



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
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## Quick Calendar:

- Oct 2-3 – Webelos-o-ree
- Oct 13 – Roundtable
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- Nov 18 – Annual Business Meeting
- Nov 30 – Final Date for Recharter Turn-In
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## Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Boy Scout /  
Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 New Article  
/Updated  
Information

from *The Scoutmaster Minute* blog,

<http://thescoutmasterminute.net/2015/08/26/knowledge-to-action/>



## Knowledge to action

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

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

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

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

PERFECT.

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

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

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

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

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

Turn that knowledge into Action!

## District News

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

### ★ Scouts & Scouters from Troop 1550B earned the Summer of Service Certificate of Appreciation



*"As we have throughout our history, Scouting families are answering the call to work together in service of the greater good. From public service drives, to caring for the environment, to assisting neighbors in need, Scouts have always been a force for positivity & goodness in our communities. Now more than ever our world needs that Scouting Spirit once again."*

<https://www.scouting.org/summerofservice/>

Scouts from Troop 1550B answered the call to make a positive impact in our neighborhoods & communities. They've cleaned up & beautified our chartering organization grounds, built a bench at a local church, cleaned up a neighborhood trail system, volunteered for Mobile Hope, pulled Japanese Barberry, Japanese stilt grass & other invasive species from our National Parks & county parks plus participated in many other service projects that support their community & beyond.

Each scout & scouter had their own certificate with their name on it presented to them at the troop's September Court of Honor.



### 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)



## Cheerful Service Chatter™

Chapter News for our Arrowmen  
Lodge Website: [www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA](http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA)



### Attention All Goose Creek Arrowmen



The Goose Creek Chapter of the Order of the Arrow has returned to live, in-person meetings. Our next scheduled Chapter meeting is Wednesday, October 13, 7:30 PM at the Leesburg Presbyterian Church (207 W. Market Street, Leesburg). Please join us for OA fellowship plus updates on recent and upcoming activities and recent leadership elections. If you have any questions, please contact Emmitt P, the Goose Creek Chapter Chief at [chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org).

Stay tuned for November's District Newsletter for details on the opening of the Order of the Arrow election season, which starts November 1.



### Remember The OA Unit Representative When Building Your Youth Leadership Team



The OA Unit Representative plays a vital role as liaison between the Unit and the Goose Creek Chapter of the Order of the Arrow. They keep fellow members updated on Chapter and Lodge news and events, help coordinate their Unit calendars to avoid conflicts with OA events, and update the Unit on OA activities, helping build excitement about Scouting's honor society. For more information on the role this advancement -qualified youth leadership position can play in your Unit, please see the information posted on the Order of the Arrow web site: <https://oa-bsa.org/resources/ucl-support/unit-rep>



There is a corresponding Assistant Scoutmaster position that includes acting as an Advisor to the Unit Rep, with corresponding arrow on the adult patch.

If your Unit already has an OA Unit Representative and OA Unit Representative Advisor, please make sure you've updated the Chapter records with those appointments. You can send names and contact info to our Chapter Chief at [chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org).



### Attention Goose Creek Chapter Members



LodgeMaster is the database system that the Amangamet-Wipit 470 Lodge uses to track its member, and to communicate with members. Some of the contact information is out of date (it's sometimes whatever was recorded on the date of your election). In an effort to improve the records and ensure broad dissemination of Lodge and Chapter communications, the Lodge has sent personal log-in credentials for LodgeMaster to all members over the last several months. If you did not receive an email, it may mean that your email address in the database system is inaccurate or out of date. Please send your name and email address to our Chapter Advisor, Rich Pender [rich.pender@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:rich.pender@goosecreekdistrict.org), who can adjust the database and then request that the Lodge send you new log-in credentials so you can check and update the rest of your information. Please also check with other youth and adult Arrowmen in your Units to see if they're receiving regular communications from the Lodge and the Goose Creek Chapter, and have them contact Rich Pender if needed.



## Using the Order of the Arrow in Your Troop



Part of being a good leader is knowing and using your resources. Ask participants what resources are available to their troop. List responses on the flip chart, and add any that might be missing.

Then ask, "Have you ever considered the Order of the Arrow to be a resource?" Tell participants that you will be focusing on developing a win-win situation between individuals, troops, districts, and councils when the Order of the Arrow is utilized.

