



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



January 2022

Volume 13, Issue 6

## Special Interest:

### District

- Loudoun School Calendar 2022-2023 – pg 2
- Freeze-o-ree – pg 4

### Advancement

- Life to Eagle Seminar – pg 7

### Council/National

- Pinewood Derby Days – pg 9
- Summer Camp Staff – pg 10
- World Jamboree – pg 11
- Goshen Summer Camp Availability – pg 11

### Training

- Wilderness First Aid – pg 19
- BALOO – pg 19
- Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills – pg 20

## Quick Calendar:

- Jan 12 – Roundtable
- Jan 22 – Life to Eagle
- Feb 4 – Scout Jumuah
- Feb 5 – Scout Sabbath
- Feb 6 – Scout Sunday
- Feb 9 – Roundtable
- Feb 18-20 – Freeze-o-ree
- Mar 9 – Roundtable
- Mar 11-12 – District Pinewood Derby
- Mar 25-27 – Spring

## Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Boy Scout / Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 New Article /Updated Information



from Bobwhite Blather, <https://bobwhiteblather.com/we-sustain-the-wings/>

## We sustain the wings

It's not likely that many, if any, readers of this column were around during World War II, but perhaps your parents or grandparents were. If so, then they most likely remember a show on the NBC Radio Network called *I Sustain the Wings*. The show's eponymous theme song was composed and performed by Captain Glenn Miller, whose orchestra was one of the most popular bands of the era. The program featured Miller's orchestra performing the hit songs of the day, which helped to lift the spirits of those at home and our forces on the front lines. The title, *I Sustain the Wings*, was the motto of the U. S. Army Air Corps Technical Training Command, for it was up to the technicians to keep the planes "in the sky above / where they fight to victory", as the lyrics go. [...section skipped...]

What does any of this have to do with Scouting? Today?

I thought of *I Sustain the Wings* because it is a good description of what we do as Scouters. One of the Scouts in our troop whose Eagle Scout board of review I was honored to serve on was in the news this past week for a very notable achievement, and it reminded me that, while he fulfilled the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, it was the troop and its leaders who made it possible for this young man to fly with the Eagles who came before him.

Scouting started as a youth-led activity, in a very ad-hoc and disorganized manner, but as time went by, the need arose for adults to rise to the occasion to facilitate the things the boys wanted to do but just couldn't do for themselves yet. We make it possible for them to experience Scouting. We don't do for them what they can do for themselves, but we help to build and hold the perches that they ascend to with each rank, and sustain their wings when they reach the Eagle Scout pinnacle.

A Scouter friend reminded me this weekend that our role as parents is to give our children roots and wings. The roots anchor their values and establish character, while their wings let them soar as high as they can go without us holding them down. These are the two greatest gifts we can give our children. And as Scouters, the gift we give the youth is to make it possible for them to fly as high as they wish to go. *We sustain their wings!*

## District News

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



### Loudoun School Calendar 2022-2023



The Loudoun County School Board adopted the student calendar for the 2022-23 school year at its Tuesday, December 14, meeting.

- August 25 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- September 5 Holiday (Labor Day)
- September 26 Student Holiday (County-Wide Staff Development)
- October 5 Holiday (Yom Kippur)
- October 10 Holiday (Indigenous Peoples' Day)
- October 24 Holiday (Diwali)
- October 28 End of the Grading Period
- October 31 Student Holiday (Unencumbered Planning)
- November 1 Student Holiday (Unencumbered Planning)
- November 8 Holiday (Election Day)
- November 23-25 Holiday (Thanksgiving)
- December 19-January 2 Winter Break (Classes Resume January 3, 2023)
- January 16 Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- January 20 End of Grading Period
- January 23 Holiday (Lunar New Year)
- January 24 Student Holiday (Moveable Planning)
- February 20 Holiday (Presidents' Day)
- March 13 Student Holiday (County-Wide Staff Development)
- March 24 End of Grading Period
- March 27 Student Holiday (Unencumbered Planning)
- April 3-7 Holiday (Spring Break)
- April 21 Holiday (Eid al Fitr)
- May 29 Holiday (Memorial Day)
- June 8 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/End of Grading Period
- June 9, 12 Unencumbered Planning
- June 19 Holiday (Juneteenth)

### 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)



## First Aid Kit Donations for Mobile Hope



Troops 998B and 998G of Leesburg Virginia recently put together individual and family First Aid kits, with assistance from the Center for Wilderness Safety, to donate to a local non-profit. Shortly before Christmas, they donated all the first aid kits to a housing program called Mobile Hope. Mobile Hope provides support and emergency shelter to youth up to the age of 24. These people that Mobile Hope helps are at-risk, precariously housed or homeless, and this program empowers them to be self-sufficient.



