



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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## Newsletter Key:



Cub Scout Interest



Boy Scout /  
Venturing Interest



For Everyone



New Article  
/Updated  
Information



## Deserved vs. Earned

One of the greatest pleasures, and privileges, that I've had for the last few years has been to be a District Representative at Eagle Boards of Review. Listening to these young men and women explain how they planned and executed their Eagle projects, their experiences in Scouting, and what they plan to do in the future, makes me believe more and more in the Scouting Program. And hearing the other board members tell how they watched these young people grow up in the unit, not just physically but in maturity and confidence, emphasizes that even more. I'd advise any parent, especially new ones to a unit, to sit in on one to see what our program is not only trying to accomplish, but able to accomplish as well.

During these reviews many questions are asked and some lead on to further philosophical discussions about Scouting and life in general. One of these, from a recent board has stuck in my mind. Near the end I asked the Scout, "Why should we make you an Eagle Scout?" To which the Scout replied, "Because I deserve it." My response, "I don't think deserve is correct, but you have definitely earned it; and you did that by fulfilling the requirements – nothing more, nothing less" So why did I make that distinction, and what is the difference between the words *deserve* and *earn*?

If you sort through various literature, you will find the two words used in an almost interchangeable manner. We exchange these two words so often that some consider them synonyms, and some thesauruses and dictionaries even list them as such. I wouldn't go so far to say that they are incorrect, but in a purely Scouting sense, I consider these words so far apart as to be antonyms.

Some people define *deserve* as something for which they are entitled, as if by birthright. We think we *deserve* to have something, as a result of a natural course of events. If another has something, we should have it too. *Deserve* is also a term used by those who feel they are owed something by being a good person, a human, or a human being that is alive.

*Earn* has a more meritorious quality, a justifiable reward for the hard work put into attaining a goal.

Making Eagle is hard work. It requires years for a Scout to not only advance in all the ranks, but to acquire the necessary merit badges, to do the leadership positions, and plan and lead their Eagle project. Nobody gets Eagle because they *deserve* it, they put in the work and *earn* it.

Thomas Paine said: "What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value." Making Eagle is not easy, and I'd like to think that it is held dearly in value by all those who obtain it for the rest of their lives.

Alan Steiner

Goose Creek Advancement Chair.

## District News

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



### Webelos-o-ree 2021



The 2021 Webelos O Ree was held at Camp Snyder in Haymarket on October 2nd. We had over 300 pack leaders, parents and Webelos in attendance hosted by 10 troops from Scouts BSA. The weather was fantastic and everyone had a great time.

The camporee was led by an amazing team of seasoned scouters with key support provided by arrowmen from the Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Order of the Arrow along with 10 district troops. The arrowmen hosted a well attended Cubs to Scouts transition seminar. They also prepared our evening campfire and conducted a Four Winds ceremony that awed the Webelos.

The troops formed stations such as first aid, dutch oven cooking, wilderness survival, fire building and scout games. The Webelos had a great time learning skills from the troops while their parents were introduced to the ways of Scouts BSA through scoutmasters.





## Scouting for Food



Scouting for food is our annual food drive service project open to all Scouts and families. This vital food drive teaches youth the value of helping others and giving back to their communities.

Two dates of importance: post-it note distribution on November 6th where scouts go through the local neighborhoods to share the upcoming scouting for food pick-up on November 13th.

For Goose Creek Units, 2021 Scouting for Food post-its will be available for pick up locally in Loudoun County. Additional details will be sent to unit scouting for food coordinators. If your Pack, Troop, Crew, Post has not received information about scouting for food please contact Forrest Bradley, Goose Creek District Scouting for Food Coordinator, [sffgoosecreekdistrict@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:sffgoosecreekdistrict@goosecreekdistrict.org)

For more information go to: [Scout for Food FAQs](#)



## Upcoming T997 Webelos Arrow of Light Invitational Event



Troop 997 is hosting their annual Webelos Arrow of Light Invitational event at Willowsford Farm and Conservancy near Aldie, Virginia on Saturday November 20. Please come join them and meet scouts from the troop while they offer fun activities intended to introduce your Webelos scouts to Scouts BSA. During this event, each of the patrols from Troop 997 will teach a few scouting skills in a series of hands-on demonstrations that includes: first aid, knot tying, map reading and navigation with a compass, and fire-starting and fire-safety. This event is open to all Webelos scouts and their families.