### **ORDER OF THE ARROW BACKGROUND**

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society. The OA has been around since 1915 and exists to serve the local council. Members of the OA are referred to as Arrowmen, and their main duty is to serve their unit. They wear red and white sashes and a patch on the right pocket flap of the Scout uniform to identify their lodge affiliation.

### **BENEFITS TO THE INDIVIDUAL**

The Order of the Arrow has several key benefits for the individual.

First, the OA is a way for peers to recognize Scouts who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. In order to gain membership into the OA, a Scout must meet certain criteria and be elected by his peers in the unit. A Scouter must meet the same criteria and be selected by the troop or team committee. This recognition instills a sense of pride within an individual.

Second, the OA gives Scouts an opportunity that might not be found at the unit level. They have a chance to sharpen their leadership skills by leading others at a local council or national level, by planning and promoting events, by communicating, and by attending leadership programs. They are then able to return to their troops and provide leadership. By allowing Scouts to actively participate in the OA, troop and team leaders are allowing them to develop their leadership skills, which will improve the unit.

Third, the Scout may actively participate with his troop or team for a longer period of time if he is active in the OA. Arrowmen are more likely to continue to participate in troop or team functions because they are still involved with Scouting.

Fourth, there is also a nationally recognized leadership position for rank advancement: the troop/team representative. The troop/team representative acts as a liaison between the unit and the OA lodge or chapter and communicates future program opportunities to unit members. Your representative would also coordinate any interaction between the unit and the OA (i.e., help with activities at troop meetings or outings). This is a great way to strengthen leadership skills in a younger Scout to prepare him for further unit leadership.

Fifth, the Order of the Arrow operates three great high-adventure programs-Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier, and the Florida Sea Base. These programs are open to youth Arrowmen at a discounted rate.

### **BENEFITS TO THE UNIT**

The Order of the Arrow is full of knowledgeable Scouts and Scouters who are dedicated to the BSA program and are willing to assist your unit. When you have tried new approaches and nothing seems to be working, or you are just looking for a fresh idea, feel free to contact the OA. Arrowmen could assist with a skill that is going to be taught at a troop meeting, attend a troop or team outing, help promote weekend and summer camp, help with leadership activities, or be present at troop functions to serve as a positive role model for those troops with many younger Scouts.

The Order of the Arrow is not designed to take older Scouts away from the unit. The Order is designed to keep Scouts in Scouting as they mature. When Scouts go through their Ordeal, the first interaction between the Scout and the OA program, it is stressed to them to remain active in their unit.

These are just some of the benefits your troop or team could receive from utilizing the Order of the Arrow.

## “Onward and Upward”

### On the Advancement Trail



#### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

**Dan Cegielski** – Troop 39

**Benjamin Garvis** – Troop 711

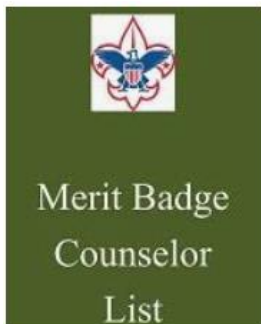
**Nathan Gillispie** – Troop 969

**Jude Quinn** – Troop 58

**Colin Ward** – Troop 956



#### Goose Creek Unit Leaders!



A number of our merit badge counselors are commenting about the number of direct requests they're getting from Scouts asking them to serve as merit badge counselors. In some cases, these are broadcast emails to a large number of MBCs. Please remind your Leaders and Scouts that the recommended process for starting a merit badge is for the Scout to discuss his or her interest with their Unit Leader, who gives them a blue card and the name of at least one approved merit badge counselor. Unit Leaders have access to the District's list of MBCs if they need to identify MBCs outside their normal network, but Scouts should not be given access to the District's password-protected list of Merit Badge Counselors. We rely on the limited availability of the list to keep MBCs from being subject to frequent blast requests Scouts directed at every MBC covering a specific badge.



#### Merit Badge Counselor Training



Scouts BSA training for merit badge counselors is available online, and the two sets of video training sessions take a grand total of 34 minutes combined. They're available via the Scouts BSA training link when you sign on to [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org). The courses are called "Scouts BSA - Merit Badge Counselors - Before First Meeting" and "Scouts BSA - Merit Badge Counselors - Position Trained".

While this training is currently not mandatory, it's HIGHLY recommended, and recent Advancement and Recognition Committee discussions indicate that the sessions may soon be required for merit badge counselors. Regardless, isn't it worth a half hour of your time to gain the knowledge that will help you better serve our youth?

