be aware that decisions made by each state's health authorities continue to evolve and can affect operations at each base individually.
- Northern Tier will only operate Ely base in the Boundary Waters; the Canadian border remains closed, Atikokan and Bissett will not be available
- All National Bases have added a \$50 surcharge for COVID-19 related expenses.
- Screening of all participants will include required steps that must be taken before departure and also upon arrival. A negative COVID-19 test or proof of vaccination may be required. Rigorous screening of staff will also occur.
- Philmont has issued a Supplemental Risk Advisory requiring anyone who has been hospitalized for Covid-19 be re-cleared by their primary care provider. Philmont also recommends that participants who had a positive Covid-19 test or Covid-19 illness also be re-cleared for high levels of exertion at high elevations by their primary care provider. Additionally, those in a COVID-19 high-risk category should be vaccinated. See the Philmont website below for details, including their 73-page mitigation plan(!).
- Additional risk mitigation steps being taken at all bases include:
 - Each incoming Crew remains together as a cohort
 - Masks and social distancing are required in basecamp and all program areas
 - Adapted food service procedures will be in place at all bases, including distancing and capacity limits in dining halls and expanded outside dining areas
 - Trading posts may be limited to online orders with curbside pickup or delivery
- Sea Base participants are required to provide their own mask, fins, and snorkel
- A minimum of one WFA-trained crewmember is required (all bases)
- Here are links to COVID-19 protocols at the four National Bases:
 - Philmont: www.philmontscoutranch.org/covid-19-mitigation/
 - Sea Base: www.bsaseabase.org/about-sea-base/covid-19/
 - Northern Tier: www.ntier.org/Covid-19/
 - Summit: www.summitbsa.org/newnormal/

Obtain answers to your High Adventure questions by contacting John Blackwell, NCAC High Adventure Committee Chair at:
john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org or (301) 346-0551



Sunscreen: You're Doing It Wrong



True or False – sunscreen should be rubbed in thoroughly to protect skin from dangerous sun rays.

False. Sunscreen should not be rubbed in vigorously upon application. Simply, if you rub it in too much, you're essentially wiping it off and losing your barrier to the sun. And it's a safe bet you don't apply enough of the stuff – most people don't.

After slathering on some sunscreen and applying it according to label instructions, your or your kids' sunscreen might leave a white layer on top of your skin (yes, think the lifeguard look). That's OK.

Proper sun protection is a necessity for heading outdoors. This is especially true for sensitive skin most frequently exposed to the sun.

"Use sunscreen to protect exposed skin, giving special attention to your face, ears, nose, and neck," the Boy Scouts of America's Fieldbook explains.

Always follow the application instructions on your sunscreen bottle (or can if you're using a spray applicator).

Also, be aware of the elements. If you're using a spray sunscreen and applying it in windy conditions, take extra care to make sure you're in the path of the sunscreen stream. If you or your kids go for a swim or get wet, apply sunscreen more frequently (even if your brand is water resistant).

Making Sense of SPF



SPF stands for "sun protection factor." And the numbers included after "SPF" on your sunscreen indicate what level of protection is offered.

The Fieldbook states, "An SPF of 25 shields skin from about 94 percent of damaging rays and provides 15 times the protection of no sunscreen at all, provided that the the sunscreen has been applied according to label instructions."

And yes, going up to SPF 30 offers higher protection from the sun – 30 times the protection of no sunscreen to be exact. That means it's filtering out 97 percent of harmful rays.

But here's where it gets tricky.

"SPF numbers above 30, however, add only marginally more protection," the Fieldbook says.

So grab a bottle or spray can of SPF 25 or 30 if you want effective protection. Then, apply it correctly and liberally.

Remember: use a lot, create an even layer/barrier, and don't rub it in too much. A (possibly visible) layer of sunscreen will keep you and your kids safe in the fun of the sun.

Choosing the Right Insect Protection



Excerpted from an article by Buck Tilton in the pages of *Camping Life* magazine

In a galaxy here and now, the camper's war against the bugs continues, as it has for eons, ever since something sort of human swatted something mosquito-like. Bugs bite with their front parts or sting with their back parts, and sometimes it itches, sometimes it hurts and sometimes we get sick later. At all times we need to be armed - with knowledge and weapons - to put up the good fight. We'll never completely vanquish the dark hordes, but we can do our very best to win a few battles.

Mosquitoes - You can fight the itch with topical anti-itch products, such as Sting-Eze. If the product contains benzocaine, expect some pain relief as well. Oral antihistamines like Benadryl will also reduce the itch. Steroid creams have little to no effect. Bites scratched open, especially on kids, should be monitored for the increasing redness, swelling and pain that indicate infection. And those bites should be washed well and bandaged.

You can prevent many 'skeeter bites. Clothing thick enough or tightly woven enough keeps their mouthparts from reaching our skin - and if the sleeves and pants are long, so much the better. Mosquitoes show a preference for dark colored clothing, so go light with, say khaki. You can use an insect repellent and be sure the mosquito netting in tents remains in good repair. Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk - good times to be behind netting. And try to avoid mosquito prone areas: standing water, dense vegetation, and places where people say, "wow there sure are a lot of mosquitoes over there."

