



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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Newsletter Key:



Cub Scout Interest



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Venturing Interest



For Everyone



New Article
/Updated
Information



from *The Scoutmaster Minute*,

<https://thescoutmasterminute.net/2016/12/06/little-to-big/>

Little to Big

Do a Good Turn Daily. That is the Slogan of Scouting. It is a challenge to each of us to look for some way to be of service. The slogan asks us to seek opportunities every day to do something ... anything that will ultimately make a difference.

It is my belief that when we look at this challenge we feel it is too large. It is a lofty goal to actually make a difference in this world.

What we need to do is think little. Little things matter.

When we teach leadership in our Troop one of our principles is to "Focus on the Little Things." That principle is all about details and those things that add up to big things. Little things like keeping your gloves out of the snow. Just a little thing, but the big thing is cold hands, wet gear, and maybe frost bite. Another example is ensuring that your tent is pitched properly. Making sure your guy lines are taught and pulled in line. Not a big deal, until it rains and your rain fly does not function properly. Just a little thing that makes a big difference.

And so it is with the Good Turn. Little things make a big difference. Holding open a door or carrying a bag. Little things that make a big difference for the person you helped.

A smile could change someone's attitude or outlook on the day.

I think we get wrapped up in service for service sake and not for the difference we make.

Just think.. there are about two million Scouts in America. They represent about 103 thousand units. Those units represent Schools, Churches, Communities. So if 2 million Scouts did their Good Turn each day, just something small, we could change our world. That does not even take into consideration the Adult Volunteers that teach, coach, train, and mentor those 2 million Scouts. Add about 1.2 million to that number. 3 million people doing a small act of service every day. When we talk about little to big we can see that we make a big difference when and where it really matters.

In 2015 the Boy Scouts of America logged 1.53 million service hours. Those were hours of service dedicated to building things, collecting food, and working for our communities. That seems like a big number but at the end of the day we may not see the big impact. A lot of our service is dedicated to our chartering partners and people directly impacted in Scouting. That is great and I certainly would not want to take one minute of those hours away... they make a difference. But in snap shots.

Little to Big ... each of us ... every day. Now that would leave a mark that could be seen from outer space.

Think little to big. Do your Good Turn every day!