**When:** Saturday, 20 November 10:30 AM to 3 PM

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

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

Important safety note: Mask wearing will be strictly enforced when social distancing within 6 feet cannot be maintained or within confined spaces.



## Goose Creek District Freeze-O-Ree



The RETURN of this in-person event is now officially on the schedule - February 18-20, 2022 at Camp Snyder. Lots of games and Scout-skill competitions being planned, so don't miss it. Stay tuned for more details and reservation information. If you have any questions, please contact our Vice Chief Mikey Sierra or our Chapter Chief Emmitt Peek at [FreezeORee@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:FreezeORee@goosecreekdistrict.org).



## Goose Creek Help Wanted (actually, Help Desperately Needed)



Does your Pack rely on a strong JSN to keep your unit healthy? Does your Troop rely on District Events such as the Camporee, Freeze-o-ree and others to help deliver the best possible program to your Scouts? In order for this to continue to happen, the Goose Creek District Committee is in need of your help to grow. Work directly with the Vice Chairs and other committee members to help strengthen and grow Scouting in Goose Creek. Experienced and novice Scouters all have the ability to contribute and many hands will make light work

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



## OA Election Season Starts November 1



Units wishing to schedule their annual election, including an overview of the Order of the Arrow, its purposes and its activities, should email our Chapter's election team. The Unit Relations team would like to schedule a visit even if your unit has no eligible candidates during this cycle, to help promote the OA, its camping, service and leadership missions, and the benefits of membership.

Both the Elections team and the Unit Relations team can be contacted at [OAElections@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:OAElections@goosecreekdistrict.org).



## Save the Date



2022 Goose Creek Spring Camp-o-Ree: March 25-27, 2022 at Camp Highroad.



## 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, November 10, 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.

## ★ Nov 13 - Goose Creek OA Chapter to Staff In-Take Center for Scouting for Food



This annual event is one of Scouting's greatest service projects. Even here in Loudoun County, countless children and families are in need of help getting healthy and nutritious food on their tables, and this effort helps fill numerous foodbank shelves right before the holidays. During the last food drive, our Chapter processed over 12 tons of food at a Sterling in-take center, so we need all available hands to make this tremendous effort a success. We are, after all, the Brotherhood of Cheerful Service. All Arrowmen - please contact Emmitt Peek, our Chapter Chief, for details and sign-ups.

## ★ Registration opens for the 2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference



Thousands of Arrowmen from around the country will meet at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, next year for the **2022 National Order of the Arrow Conference**. If you want to be one of those attendees, now is the time to sign up.

Registration opened this week for the flagship national Order of the Arrow event, which returns after the 2020 event was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. A virtual event called Momentum Launch was held instead.

Typically, the event draws about 8,000 Order of the Arrow members from every state. The conference features arena shows, national awards, competitions, training classes and a conference festival. Plus, there'll be time for everyone's favorite pastime: patch trading.

Since 1948, the modern NOAC has been held roughly every two years at a major university campus. The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has hosted the conference in 1977, 1992 and 2000. Being at a university gives youth an opportunity to experience a college campus in a safe Scouting environment. Delegates will stay in the dorms for the week and will eat in the dining halls. You can attend NOAC via a number of different options: as a delegate, individual, staff member or virtual delegate.

Most attendees sign up as delegates. These Arrowmen register and attend with their local Order of the Arrow lodge. In 2018, the virtual delegate option was introduced; this option will be expanded for 2022. New for 2022 will be the individual option for attendees who are 21 years old or older who do not wish to attend with their local lodge.

NOAC fees are based on which option you sign up for. Conference fees cover housing, programming and food. Staff and individual attendees are responsible for coordinating their own transportation while delegates' transportation fees are at the discretion of their lodge contingent leadership.

Any registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow as of the conference start date can attend with the review and approval of your council Scout executive or their designee. All attendees will need to provide BSA Annual Health and Medical Record forms A, B and C. Adults also are required to have up-to-date BSA Youth Protection certification.

Delegates will register directly with their lodge leadership. All other attendees can register individually at [registration.oa-bsa.org](https://registration.oa-bsa.org). For answers to FAQ, check out [oa-bsa.org/program/events/noac](https://oa-bsa.org/program/events/noac).