At last check, nearly two-thirds of our District's merit badge counselor corps have not completed the MBC training sessions. If you're one of the third that's trained - thanks for your dedication to the program. If you're part of the two-thirds, why not do so today?

Please let Rich Pender, Goose Creek’s Merit Badge Dean ([Rich.Pender@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Rich.Pender@GooseCreekDistrict.org)) know if you have any questions.



## New Health Care Professions MB Coming this Fall



In the Boy Scouts of America, the term “merit badge” is synonymous with fun, hobbies, future careers, and new adventures. BSA’s merit badge program was initiated at the very beginning of American Scouting in 1911 with 11 original merit badges, and has continuously grown until today there are 137 merit badge subjects offered in the MB library.

Over the years new subjects have been added while others have been retired, depending on societal changes, technology, and the interests of our Scouts. The current Medicine merit badge is a good example of the upgrading and modernization of the merit badge library. When the Medicine MB was first introduced in 1991, it was primarily developed to focus on the “doctor” side of human health care delivery. At that time, it was considered that the merit badge would be companion to the already existing Dentistry MB [1975] and the Veterinary Science MB (originally First Aid to Animals MB [1911], later changed to Veterinary Science [1972], and now Veterinary Medicine MB [1995]).

As the fields of human medicine expanded through specialization, support services, and technology, it became apparent through direction from the field that Scouts were interested in learning about other areas of human health care and medical support. However, because it would have been impossible to develop an individual merit badge for each field of interest in the health care domain, it has been decided to create a single merit badge that will encompass a wide variety of health care careers: the Health Care Professions MB [2021].

Scouts working on the new merit badge will have the opportunity to learn about dozens of health care professions/vocations, including: Allopathic and Osteopathic physicians; Podiatrists; Chiropractors; Nurse Practitioners; Psychologists; Optometrists; Audiologists; Physician Assistants; Registered Nurses (and other nurses); Pharmacists; EMTs; Physical Therapists; Dietitians; Speech-Language Pathologists; Medical Technologists; Phlebotomists; as well as many others.

As with all merit badges, there will be a merit badge pamphlet containing support text that describes the roles these individuals play in the delivery of health care, the settings where they may work, and any educational and licensing requirements that may be necessary.

The planned release date for the Health Care Professions MB is the fall of 2021, at which time the current Medicine MB will be retired. Scouts currently working on the Medicine MB will be allowed to continue working on it until completed, but after the official release of the Health Care Professions MB, Scouts may not begin working on the superseded Medicine MB. Hard copy editions of the Health Care Professions merit badge pamphlet should also be available in the fall of 2021. The style and design of the merit badge patch will not change between the new Health Care Professions MB and the former Medicine MB.

## Step Back in Time to Experience A BSA Historic Trail Near You and Earn an Award



On certain special hiking routes across the country, Scouts can look back even as they move forward.

That's the promise of the *BSA Historic Trails*, a collection of nearly 300 hiking paths from 38 states, nine foreign countries and the District of Columbia designed to help young people connect with history in an immersive way.

You'll find Historic Trails all over the United States — from the Iditarod Historic Trail in Alaska to the Barefoot Mailman Hike in South Florida. The list includes the Gettysburg Heritage Trails in Pennsylvania, the President Gerald R. Ford Trail in Michigan and the Mission Historic Trail in San Antonio.

Some of these trails follow the original journey or route taken by an important individual or expedition in history. Others connect several specific locations of particular historical significance.

All the trails on the official list:

- meet the BSA's safety guidelines
- have genuine historic significance and/or wilderness beauty
- have elements that will appeal to young people, including something that can be seen, felt, walked through or experienced

Many of these trails are maintained by the local Scout councils in which they reside. If your council is on the official list, that's a good place to start. Other trails are administered by non-Scouting public or private groups.

Hiking or camping near one of these trails is its own reward. But if it's more tangible recognition you're after, you're going to want to earn the Historic Trails Award.

## NCAC Cub Scout Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award



The NCAC Outdoor Ethics Committee created this patch program to recognize Cub Scout youth and adults who are active Leave No Trace practitioners and to encourage & promote ethical outdoor behavior beginning at a young age. Outdoor Ethics is needed today more than ever before when millions of scouts regularly recreate in parks and public lands. The impact of this use cannot be ignored but can be minimized by teaching and practicing Outdoor Ethics as Cub Scouts and continuing as Boy Scouts and adults.