## Troop 1154 Scout Creates Innovative Storage Unit



Maximilian K. of Troop 1154, Ashburn, VA, joined Scouts as a Cub Scout, spurred on by his parents to participate in such a “positive program” in their community. Never, however, did he think he’d make Eagle. “My family didn’t really want me to stick with Scouting this long, just because it was such a commitment for them... I never saw myself getting Eagle at first, but as I kept going through it, my parents started to see how good Scouting was for me.” Now, with his parent’s assistance and backing, the prospective Eagle Scout has finished his project.

Maximilian knew from the beginning that he wanted to focus on helping animals. He reached out to a local animal shelter and learned that the shelter was moving to a much larger facility; this required an overhaul of their food storage system. In the existing storage system, a lot of food would expire before it could be used, wasting money and space. Working with his dad, an engineer, Maximilian set to work designing a solution. He created a system with unique lane structures from scratch, where cans of pet food would be placed in the top, and, line up as they gradually rolled to the bottom. The three structures he would install in the shelter – two dedicated dog units and one cat unit – held thirty and sixty lanes respectively, with each lane allowing for around thirty cans at any time...

To continue reading about this go to [WeOwnAdventure.com](http://WeOwnAdventure.com)

★ Goose Creek District Freeze-O-Ree, February 18-20, 2022 at Camp Snyder



Scouting Arctic Expedition:

The Arrowmen of Amangamek-Wipit embody the motto “Be Prepared” and believe the recent balmy temperatures of late are lulling us collectively into a false sense of security. Winter is coming! We anticipate the conditions for a record setting blizzard will align in early February. Howling winds, perilous snowfall, marauding packs of wolves roaming the tundra, etc.

With that in mind we are planning a campout to end all campouts - an Arctic gathering of Goose Creek Troops on the permafrost of Camp Snyder. Only the most hardy and well caparisoned Scouts should attend. We will provide all the necessities (ice axes, snowshoes, crampons and polar bear repellent) but the Troops should be mentally prepared for competition there at the glacier's edge. We will have games, songs and challenges to celebrate our collective readiness for the new ice age! And if the forecasts are not entirely accurate, and we don't lose at least a half a dozen to frostbite and penguin mauling, we will still have a grand time.

Sign up early- the last unit to register will have to camp among the leopard seals and fight the walruses for food. Leaders Guide and Troop registration website should be available in early January - stay tuned!!

To register send an email to [FreezeORee@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:FreezeORee@goosecreekdistrict.org)

★ Missing Articles



We always have space reserved in the newsletter for articles about our units and Scouts but only a few units have sent us any information about what they have been doing. There must be other units out there that have been doing something besides having meetings. We know that Eagle projects have been completed and we expect that some units have had anniversaries or someone who got a special award.

This newsletter should be as much about our Scouts as it is about events coming up. And to do that we need your help. If your unit, den, patrol, crew, or Eagle Scout has done a special service project, gone somewhere different, camped somewhere unusual, or had a special event, we'd like to hear about it and we think the rest of the district would too. What you've done might just be the spark another unit needs to enhance their own program.

We don't require a long article, just a few sentences, and maybe a picture. You don't have to be a great writer, after all, most of us aren't great readers.

When you do have something to brag about please send it to [Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org). Please try to have it submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month so it can go out in our draft version to the proofreaders. We can take articles later than that but no promises on it making the newsletter being put together (but it not, it will be in the next).

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)



### Goose Creek Chapter Recognition



We'd like to congratulate Goose Creek Arrowman William Stehn for his Vigil Honor recognition in 2021.