## "Onward and Upward"

### On the Advancement Trail



#### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

**Aiden Carraretto** – Troop 1159

**Deven Chen** – Troop 1550

**Frederick Clarey** – Troop 982

**Evan Coulter** – Troop 950

**Ian Coulter** – Troop 950

**Henry Frakes** – Troop 961

**Jacob Lietert** – Troop 966

**Greyson McGinnis** – Troop 956

**Jarod Missler** – Troop 961

**Logan Weslow** – Troop 163

So far this year Goose Creek has had 67 new Eagle Scouts.



#### 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. And we're back at it again!.

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

**Date:** Saturday, November 20, 2021

**Time:** 10:30-2:30

**Place:** Sterling Library (22330 S. Sterling Blvd – Unit a117, opposite Safeway)

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.



## Training Required for ALL New Merit Badge Counselor Applications



All new applications for Merit Badge Counselor must include documentation that the applicant has completed Merit Badge Counselor training. This can be accomplished in-person or online. If you've taken an in-person course, please email a copy of the completion certificate when sending in your MBC Information Form. If taking online, please take a screenshot of the notice of completion after you finish the courses, and email a copy of that screenshot.

The estimated time to complete the required courses is about 35 minutes, and many of you may have already taken at least some of the online courses in training for other positions. The courses that make up the MBC training module are all available via the BSA Learning Center on [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org):

SCO-471 - Advancement

SCO-472 - Aims and methods of Scouts BSA

SCO-474 - Introduction to Merit Badges

SCO-486 - What is a Merit Badge Counselor?

The only alteration to our MBC onboarding process is the inclusion of the above documentation. The online application process remains, as does the submission of that MBC Information Form that lists badges, contact info, etc.

While not yet required, existing Merit Badge Counselors are strongly encouraged to do the online training sessions, if only to familiarize yourselves with any changes over the years.

Please let me know if you have any questions: Rich Pender  
[meritbadgedean@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:meritbadgedean@goosecreekdistrict.org)



## Cub Scout Bobcat Requirements: Balloon Bust Game



Don't you just love those cute little Tigers? They are adorable! But then you try to teach them the Cub Scout Bobcat requirements. Between the Scouts asking when they're going home and if they're getting a snack, it's hard to keep their attention!

We do have to remember they're first graders, so it's up to us to find fun ways for them to learn the important Bobcat requirements such as the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

One suggestion is this Bobcat Balloon Bust game.

Prior to the meeting, write each of the Bobcat requirements on slips of paper. Insert one requirement into each balloon and blow them up.

If you have a large den, you may want to divide the Scouts into smaller groups for this activity so that they won't have to wait very long for their turn to pop a balloon. Remember, they are little guys, so patience isn't always a strength of theirs!

A word of caution. Let your parents know ahead of time that this will be the activity. Some of the little guys might be afraid of balloons or of the loud noise they'll make when they're popped. Also, you may have a Scout in your den who has a latex allergy.

## Council / National News

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



### Our Philmont Preparedness Seminars are back!



Philmont will be hosting monthly broadcasts to help offer you and your crew supplemental information to best be prepared for your upcoming trek. The seminars will be approximately one hour in length and be hosted live on our Facebook page. The following day, all content will also be uploaded to our website so there is no live commitment required! All live sessions will also host a Q&A.

#### Seminar Release Schedule:

- November 17th: Gear and Equipment
- December 1st: Cavalcade
- December 15th: Itineraries, Crew Dynamics and Leadership
- January 19th: Health and Safety
- February 16th: Trail Food and Cooking
- March 16th, Base Camp Procedures
- April 20th: Recap and Updates

All sessions can be viewed live on the corresponding dates at 6:30 P.M. Mountain Time.

Live broadcasts on Facebook can be found at this [link](#).

All information can be found the following day on our [website](#).



### Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Scout Day Camp is a great means for all Scouts from Tiger through Webelos and their siblings to experience Camp Snyder without the overnight sleeping. Each day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with lunch included in the cost of camp.

Sessions run from Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Session 1: June 27 – July 1

Session 2: July 11-15

Early Bird Registration (up to Apr 16):	\$220 – Scout, \$50 – Adult
On Time Registration (up to May 14)	\$240 – Scout, \$55 – Adult
Late Registration (after May 14)	\$260 – Scout, \$60 – Adult

Each unit can make only one registration per camp session. Only one person, the Unit Registrar, should manage the registration, enter information, and make payments on behalf of the unit. (Parents should contact their unit registrar to register their youth to go to camp.)