Cub Scout youth and adults can earn this award.

### Requirements:

1. Learn the BSA Outdoor Code
2. Watch the National Park Service Leave No Trace (LNT) video
3. Take the [LNT online course](#)
4. Participate in an Outdoor Ethics activity with a person who has taken the Outdoor Ethics Orientation, the LNT Trainer course or LNT Master Educator course

Patches are available for purchase at the front desk of the Bethesda Office during normal business hours for \$5. Payment by cash or check to "NCAC".

## Key Changes in the 2021 Guide to Advancement



### 1. Online Scoutmaster conferences are OK but not preferred

Section 4.2.3.5 says that Scoutmaster conferences are “meant to be face-to-face, personal and individual experiences. Though virtual conferences should be allowed, they should only be held when circumstances preclude a more personal approach.”

### 2. The definition of a ‘month’ gets clarified

The 2021 Guide states that, “a month is a month regardless how many days it has. It is not defined as 30 days or four weeks. Feb. 2 up to Aug. 2, or Aug. 31 up to Feb. 28 (or 29 if a leap year) are examples of six-month periods. Six months does not mean 180 days.”

### 3. Alternatives to merit badge ‘blue cards’ allowed

Blue cards aren’t going anywhere, but the latest Guide (section 7.0.0.2) encourages councils and units to use other innovations — such as Scoutbook or computer-generated spreadsheets — to track advancement, if they wish.

### 4. More guidance given on what to do when merit badge requirements change

Once new or revised requirements are made to a merit badge, any Scout beginning work on that merit badge must use the new requirements.

If a Scout has already begun work on a merit badge before the update, they may continue using the previous requirements.

### 5. Eagle Scout boards of review can occur up to 24 months after the 18th birthday

### 6. Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder and Summit are now ranks, not awards

This change brings Venturing in line with Scouts BSA, where Eagle Scout is the highest rank, and Sea Scouts, where the highest rank is Quartermaster.

### 7. Venturing board of review decisions must be unanimous

### 8. Sea Scout ‘bridge of review’ now called ‘board of review’

Sea Scouts, like Scouts BSA members and Venturers, participate in a sit-down conversation with three to six adults to discuss their progress and goals in the program. Courts of honor in Sea Scouts are still called “bridges of honor.”

### 9. Process for Eagle Scout time extensions modified

The 2021 Guide simplifies and clarifies section 9.0.4.0, which outlines the “tests” that a Scout must meet to qualify for an extension that allows them to earn the Eagle Scout rank up to six months after turning 18.

### 10. Guidance for Cub Scouts who are home-schooled or educated in nontraditional ways

Section 4.1.1.0 of the 2021 Guide to Advancement adds a paragraph about Cub Scouts who are home-schooled or educated in nontraditional means.

### 11. Index revamped

The 2021 Guide to Advancement significantly revamps the index, expanding it to six pages from four and making it easier to quickly locate the information you need.





## Virtual Protestant Religious Emblems Classes



This fall, Protestant members of the National Religious Relationships Committee are offering virtual classes for the Protestant religious emblems. Classes will be conducted via Zoom and include 10 to 15 students each.

The schedule for this fall is:

### **Jesus & Me: Kindergarten & First Grade (Parent Participation Required)**

Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 14

4–4:50 p.m. CT

### **God & Me: Second Grade & Third Grade (Parent Participation Required)**

Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 14

6–6:50 p.m. CT

### **God & Family: Fourth Grade & Fifth Grade (Parent Participation Required)**

Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Nov. 28

6–6:50 p.m. CT

### **God & Church: Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grade (Parent Participation Required)**

Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Nov. 28, Dec. 5

4–5:30 p.m. CT

### **God & Life: Ninth, 10th, 11th & 12th Grade (Parent Participation Suggested)**

Oct. 10, Oct. 17, Oct. 30 (Saturday), Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 26, Jan. 9

3–3:50 p.m. CT

To register, [complete this Google form](#).

Interested in teaching one of these classes? Wondering how other faiths can start a similar program to teach religious emblem classes virtually? Contact Amanda Vogt at [DutyToGodBSA@gmail.com](mailto:DutyToGodBSA@gmail.com) to learn more. When you walk, run or hike with faith, you'll never walk, run or hike alone.