We'd also like to congratulate two Units in our District that achieved the prestigious Order of the Arrow Unit of Excellence Award in 2021:

- Crew 1430                      Xander Capell, OA Unit Representative
- Troop 998G                     Riley Pender, OA Unit Representative

Finally, we offer a shout-out to all Arrowmen who stepped up their commitment to the mission and ideals of the Order of the Arrow and our Chapter by electing to stand for Brotherhood membership in 2021:

Craig Bond	Ian Meyers
Xander Capell	Belinda Patoja
Michael Capell	Denise Pender
James Christman	Ian Pender
Matthew Christman	Riley Pender
Monique Howe-Freeman	Sterett Prevost
Michael Johnson	Terry Prevost
Miles Johnson	Aiden Reavill
Charles Krause	William Seppings
Gage Kurutz	Daniel Smith
Trent Kurutz	Jason Smith
Justin Lai	Colin Sparrow
Reed Mayer	Andrew Weitzel
	Brandon Wendte

Ordeal members - please consider Brotherhood conversion in 2022. If you've been an Ordeal member for at least six months, demonstrate knowledge of the Order's traditions, signs and Obligation, and prepare a short letter outlining your recent commitment to your Unit and your plans going forward, you're ready for Brotherhood. Please see pages 58-65 of your OA Handbook. Our Chapter Chief, Emmitt Peek ([ChapterChief@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:ChapterChief@GooseCreekDistrict.org)), can answer any other questions you have about the process and its significance, as can any of the Arrowmen listed above who've recently made this commitment.

## Registration Open 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.

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.aa-bsa.org](https://registration.aa-bsa.org). For answers to FAQ, check out [aa-bsa.org/program/events/noac](https://aa-bsa.org/program/events/noac).



## OA Elections and Unit Visits



Unit Leaders - the OA election season is open. Election scheduling is on a first come-first serve basis, so we recommend you contact us ASAP at [OAElections@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:OAElections@goosecreekdistrict.org) to schedule for your Unit. Qualification requirements for both youth and adult remain unchanged, and can be found at [aa-bsa.org/about/membership](https://aa-bsa.org/about/membership). The Goose Creek Spring Ordeal is currently scheduled for May 6-8, 2022.

Even if you have no Scouts qualifying for election, we'd like to pay your Unit a visit, to explain the purpose and mission of the Order, as well as talk about all that's available at Council camp facilities. Scheduling for those Troop Relations visits are also completed via the email address above. Please direct any questions to Vice Chiefs Sterett P. or Andrew W. at the email address above, or our Chapter Chief Emmitt P. at [ChapterChief@GooseCreekDistrict.org](mailto:ChapterChief@GooseCreekDistrict.org).

# “Onward and Upward”

## On the Advancement Trail



### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

**Essam Allibhal-Mawani** – Troop 572

**Zander Eno** – Troop 966

**Samuel Foosaner** – Troop 2950

**Travis Kirk** – Troop 956

**Lars Nymen** – Troop 956

**Riley Pender** – Troop 998G

**Zachary Puderbaugh** – Troop 1550

**Evan White** – Troop 1159



### Life-to-Eagle Seminar



The next Life-to-Eagle Seminar is almost upon us – the first of 2022.

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

**Date:** Saturday, January 22, 2022

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

**Place:** Brambleton Library – Meeting Rm B (pending room confirmation); at 22850 Brambleton Plaza, Brambleton)

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.



FORTUNATELY, OUR MOTTO IS "BE PREPARED."



WITH THIS FULL BACKPACK, WE CAN STAY OUT HERE FOR WEEKS!



JUST SO LONG AS WE DON'T GET HUNGRY.



## Introducing Citizenship in Society, the BSA's Newest Merit Badge



The first new merit badge for youth in the Scouts BSA program since 2017 officially launches today. Called Citizenship in Society, it provides Scouts with opportunities to learn more about our world by encouraging them to explore information on diversity, equity, inclusion and ethical leadership — and to learn why these qualities are important in society and in Scouting.

To earn the merit badge, Scouts must conduct research; explore resources; have conversations with merit badge counselors, peers, parents and community members; and identify actions they can take to ensure inclusivity and belonging in Scouting and society in general.

The full requirements for the merit badge and materials for merit badge counselors can be found at [scouting.org/dei](https://scouting.org/dei).

The merit badge will become Eagle required on July 1, 2022. Additional details will be provided by the National Youth Program team in coming weeks.

Citizenship in Society was developed carefully and thoughtfully by the BSA's Office of Diversity and Youth Program Development Office with input from a dedicated group of Scouting volunteers, BSA youth and professional staff — including 31 Scout Executives and more than 60 troops across different regions who participated in a pilot program to test out the new merit badge.

Overwhelmingly, Scouts in the pilot say the merit badge is a positive experience. Scouts were open to having conversations around their research and the answers, and they shared personal examples of encountering the concepts and ideals covered in the requirements.