For more information and to register: <https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/day-camp/>





## Cub Scout Weekend Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Resident Camp is your bite sized introduction to a Boy Scout summer camp program. All registered Cubs, Tigers – Webelos and their adult leaders/parents sleep on cots in 4-person BSA wall tents that sit on raised platforms, eat in the camp dining hall and experience a whole day into the night program. The program at camp includes opportunities for Scouts to earn Adventure Loops, and several just-for-fun activities. The importance of Cub Resident camp to a registered Cub Scout and their family is tremendous! Resident Camp will develop your son's or dens' self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing learning experiences in which campers acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to their well-being.

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast. New for 2022 is a Thursday night check in for all 3 weekend programs! Come in on Thursday night, get your campsite set up and your swim tests out of the way to make more time for Friday fun!

Session 1: June 23 – June 26

Session 2: June 30 – July 3

Session 3: July 5-7

Session 4: July 7-10

Early Bird Registration (up to Apr 16):	\$215 – Scout, \$80 – Adult
On Time Registration (up to May 14)	\$235 – Scout, \$105 – Adult
Late Registration (after May 14)	\$255 – Scout, \$130 – Adult

2 Leaders FREE per Pack with your unit's Resident Weekend registration

Each unit can make only one registration per camp session. Only one person, the Unit Registrar, should manage the registration, enter information, and make payments on behalf of the unit. (Parents should contact their unit registrar to register their youth to go to camp.)

For more information and to register: <https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/resident-weekends/>



## The Akela Chess Classic Cub Scout Tournament



Take on the fun and challenge of playing chess! The Akela Chess Classic is a five-round chess tournament open to all Cub Scouts from Lions through Arrow of Light. Tournament play is in two brackets: Lions/Tigers/Wolves and Bears/Webelos/Arrow of Light.

**When:** February 5, check in at 8:30 AM. Rounds are at 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM and 2 PM. Awards at 3:30 PM.

**Where:** Microsoft Technology Center, 12012 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA 20190

**Fees:** The cost is \$25.00 per Scout.

**Awards:** Each participating Scout receives a custom tournament patch and year rocker. Trophies/medals will be awarded to first, second, and third place by rank for each of the Cub Scout ranks. Multiple awards will be issued for ties.

**Registration:** Registration is open at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-ChessCubs>



## Scouts BSA Merit Badge Week at Camp Snyder



Camp Snyder has some amazing facilities. Among those are our Woodshop and our STEM facility. We have created a Scouts BSA Specialty week designed to showcase the activities we can provide for all of our Scouts. Want to earn your Woodworking or Woodcarving Merit Badge? Want to learn about Drones and spend some time in our STEM lab. Come out and spend a week of your summer with us.

Combine your interest in merit badges with camping, dining, swimming, boating, and many other summer camp favorites.

There are two attendance options: 1) You can stay at Camp Snyder all week and camp overnight or 2) You can choose to be a day-only participant and just stay for the merit badges.

When: July 17 - 23

Early Bird Registration (up to Apr 16):	\$210 – Scout, \$165 – Adult
On Time Registration (up to May 14)	\$230 – Scout, \$185 – Adult
Late Registration (after May 14)	\$250 – Scout, \$62050 - Adult

1 Leader is FREE with your Troop registration of 5 or more Scouts. Units who plan to send 5 or more scouts must provide a minimum of 1 adult leader per 5 scouts.

Each unit can make only one registration per camp session. Only one person, the Unit Registrar, should manage the registration, enter information, and make payments on behalf of the unit. (Parents should contact their unit registrar to register their youth to go to camp.)

For more information and to register: <https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/specialty-week/>



## The Akela Chess Classic BSA Tournament



Take on the fun and challenge of playing chess! The Akela Chess Classic is a five-round chess tournament open to all Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts from age 10 to 20. Tournament play is in three brackets: age 10-12, age 13-15, and age 16 and up.

**When:** February 12, check in at 8:30 AM. Rounds are at 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM and 2 PM. Awards at 3:30 PM.

**Where:** Microsoft Technology Center, 12012 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA 20190

**Fees:** The cost is \$25.00 per Scout.

**Awards:** Each participating Scout receives a custom tournament patch and year rocker. Trophies/medals will be awarded to first, second, and third place by rank for each of the Cub Scout ranks. Multiple awards will be issued for ties.