Ticks - All ticks should be removed as soon as they are found. Don't touch the tick with bare hands, but, if possible, put it in a bottle or some such container, saving it for lab tests in case of later illness. After removal, the wound should then be cleaned with soap and water or a disinfectant and an adhesive bandage applied. Tweezers should be cleaned after use.

An article in the *Journal of Wilderness and Environmental Medicine* revealed that 20 percent of tick attachment sites on humans are places where the biter (tick) cannot be seen by the bitten (you). The sites, in order of preference by ticks, were lower limbs, the lower abdomen and genital area, the back at chest level and the buttocks. The message: During tick season, the twice-a-day tick check we need to perform will require a mirror or someone we know well.

Wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, with light colors more useful, allows us the chance to see a tick before it reaches our skin. Tucking long pants into high socks gives us even more protection. And we should try to avoid contact with tall grass and low bushes where they like to hide and wait.

Insect Repellents That Work

- **DEET (N, N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide):** Continuing studies show it to be the best. The *New England Journal of Medicine* (2002) reported a concentration of 23.8% DEET kept bugs away completely for about five hours. People occasionally react negatively to DEET on their skin. Very rarely is the reaction serious.
- **Picaridin:** A chemical alternative to DEET that works well but not as long as DEET. Unlike DEET, no negative reactions are known.
- **Lemon Eucalyptus Oil:** Products with this oil offer complete protection for about two hours. And it smells kind of nice.
- **Soybean Oil:** Products with this oil keep bugs off for about an hour and a half.
- **Permethrin:** This is a potent insect neurotoxin synthesized, and proven safe, for human use. Apply it to clothing, not to skin, and bugs are killed after contact.

Ways to Stop Mosquito Bites from Itching



Mosquito bites. They itch and itch and itch until you just can't take it anymore. Scratching solves one problem, yet scratching releases more histamines in the body, which makes the bite itch more. One bite is annoying, several can be miserable, hundreds over the course of a few months can actually help you build an immunity to their saliva, but probably not the best way to get rid of the itch.

So how can you get the itching to stop while at camp without a nearby drugstore? Here are some surefire ways to stop the itching from mosquito bites:

- Dr. Oz says a dab of honey applied to the site can sooth skin because it is a natural antibiotic. It can also prevent infections if you have scratched your bite open with fingernails that aren't clean.
- Apple cider vinegar also has anti-itch benefits due to the acidity in the vinegar. Once pressed against the wound, the acidic liquid will reduce swelling and take away that huge urge to scratch.
- Garlic is a proven remedy due to its chemical properties, though you can also make matters worse. Rubbing a clove of garlic directly on an open site can result in severe stinging and burning.
- Sounds strange, but doctors also say using the inside of a pulpy banana peel can be an appealing way to get rid of the itch, when applied directly on a bite thanks to the peel's oils.
- Toothpaste is another trick to take the itch out of mosquito bites. A small amount on the bite can provide hours of relief due to toothpaste's anti-inflammatory properties and ingredients like menthol and baking soda.
- A bar of wet soap may be your new best friend if you're itching. The chemicals and fat in soap can be soothing, dry out the bite and reduce the need to itch. Rub it over the affected area and wait a few hours before removing.
- Or grab that roll-on antiperspirant for a quick fix. The aluminum chloride salts usually found there will help absorb the fluid in the mosquito bite, and itching goes away.

Another interesting home remedy that many swear by? Apply a small piece of Scotch Tape to the bite. From here some find it works best to leave it on for a few hours- something about closing off the air to the site reduces itching- while others simply very gently remove it directly after applying, which helps remove some of the mosquito saliva that is the heart of the itchy problem. Best to do this as soon as possible after receiving the bite.

Use These Two Newly Updated Tools Prior to Conducting Service Projects



Prior to any service projects, use the [SAFE Service Project Planning Checklist](#) and the [SAFE project tool use guidelines](#).

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?

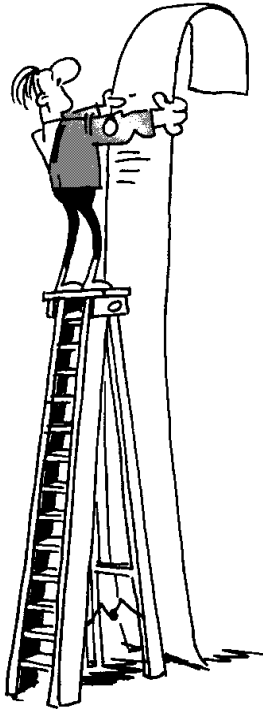
For information about specific courses, contact the Course Director listed on the [registration page](#). General inquiries about the NYLT program may be directed to contact@myNYLT.org.

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](#)

District Calendar



May 2021

- 12 **Program Launch**
- 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 **Day Camp Starts**

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 & **Annual District Business Meeting**
- 30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

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

March 2022

- 5 **District Pinewood Derby**
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 Commissioner Mtg
- 24 District Committee

April 2022

- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner Mtg
- 27 District Committee