## Mandatory Merit Badge Counselor Training - for ALL MBCs



Merit Badge Counselors - we're working to achieve a goal of 100% position-trained. Already, any new MBC application must be accompanied with documentation confirming completion of Merit Badge Counselor training, either doing the online sessions, or a live session that counts as training course D76.

The National Capital Area Council Advancement Committee has now extended the training mandate to existing MBCs, with a one-year grace period: you have until year-end 2022 to either experience the online training modules or take a live version at the University of Scouting or some other forum. Completion of one or the other will be required in order for you status as a MBC to be renewed for the 2023 District roster.

The training is not burdensome (takes about a half hour), and no post-training report is required if you complete the training online - your training records at [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) will be automatically updated. Here's a link that takes you directly to the training videos, once you've signed in to your [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) account:

<https://training.scouting.org/learning-plans/1188>

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

## Merit Badge Counselors for Citizenship in Society



Goose Creek District is looking for 2-3 potential counselors for this new merit badge to be part of the the initial Council level group.

Counselors are required to:

- Be a registered merit badge counselor (Code 42)
- Complete Youth Protection Training
- Complete on-line MBC Training or equivalent in-class D76 training if not already completed
  - Current on-line courses are: SCO 471, 472, 474, 486
- Complete DEI on-line training (SCO 1800)
- Attend Council and/or district Citizenship in Society training
- Review the BSA counselor facilitation guide including resources
- Provide list of training (received or taught) or work/research experience in the following:
  - Diversity, equity, and inclusion training for vocation
  - Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor with the federal, state, or local government
  - Disability awareness training and/or hidden disabilities training
  - Discrimination and anti-bias training
  - Military / DoD gender equity training
  - Public or private sector human resource department
  - Elementary, secondary, or high school guidance counselor
  - Teaching or researching in affiliated sociology domain
- Provide DEI-related life experiences, such as working through an outreach organization or a church; the experience should be specifically focused on working with youth, using mentoring skills, or facilitating challenging discussions
- Be available to openly communicate with the Scout's parent(s)/guardian(s) if questions or discussions require their assistance

Please let Rich Pender, Goose Creek Merit Badge Dean, know if you would like to be part of the initial group ([meritbadgedean@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:meritbadgedean@goosecreekdistrict.org))

## Council / National News

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



### Michael's Woodshop – Pinewood Derby Days



Michael's Woodshop has a great process to guide Cub Scouts through the Pinewood Derby Car creation process. Each Cub Scout will leave with a paint-ready car. There are several ways to participate in the fun:

#### Open Registration.

Individuals or small groups can sign up for one of our open registration sessions. (Registration is now open)

#### Pack or Den Events

Packs or Dens may reserve Michael's Woodshop to hold their own pinewood derby event. (Remaining dates are limited – inquire soon)

Visit the [Pinewood Derby Days page](#) to learn more.



## Summer Camp Staff 2022!



Have you ever seen that spark in someone when they do something for the first time? Maybe it's lighting a fire. Maybe they finally passed that swim test. Maybe they hit the bullseye on a target. Maybe it's their first time seeing a bald eagle or osprey soaring through the sky. Be a part of camp staff this summer and introduce Scouts to the joy of outdoor discovery. It is one of the coolest summer jobs you could ever have!

We're seeking motivated and enthusiastic people who enjoy the outdoors to be part of the Summer 2022 Camp Staff.

Staff must be 15 years of age or older to be an instructor and 16 or older to work at Goshen's Lenhok'sin High Adventure. Not yet 15? If you're 14, you can be a Counselor-in-Training at any of our Cub Scout, Webelos, or Scouts BSA Resident Camps. We're also on the lookout for those 18 years of age or older to take on leadership positions.

Have friends or family that love the outdoors, but aren't in Scouting? Tell them about it! Prior experience with the Boy Scouts of America is not required.

Employment dates are from **June 18 to August 2, 2022** for Goshen Camps and **June 18 to July 29, 2022** for Camp Snyder.

We're coming up on hiring season. Interviews, via phone or video call, start in January. **Submit your application by January 20 to get a January interview date.**

Apply online and get more information on our websites. Visit [www.gotogoshen.org/staff](http://www.gotogoshen.org/staff) for Goshen Camps and [www.gotosnyder.org/work](http://www.gotosnyder.org/work) for Camp Snyder.