**Registration:** Registration is open at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-ChessClassic>

## ★ Your Scout Can Help Shape the Future of Scouts BSA Within New Youth Council



Scouting teaches youth to be leaders, and that means learning to speak up and voice opinions. These skills are used immediately in guiding one's patrol or troop. But for one group of Scouts, those skills will soon help in guiding the direction of the national Scouts BSA program.

The national Scouts BSA committee is seeking nominations of Scouts who'd like to share their perspectives on the program's strengths and areas for growth. These Scouts will meet virtually once a month on Zoom to discuss the program's future and provide feedback to the committee.

The 10-15 selected Scouts can expect a three-hour commitment each month, from January to May 2022. This includes work before, during and after the virtual meetings, which will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. ET on the second Sunday of every month. Scouts on this inaugural council are expected to attend at least four of the five meetings. There's no cost to be part of the youth council, but Scouts must be nominated by a Scouting volunteer or professional.

### Eligibility requirements

The nomination deadline for this council is Nov. 5. Complete this form to nominate a Scout; you can nominate more than one Scout.

For a Scout to be nominated, he or she must be:

- A current member of the Scouts BSA program.
- First Class rank or higher.
- At least 14 years old (but not yet 18) during the entire council term (January 1, 2022, to May 31, 2022).
- In a position of responsibility in a Scouts BSA troop, either current or recent.

For more info, [click here](#) or send an email to [ScoutsBSAYouthCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ScoutsBSAYouthCouncil@gmail.com).

Check out more details from Scout Life's recent [TrekAt2 video](#).

## 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.

## ★ National Jamboree 2023



In case you missed the livestreamed announcement or the multitude of promotional announcements and e-mails, the next National Scout Jamboree will be held July 19-28, 2023 at the Summit in West Virginia.



## Eagle Scouts, Be Prepared to apply for NESA scholarships soon



Earning the Eagle Scout rank is an impressive achievement that provides lasting impacts on one's life. One of those impacts can be financial support for higher education.

Beginning December 1, the [National Eagle Scout Association](#) will be accepting applications for five annual scholarships of varying amounts. Applicants must have completed an Eagle Scout board of review before January 24, 2022; must be members of NESA ([click here](#) to join); and must submit their application through the [NESA scholarship portal](#) between December 1, 2021, and January 31, 2022. Full requirements and conditions are listed [here](#).

Other eligibility requirements include:

- Eagle Scouts may apply for NESA scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school through their junior year in college.
- Recipients may receive a NESA scholarship one time only.
- NESA scholarships are available to Eagle Scouts attending four-year colleges or universities, vocational trade schools and other approved programs.
- NESA scholarships are not available to students attending any of the U.S. military academies.
- NESA scholarships are not available to graduate students pursuing a master's or doctoral degree.

Last year, 45 Eagle Scouts received a total of \$425,500 from NESA to aid in their educational endeavors. These scholarships are made possible by generous donors and NESA members that help the alumni organization.

To learn about scholarships offered to Scouts from other institutions, [click here](#).



## American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year



**How much:** \$10,000 for the winner and \$2,500 apiece for three runners-up

**Who's eligible:** Eagle Scouts who are at least 15 and registered, active members of a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron — or Eagle Scouts who are registered, active members of a chartered Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team, or Venturing Crew, and the son or grandson of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or Auxiliary member,

**Nomination Window:** Nov 1 - March 1

**What's required:** Application, photograph, school participation record, Scouting record, community service record, religious award record and four letters of recommendation.

**Link:** [www.legion.org/scholarships/eaglescout](http://www.legion.org/scholarships/eaglescout)

**Questions:** Email [scouting@legion.org](mailto:scouting@legion.org)





## Scholarships



Dozens of universities, BSA local councils, and religious, civic, and military organizations offer college scholarships to Eagle Scouts and Venturing Summit Award Recipients. Some scholarships are needs-based; others are merit-based. Some go to everyone who applies; others are highly competitive. A listing of these can be found at [www.scouting.org/awards/scholarships/](http://www.scouting.org/awards/scholarships/)



## Scout Ranger Program Might Be the National Park Service's Best-Kept Secret



From Acadia in Maine to Joshua Tree in California and beyond, our country's national parks hosted 237 million people in 2020.