When a Scout sees a tag on a tent that says waterproof, he sees it as a challenge to find a way to pitch it so he will get wet. If you give him a frying pan and tell him it has a nonstick surface, he will do his best to find something to stick to it. Don't take anything camping that says it is fireproof. Trust me on that one, okay?

## Life-to-Eagle Seminar



After an unintended hiatus of more than 18 months, the Life-to-Eagle Seminar finally returned late this summer (Aug 21) and we had a great turnout. It's still too early to reserve the room at one of the libraries yet (beyond October), but please keep an eye out for the announcement.

The **next** L2E Seminar for 2021 is planned for ...

**Date:** mid/late November (13?, 14?, 20?, 21?)

**Time:** TBD, but usually 10:30-2:30

**Place:** TBD Library

While primarily targeted for the Life-to-Eagle Advisers & Coordinators at the unit level, these trainings, but are by no means limited to same. Life Scouts and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend as well. The key goal is to get each of the unit Eagle Advisers up to speed on changes to the process, and some of the district-level mechanics of same. That way, they can help share the message to the Life Scouts in their units on a more frequent basis.

If you are a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit and have not attended one of these in Goose Creek within the last 2 years, you really should make an attempt to do so.

Any questions about Life-to-Eagle training can be directed to Brad Scales ... [MSVA\\_Tenor@yahoo.com](mailto:MSVA_Tenor@yahoo.com); or 703-850-6679.

## 2021 Woodwork Merit Badge Shop Sessions



**Who:** This course is open to all registered Scout Youth. Scouts must have completed the Woodwork Merit Badge Classroom Session before attending this session.

**Be Prepared:** Scouts need to determine which project requirement(s) they will work on and bring the necessary project plans and materials with them to the session. Project plans may be formal drawings or hand sketches. For additional preparation details, please review our [Preparation Notes document](#).

**Questions:** If you have any questions about project requirements please send us an email [MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com). Youth must copy a parent on all email communications.

**Where:** Michael's Woodshop, Camp Snyder (Haymarket, VA). Please see the Camp Map for the location of the Michael's Woodshop at Camp Snyder.

**Cost:** \$10

**Registration:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-39948>

**NOTE:** To reduce the number of attendees in the wood shop, we are running these events with one volunteer Shop Steward. Therefore, we require a parent to attend the shop sessions with their Scout.

## Council / National News

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



### 2021 Virtual Interfaith 5K



When you walk, run or hike with faith, you'll never walk, run or hike alone.

At the second annual **Virtual Interfaith 5K**, hosted by the National Religious Relationships Committee, Scouts and Scouters from across the country will unite to get active, grow closer to their faith and connect with members of other faith groups around a message of positivity and hope.

All funds raised will support future virtual events hosted by the National Religious Relationships Committee and grow a scholarship fund for faith-based training conferences at the Philmont Training Center, Sea Base and Summit Bechtel Reserve.

The Virtual Interfaith 5K started last year as a way to get families physically active during the pandemic. That race helped some Scouts complete BSA advancement requirements or started them on track toward requirements that involve traveling longer distances.

The 2021 edition, presented by SymbolArts and the BSA's National Religious Relationships Committee, is a welcome sequel.

Registration is open now and runs through Oct. 15, 2021. The race itself can be completed on your schedule any time during the month of October.

Anyone can complete the 5K, but if you want some race goodies, you can choose between the \$15 "Shirt Bundle," which includes a shirt and print-at-home race bib, and the \$30 "Runners Bundle," which gets you the shirt, bib and a 3-inch race medal.

Medals and shirts ship in late November.

Whichever bundle you choose, you'll be able to complete your 3.1 miles in whatever format suits you best. That could be running or walking or hiking — or even swimming, biking or rolling in a wheelchair.

"We encourage units to create a route near their home and participate in this event while checking off physical fitness requirements for different advancement items," says Amanda Vogt, who chairs the social media subcommittee for the National Religious Relationships Committee.

### Michael's Woodshop



Here is a link to [Michael's Woodshop News, Fall 2021](#) which was just posted to the Camp Snyder website. We have several exciting new offerings, 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.

## Eagle Scout Scholarships



Every year, the National Eagle Scout Association bestows scholarships upon Eagle Scouts pursuing higher education. These scholarships are made possible by generous donors and NESA members that help the alumni organization to continue developing young adults beyond their traditional Scouting experience.