### Leader's Survival Checklist

- When the Pack won't pay attention and you feel like blowing your top, count to ten. Several times if necessary. Do it again in Greek, then French, then ...
- So you tied the flag on upside down. Smile knowingly like you planned it that way. Praise the Cub who saw it.
- Accept the boy for what he is. If that's impossible, just be thankful he isn't your son.
- Learn to laugh at yourself. The Cubs probably think you're hilarious anyway.
- Too many Cubs and not enough leaders? What a compliment! It must be YOU they like!
- When everything goes wrong think about the story of Job from the bible. At least you don't have boils.
- Remember you're a human, no matter what the boys might tell you
- Do you find that running a meeting is a breeze? You're in trouble! Go take a Supplemental Training course.

★ Registration now Open for 2023 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea



In just a year and a half from now, you could be living it up with 50,000 of your closest friends from 170 different countries.

**Registration is now open** to join the BSA contingent at the 2023 World Scout Jamboree, set to kick off on Aug. 1, 2023, in Saemangeum, South Korea.

World Scout Jamborees are the signature event of world Scouting. Every four years since 1920, Scouts from around the world have gathered in a spirit of fellowship, fun and peace.

The BSA will send a contingent of about 500 youth participants (ages 14 to 18) to the 2023 World Scout Jamboree.

With 50,000 people expected, that means Scouts from the BSA will comprise just 1% of the Jamboree population. Translation: If a Scout meets 100 people in a day, about 99 of them will be from a country that isn't their own.

BSA Scouts will form Jamboree troops of 36 youth and four adults, with separate units for male and female Scouts. To better facilitate pre-Jamboree meetings, units will be organized by geographic region.

As of this writing, about 30% of the BSA contingent's capacity has been filled, meaning families with interested Scouts should start planning now.

For additional information go to: see this [Bryan on Scouting article](#).

★ 2022 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key:  Available  Almost Full  Full

Camp		Week				
		1	2	3	4	5
	<b>Bowman</b> (Patrol Cooking)					
	<b>Marriott</b> (Patrol Cooking & Heater Stack)					
	<b>Olmsted</b> (BS Dining Hall)					
	<b>Lenhok'sin High Adventure</b>					
	<b>Ross</b> (Dining Hall)					

Week 1 – 6/26 to 7/2

Week 3 – 7/10 to 7/16

Week 5 – 7/24 to 7/30

Week 2 – 7/2 to 7/9

Week 4 – 7/17 to 7/23

Week 6 – 7/28 to 8/1

Fees:

If paid by April 15: Youth \$420, Adults \$225

After April 15: Youth \$450, Adults \$265

- All units will receive two free adult leaders!

Registration: [www.gotogoshen.org/registration/](http://www.gotogoshen.org/registration/)

Note: There may be additional fees for bus transportation, Shotgun MB, etc.

## High Adventure News



### 2022 NCAC High Adventure Expeditions!

- Philmont 12-day Backpacking: July 10-24! (4 crews)  
Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-50158>
- Sea Base St Thomas STEM Eco Sailing: Aug 09-15! (2 crews)  
Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-50854>
- Northern Tier Wilderness Canoeing – August 09-19! (1 crew)  
Lenhok'sin: James River Canoeing – July 17-23! (1 crew)

### NCAC High Adventure Vacancies List

- Lists vacancies in HA crews throughout NCAC
- Crews needing additional members – or –
- Individuals seeking opportunities in crews with openings
- <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/xWpkdrKHKAA9pCzwmHMNdbWb>

### NCAC HAC Philmont Training Session I

- TOPICS: Expectations, med forms, physical prep, gear, program, treks
- Sunday, November 21st – 1:00 to 5:00 pm
- Mt Olivet UMC, 1500 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington VA 22207
- ALL 2022 PHILMONT-BOUND CREWS INVITED (limit: 2 per crew)

### NEW NCAC High Adventure Sourcebook

Two-volume set extensively details HA opportunities in US & worldwide

Volume 1: current information on BSA and Council HA bases and camps

<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/gPPyixZdGr1FLP5M2C8yuAt1>

Volume 2: Treks Prep Hikes and Overnights in the Mid-Atlantic Region

<https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/UEH3o3JD9c1XtSYRFmr9nFKS>

### NCAC HAC Philmont Camperships

- AVAILABLE TO ALL 2022 PHILMONT- BOUND PARTICIPANTS
- NOTE: Philmont also makes scholarships available directly for each crew; you cannot receive both...
- <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/pvxerCxKKwU6GCiVhWDHBQz2>

John Blackwell, HAC Chair: [john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org)

HAC web page: [www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure](http://www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure)

**All Leaders Should Use the Four Points of S.A.F.E. When Delivering the Program**



Use this [checklist](#) of key safety elements to help ensure all participants of Scouting can enjoy the program safely.