But despite the continued popularity of these wide-open spaces, there's one National Park Service offering that remains lesser known. It's the **Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger** program.

The Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger program invites Boy and Cub Scouts to participate in educational and/or volunteer service projects at national park sites to spark their awareness of the national parks and to provide Scouts with the opportunity to explore the national parks and learn more about protecting our natural and cultural resources. Scouts are awarded certificates and/or patches for participating in the program.

### How to Earn a Certificate and/or Patch

Scouts can participate in the Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger Program through a troop, event, travel, or camp experience, and will be awarded a program certificate and/or patch upon completion.

To earn a Scout Ranger certificate, Scouts should participate in organized education activities and/or volunteer service projects for a minimum of five (5) hours at one or more national parks.

To earn a Scout Ranger patch, Scouts should participate in organized educational activities or volunteer service projects for a minimum of ten (10) hours at one or more national parks.

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### Top Ten Things a Scoutmaster Learns When Eating with His Scouts

10. Teaspoon and tablespoon measurements are interchangeable, especially when measuring hot spices.
9. Pop Tarts are considered a part of the food pyramid.
8. Cremation is a cooking technique.
7. The item that takes the longest to cook is always cooked last.
6. The Scout equivalent of rare, medium, and well done is frozen, raw, and burnt.
5. Recipes are always left home on the kitchen table or known only by the one Scout not on the campout.
4. Fires with 10 foot flames are a 'must' for cooking.
3. One key ingredient is always forgotten.
2. Food that falls in the fire and still served is often the best, at least there's a reason for the grittiness.
1. That each meal is always the "best he's ever had!"



## Join the Virtual Chess Fest



Nov. 1-5, the *Scout Life* team will be live daily at 2 p.m. Central (3 p.m. Eastern) with chess experts, tips to improve your game, giveaways from Scout Shop and a DIY chess set how-to.

The week will culminate Friday with what we're considering the most epic chess match of all time. Our Facebook audience will work together to challenge Eagle Scout and chess grandmaster Kayden Troff to a chess game unlike anything you've ever played before (with an unbelievably accomplished opponent).

Kids of all ages are invited to join. Even Cub Scouts who aren't yet earning merit badges can benefit from tuning in. We'll kick off the week with the basics of chess so even someone new to the game can be fully engaged in Chess Fest.

If you or your Scouts are planning to work on the Chess merit badge, talk with your counselor to see if any of the week's activities will help you land some requirements (perhaps requirements 3 and 4?).

What's the schedule for [Chess Fest](#)?

- Monday, Nov. 1  
Learn how each chess piece moves and the rules of the game from Saint Louis Chess Club's Scholastic Manager (Bonus: He's an Eagle Scout!).
- Tuesday, Nov. 2  
Find out how you can get your hands on a chess board: make one, buy one or use a digital board!
- Wednesday, Nov. 3  
Learn about chess tournaments, how you can sign up for one and how to host your own. We'll hear from real Scouters from the National Capital Area Council who have hosted a variety of successful tournaments for Cub Scouts and older youth.
- Thursday, Nov. 4  
The day before the big match, Eagle Scout and chess grandmaster Kayden Troff joins the show to share strategy and help us prepare for the challenge.
- Friday, Nov. 5  
It's time for the ultimate matchup. Can we work together to win a chess match against a grandmaster? We'll find out!.



## Tips to Buy Winter Gloves/Mittens



Choosing and buying winter gloves/mittens is that one decision which will help you keep yourself warm in the blistering winter. That's because your fingers and toes are the most sensitive parts when it comes to feeling cold. They get cold the fastest because heat escapes through them the fastest. It's only natural to want to protect them as much you can, to avoid going numb in the winter.

These articles will give you some tips for buying gloves/mittens. Go through them before you go shopping.

- [REI](#)
- [GearLab](#)

## Training Opportunities



### 2021 Akela's Trail (Formerly known as Pow-Wow!)

**What is Akela's Trail?** Akela's Trail is a supplemental, action-packed training event for all Cub Scout adult leaders and parents. You will spend the morning learning new ideas, concepts, and have group discussion experiences, which will enhance your ability to deliver and support a fun-filled, exciting program to Cub Scouts.

**When is Akela's Trail?** November 20, 2021, via Zoom! The opening ceremony starts at 8:30 and we will have three 55-minute courses, starting at 9 am, 10 am, and 11 am.