To find out more on how to join NESA, [click here](#).

Some scholarships are part of the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year awards. You can read about recent regional and national winners [here](#).

Other scholarships Eagle Scouts who meet certain eligibility requirements can apply for include:

### 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.

The application window for scholarships this year will open in December. At that time, check the [scholarship page of the National Eagle Scout Association website](#) to find applications. Another scholarship page to bookmark is [this one](#), which includes scholarships for Scouts, Sea Scouts and Venturers from Scouting committees, universities and high-adventure bases.



## 2021 Woodworking 101



**Woodworking 101** is an instructional class to teach beginners basic woodworking terminology, tools and techniques.

**What:** This class introduces Scouts and adults to woodworking; taking them through the entire process from lumber making to a completed project. It is a great course for Scouts interested in earning the Woodwork Merit Badge or preparing for their Eagle Scout project or for anyone who would like to learn basic woodworking skills. Please review the Class Syllabus for additional details about the class.

**Who:** This course is open to all registered Scout youth and adults. Youth younger than 11 require instructor approval prior to registration. Please email inquiries to [MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com)

**When:** See the list of classes at the website. .

**Where:** Michael's Woodshop at Camp William B. Snyder. Please see the Camp Map for the location of the shop at Camp Snyder.

**Cost:** \$5

## Online Resources – Winter Camping

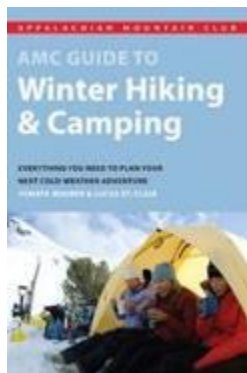


Winter camping is an advanced and challenging adventure. The winter camper has a respect for nature that the summer camper will never have. But as with most things in life, the most rewarding experience is the one that takes the most effort. If it were easy, then the personal reward and satisfaction that a winter camp out gives would not be the same. A Boy Scout has a unique opportunity to experience this first hand.

Check out some of the following sources on how to prepare for winter camping:

- [www.ScoutScan.com/resources/winter.html](http://www.ScoutScan.com/resources/winter.html)
- [www.princeton.edu/~oa/winter/wintcamp.shtml](http://www.princeton.edu/~oa/winter/wintcamp.shtml)
- [www.inquiry.net/outdoor/winter/gear/](http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/winter/gear/)

## Book – AMC Guide to Winter Hiking & Camping



Exploring the outdoors in winter is exhilarating, when you have the right skills. If you want to experience the special allure of hiking and backpacking during the snowy season, the AMC Guide to Winter Hiking and Camping is for you. This new guide from the Appalachian Mountain Club will help you plan your next trip, with a focus on preparation, safety, outdoor stewardship, and fun.

Inside you'll find:

- Recommended gear, clothing, and food for winter travel
- Safety tips for dealing with weather and preventing injuries
- Instructions for building a winter campsite or snow shelter
- Hints for hiking with kids, and more!

Available from Amazon, \$15.

## 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](#).

## Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Outdoor Ethics



Participants in the Trainer Course learn Leave No Trace skills and ethics as well as techniques for educating others about these low impact practices. Research has shown that this course significantly improves participant knowledge and understanding of how Leave No Trace protects the outdoor places we love. The goal of this course is to teach students taking the course how to introduce the concept of Outdoor Ethics in a fun and engaging way to a group with little experience in outdoor ethics. It should help youth and adults at all program levels understand the general principles behind Scouting's outdoor ethics program. Graduates of a Trainer Course are prepared to lead Outdoor Ethics Orientation and BSA Leave No Trace 101 courses and to offer Leave No Trace Awareness Workshops to their community.

We recommend that youth complete this course before serving as in the troop Outdoor Ethics Guide position.

### Who should attend?

This course will be of interest to any youth or registered Scouter who is associated with either implementing or training for any BSA outdoor program at any level. It is also well-suited for anyone who would like to pass on the knowledge of how to treat the outdoors and protect its beauty for others to enjoy. Youth must be at least 14 years old. Youth must be willing and able to conduct themselves appropriately for an adult training experience that is tightly scheduled and highly interactive.

### Course Structure

This course will take place in three parts.

The first part of the course is offered using a combination of online self-study modules. This portion of the course will begin about 10 days before the final outdoor portion of the course and will take approximately 6 hours to complete.