## 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/>

## 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, \$205 - 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/>

## 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>

## 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>



## Michael's Woodshop – Camp Snyder



**Monthly Classes:** Michael's Woodshop offers a variety of monthly classes including merit badge classes and specialty classes. Registration for 2022 classes opens in January. Use the Upcoming Events link to learn more.

**Schedule Your Own Event:** Michael's Woodshop may be reserved by Scouts or Units for a wide range of activities including Eagle Scout projects, Baloo the Builder and Build It Workshops and other fun unit activities. Our Shop Stewards are available to help plan your event. Pick a project from our [Project Idea List](#) or propose your own.

Visit our webpage for information about reserving the shop. 2022 Unit reservations have already begun!

[Upcoming Events and Shop Calendar](#)

View our [Activity Slideshows](#)

Click here to see [Youth Shop Use Measures](#).

## 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.

## 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:

- January 19th: Health and Safety
- February 16th: Trail Food and Cooking
- March 16th, Base Camp Procedures
- April 20th: Recap and Updates

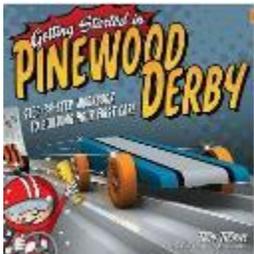
All sessions can be viewed live on the corresponding dates at 6:30 P.M. Mountain Time.

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

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



## Book – Getting Started in Pinewood Derby



This colorful workbook goes through all of the steps involved in building a car. One of the best things about the book is that it is directed at Cub Scouts – who should be doing most of the work on their cars. It includes lots of very nice step-by-step photos, so young car builders can understand what needs to be done.

*Getting Started in the Pinewood Derby* will take the fear out of participating in an inaugural pinewood derby race -- especially if you have no woodworking skills. Unlike any other pinewood book, it's not about building the most spectacular car, or winning the race; it's about spending time with a child building something together. It's about planning the activity so you both have some fun, a few laughs, learn a thing or two about friction and gravity, and walk away with a car you can both be proud of...even if it isn't perfect. *Getting Started in the Pinewood Derby* will eliminate any anxiety about the upcoming race because it will remind you that the race is not about the adults, it's about the kids. And what kid doesn't want to have fun? In the end, *Getting Started in the Pinewood Derby* will help kids and adult have a stress-free, good-time building a car that will get down the track. Maybe next year, you can worry about taking home first place.

Available from Amazon, \$10 paperback.

## Eagle Scouts, Be Prepared to apply for NESAs 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 NESAs ([click here](#) to join); and must submit their application through the [NESAs 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 NESAs scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school through their junior year in college.
- Recipients may receive a NESAs scholarship one time only.
- NESAs scholarships are available to Eagle Scouts attending four-year colleges or universities, vocational trade schools and other approved programs.
- NESAs scholarships are not available to students attending any of the U.S. military academies.
- NESAs 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 NESAs to aid in their educational endeavors. These scholarships are made possible by generous donors and NESAs 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)

## 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](#).



## NCAC Camp's OPI: Wilderness First Aid Winter / Spring 2022



Presented by the NCAC Camps, the Outdoor Preparedness Initiative (OPI) offers Wilderness First Aid certification with CPR/AED. OPI aims to prepare Scouts, Scouters, and outdoor enthusiasts for high adventure activities and other outdoor adventures. Certification is provided through the American Red Cross.

This 2 day course will offer day only instruction Saturday from 0730 - 2000 and Sunday from 0730 - 1600. There will not be an overnight stay involved. Participants should bring their own lunch / snacks. If a participant needs a place for an overnight stay they may contact the main camp office.