**What if I have question about Akela's Trail?** Send an e-mail to: Christopher Cooper at [odd\\_commissioner@cooper3000.com](mailto:odd_commissioner@cooper3000.com).

**To Register:** <https://scoutingevent.com/082-51296>

**Cost:** \$15



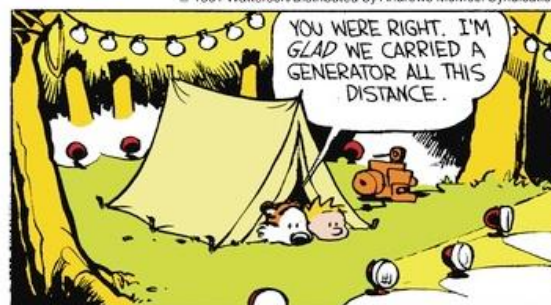
### Get-Started Guide for New Scouting Leaders



The people at *Scouting* magazine have been where you are, and they understand just how intimidating the job can be. So they created a **handy guide** to help you through the first months of your Scouting career. Half of the tips in it stem from their own experience; the other half come from Scouters across the country who responded to survey questions on their Facebook page.



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## What is BALOO, And Why Is It Good for You?



A few years ago, longtime Cub Scout training experts Matt Markham and Jessi King-Markham found that volunteers who willingly attended Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation to learn to take their Cub Scouts camping often balked at signing up for a second and separate training, what was then called Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders (often referred to as “OWLS”).

“One of the challenges we ran into with splitting the course out into OWLS was that people wouldn’t go, because it was another course that they had to take,” Markham says.

There seemed to be a lot of overlap in content, too, so the couple’s district in the Northern Star Council ran a hybrid course that covered both syllabuses. The overnight event allowed leaders to get hands-on training in outdoor skills for Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts.

That hybrid is still the official approach. The **BALOO syllabus** covers what Cub and Webelos Scout leaders need to know. And it does so in a single 30-hour weekend — all day Saturday and Sunday morning, for example.

### What the weekend covers

Cub Scouting has changed significantly in the past few years, most notably with the introduction of a new advancement program in 2015. That meant significant changes to the syllabuses, especially on the Webelos side. OWLS was built around the old advancement program.

What’s more, Markham says, is that Cub Scout camping has evolved with the advent of activities like geocaching.

“There’s a whole lot of people that want to do it that have no idea how, and there wasn’t really a way to teach them,” he says. “Now there’s actually a course that captures some of those outdoor activities and methods.”

Those activities and methods help explain why the course is longer.

“We had a lot more skills to fit into the program, so we needed to take more time,” says Dennis Kampa, who started overseeing BALOO as a member of the National Cub Scout Committee back in 2000.

### Online and in the field

The weekend experience is just part of BALOO. The course begins with eight brief online modules, available at [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org). Each module lasts 10 minutes or less, and covers basics like the benefits of the outdoor program and health and safety considerations. Once you’ve completed those prerequisites, you’re ready for the weekend.

Of course, knowledge is only part of BALOO’s goal, King-Markham says.

“If we can get Cub Scouts camping, they’re going to be lifelong Scouts,” she says. “They’re going to be people who want to save the outdoors. They’re going to be people who bring their own families into the outdoors.”



## 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](#).

## 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.

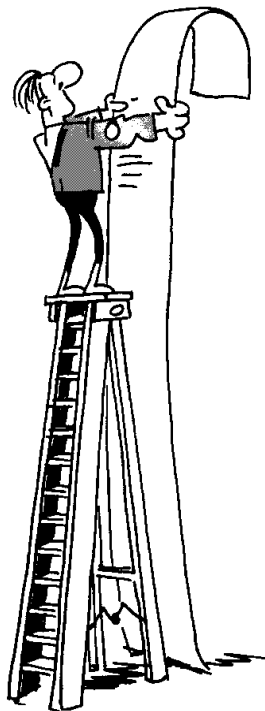
For more information go to this [Bryan on Scouting article](#).

## 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



### November 2021

6 Scouting for Food  
Notice Distribution  
10 Roundtable  
10 OA Chapter Meeting  
11 Commissioner Mtg  
13 Scouting for Food  
Pickup  
18 **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  
18-20 **Freeze-o-ree**  
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

### October 2022

9 Columbus Day  
12 Roundtable  
12 OA Chapter Meeting  
13 Commissioner Mtg  
26 District Committee