The second part of the course is a one-hour online Zoom meeting held the Monday before the Saturday outdoor portion of the course.

The final part of the course is an all-day outdoor session on a Saturday.

### Key Dates

- For the October class, <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49967>, registration closes October 5

Student self-study Tuesday, October 5 through Thursday, October 14

Zoom meeting Monday, October 11, 7:00pm to 8:00pm EST

Outdoor session Saturday, October 15, 9:00am to 7:00pm EST (Camp Snyder)

**Cost** - This course will cost \$50.00 per participant (same price for both youth and adults).

## Registration Now Open for National Wood Badge Course at The Summit



At first, it sounds like a reality TV pitch: What happens when you bring together 64 strangers from across the country and challenge them to spend five days living, learning and working together?

But the reality behind the National Wood Badge Course, planned for January 2022 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, is better than anything seen on TV.

This reality has the potential to change your life forever.

That's not slick marketing copy. That's the message we're hearing from participants and staffers who attended this course the last time it was held, in 2020. Kaleen Deatherage of Portland, Ore., was there as a troop guide for the Antelope Patrol.

"The energy and enthusiasm from participants and staff alike resulted in powerful sharing, learning and collaboration that will make each one of us better Scouters," she says. "My hope is that we all brought that energy and some new skills home — and now we are better prepared to deliver Scouting programs to our youth."

That course in 2020 was so popular that it required a wait list, but there's no waiting necessary if you're ready to accept the challenge of Wood Badge early next year.

Registration is now open for the next National Model Linked Troop Wood Badge Course, set for Jan. 17–21, 2022, at the Summit in West Virginia. It's a chance to learn the latest leadership techniques, form connections with fellow Scouters from other parts of the country, and enjoy hands-on experiences sure to make you a better Scout leader, spouse, boss, employee, parent and person.

The course is open to any registered member of the BSA age 18 or older who has completed the basic training courses for their Scouting position.

Participants and staff not only benefit from meeting people from across the country and around the world, but those in the female troop will be inspired from seeing so many female leaders in one room.

The course uses the new Wood Badge syllabus first introduced in 2017 and piloted in 2018. All courses held in 2020 and beyond use the new syllabus. The course is also a model course because it uses the "linked troop" model introduced as an option for Scouts BSA units.

The course is actually two courses run concurrently, with a combination of separate and joint learning sessions of all-female and all-male troops. Each troop will have six patrols and no more than 32 members.

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

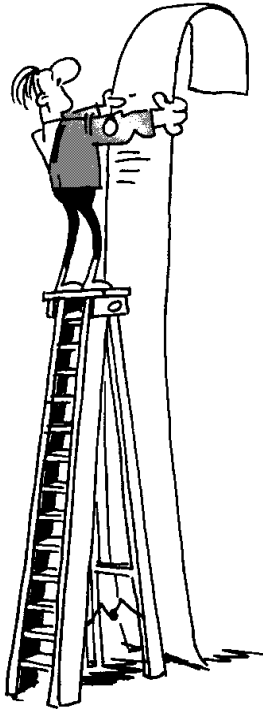
## Cub Chat Live



Watch [Cub Chat Live](#) every Friday at 3pm EST on Facebook Live for tips, tricks and ideas to help your den or pack



# District Calendar



**October 2021**  
 2-3 **Webelos-o-ree**  
 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**  
 9 Roundtable  
 9 OA Chapter Meeting  
 10 Commissioner Mtg  
 11-12 **District Pinewood Derby**  
 24 District Committee  
 25-27 **Spring Camporee**

**April 2022**  
 13 Roundtable  
 13 OA Chapter Meeting  
 14 Commissioner Mtg  
 27 District Committee

**May 2022**  
 11 **Program Launch**  
 11 OA Chapter Meeting  
 12 Commissioner Mtg  
 26 District Committee  
 30 Memorial Day

**June 2022**  
 8 Roundtable  
 8 OA Chapter Meeting  
 9 Commissioner Mtg  
 23 District Committee

**July 2022**  
 4 Fourth of July

**August 2022**  
 10 Roundtable  
 10 OA Chapter Meeting  
 11 Commissioner Mtg  
 25 District Committee

**September 2022**  
 5 Labor Day  
 14 Roundtable  
 14 OA Chapter Meeting  
 15 Commissioner Mtg  
 29 District Committee