Dates:

- Jan 8
- Feb 12
- Mar 12
- Apr 9

Cost: \$200

To register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-53087>

COVID 19 Virus Precautions: Spring WFA will be limited to 20 participants per session to allow for proper social distancing. The class space will be disinfected daily per CDC guidelines. Each attendee will certify they performed virus temperature and symptoms checks the day of arrival. Each attendee and staff member must wear a mask indoors and at any time physical distancing cannot be maintained from others. Hand sanitizer or soap and water is available for personal hygiene. These procedures were used successfully for previous sessions of this course.



## Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)

# BALOO

Are you interested in adding a camping component to your Pack activities? BALOO training is a one-and-a-half day introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program. You will complete the online prerequisite component, and then an overnight practical camp to use your new skills. We'll review BSA's Cub Scout level camping policies, and provide the necessary tools to help your unit carry out a successful camping experience.

BALOO participants must complete the online prerequisites course before attending the overnight practical.

It is mandatory for a MINIMUM OF ONE adult on a Pack overnighter to have taken this course. Best practice has a minimum of three on any Cub campout.

Bonus: You are welcome to attend one of the IOLS prerequisite classes. If you elect to do so - You will be given credit for both BALOO and IOLS, with no extra cost.

When: March 19-20

Where: American Legion Youth Camp - 9201 Surratts Rd, Cheltenham, MD 20623

Cost: \$35

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-PAXIOLSSPRING2022>



## Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS)



Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS) is an optional course offered to adult leaders who have completed the required training in their Scouting program. This course assists Scouters working with youth in the backcountry by providing the skills necessary to conduct a safe and risk-managed high adventure program in venues outside those supported by BSA infrastructure. It has been continuously designed to address new and emerging issues, techniques, and gear.

BCOLS has three key goals:

- Provide adult leaders with an understanding of safety and risk management issues in the back country environment.
- Expose adult leaders to interpersonal, small group dynamics, and leadership models consistent with National syllabi and curricula.
- Familiarize adult leaders with the planning processes, skills, and equipment necessary to a successful back country adventure.

BCOLS consists of two parts:

- One day-long classroom session

Working Together — covers needs and characteristics of the age group; discusses group dynamics and the interpersonal skills needed to build and maintain a high-performance team.

Trek Planning and Preparation — covers the detailed preparation and planning that is necessary to a successful Trek and includes risk management, Leave No Trace principles, and discussion and displays of the personal and crew equipment used for Trekking, as well as other Trek tools.

- Two-day weekend outdoor session provides a mix of skill presentations and hands-on practice. Activities include Leave No Trace camping skills, problem solving through initiative games, the use of bear bags/canisters, equipment maintenance, stove maintenance, water treatment, menu planning and trail cooking (and clean-up), terrain awareness, health and safety and personal hygiene issues, hands-on land navigation, and trail meditations.

Requirements for attending BCOLS:

- Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and age 18 or older.
- Have completed the basic position-specific training courses for their Scouting role.
- 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.

Both Session Must be Attended to get credit for the Course.

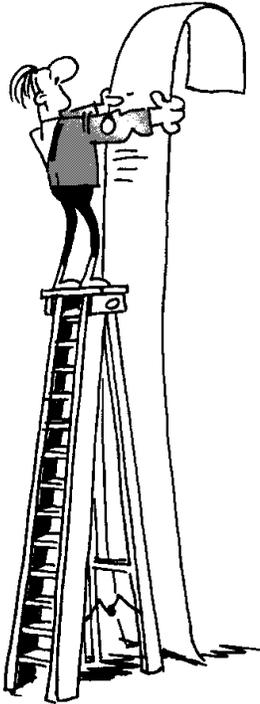
Class Room Session: Saturday March 5, 2022 at Huntingtown UMC, 4020 Hunting Creek Rd, Huntingtown, MD

Weekend Session : Saturday April 23 thru Sunday April 24, 2022 at American Chestnut Land Trust, 2650 Scientists Cliff Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Registrataion: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-53132>

Cost: \$65

# District Calendar



**January 2022**  
 12 Roundtable  
 12 OA Chapter Meeting  
 13 Commissioner Mtg  
 17 MLK Jr. Day  
 22 **Life to Eagle Seminar**  
 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

**November 2022**  
 5 Scouting for Food Notice Distribution  
 9 Roundtable  
 9 OA Chapter Meeting  
 10 Commissioner Mtg  
 12 Scouting for Food Pickup  
 30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

**December 2022**  
 14 Roundtable  
 14 OA Chapter Meeting  
 15 Commissioner Mtg  
 29 District Committee