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

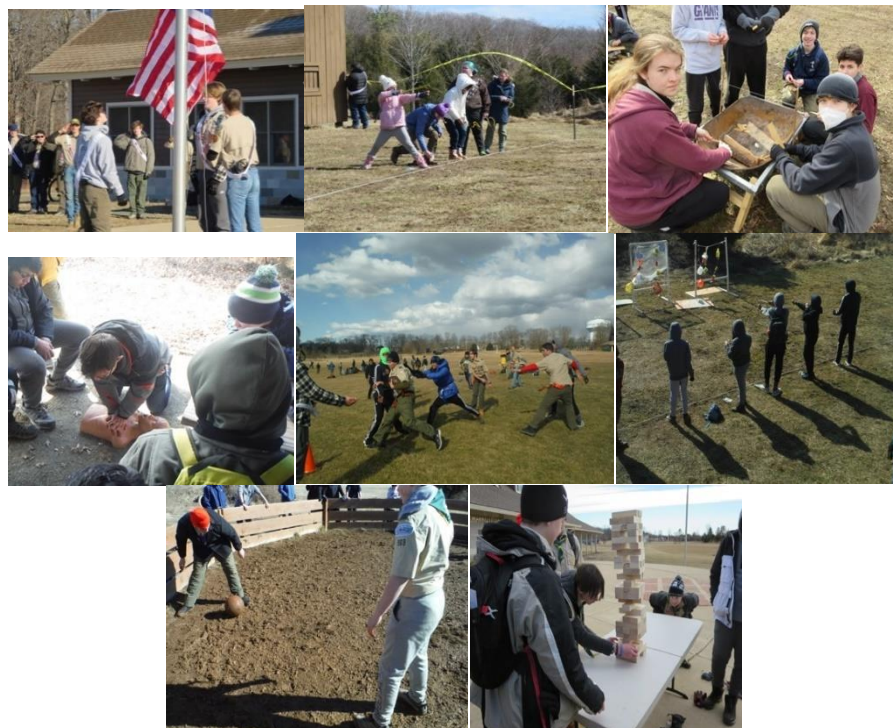


Goose Creek District Freeze-O-Ree Recap



On a cold, dark February evening, an expedition of 200 plus from Goose Creek made the treacherous journey to the frigid permafrost of Outpost Snyder, amidst howling north winds. As dawn broke on Saturday, the expedition had divided themselves into patrols, preparing for a day of grueling contests to see who would be crowned Emperors of the North. Throughout the day, patrols battled each other in team competitions and individual feats of knowledge and strength, all the while each understanding that in end, **THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE!** Battles raged all day across the ice and snow, with patrols attempting to light fires for warmth using two icicles and a bit of tundra moss, while others roamed the fields hunting for rivals' pennants. Some desperately used slingshots to keep the polar bears at bay, and all were unnerved trying to explore the Mud Cave of Gaga, eventually seeking enlightenment from the mysteries of Jenga. Nearing exhaustion, patrols prepared and ate their evening meals, and then, lighting their whale-blubber lamps, came together and made their way to the Outpost's fire ring for an evening of frivolity, songs, skits and wisdom. And then came the announcement – the patrol of patrols, the champions of all, the true Scouts of the North: the awesome Eagles of Ashburn's Troop 58. Hearty cheering ensued, and bragging rights were granted.

Early Sunday morning, the expedition fed their teams, packed their gear, loaded it onto sleds, and began the long trek south. For they knew, in just four short weeks, the contests would begin again, and glory could be achieved, at the more southerly Fort Highroad, at the Goose Creek District Camp-O-Ree on March 25-27.



Spring Camporee 2022



Attention Goose Creek! By popular demand our District will host another Spring Camporee at Camp Highroad during the weekend of March 25-27, 2022.

The program will include half a day of optional high adventure activities. Scouts and adult leaders will be able to select from High Ropes, Zip Line, Team Challenges, Mountain Boarding, Monkey Bridge and Rock Wall Climbing. The other half day will consist of patrol challenges designed around a theme of "To Catch A Spy." The intent is for patrols to compete with each other for best achievement at each round robin station. Prizes will be awarded to the winning patrols.

When: March 25-27, 2022

Where: Camp Highroad in Middleburg, VA

Who: Troops, Venturing Crews

Cost: \$29 per person, plus fees for optional high adventure activities.

Registration: (site is under construction)

Please contact Camporee Director Charles Thornton at scouterchalis@gmail.com or 571-420-1035 for more information

District Pinewood Derby 2022



The 2022 Goose Creek District Pinewood Derby Championships hosted by Pack 1154 of Ashburn, VA will be held on March 11-12, 2022.

The Derby is open to all scouts and friends & families of scouts, no matter how you placed or if you participated in a prior event, come join us in a unique venue at Dulles Town Center Mall. Bring your fastest cars & your creatively designed cars, we have an award for you!

We want everyone to experience the fun of the pinewood derby. The event awards both speed & design for each rank, a giant open class (anyone can enter), a less rules/outlaw race and a grand championship. The races will be in-person and streamed online. Each \$10 entry will receive a patch and entered into a drawing for prizes.

Registration is open, all cars must be registered online by March 11 @ noon. Direct questions to the Event Organizers, Jason Beshore & Rob Winter at goosecreekderby@pack1154.org.

For the latest details go to <https://www.pack1154.org/goosecreekpinewood>



Save the Date – 2022 Webelos-o-ree



The date for the 2022 Webelos-o-ree has been set for Oct 1-2 at Camp Snyder (Haymarket VA). The Webelos-o-ree is a camping event designed to introduce Webelos, and their parents to the fun of Boy Scouting. The weekend is filled with fun activities led by our District's Boy Scout troops. Participation in the Webelos-o-ree is open all Webelos (4th and 5th grade [AOL Scouts]). Though overnight camping is encouraged, the event does allow for Scouts to register just for the day.



March Shooting Sports Corner



The February OA Freeze-o-Ree was a tremendous success but there was only 1 shooting event, slingshots. Goose Creek District needs more certified Shooting Sports personnel to supervise more fun shooting events.

How we can get there:

Range Safety Officers

Range Safety Officers are needed at all GCD Shooting Sports events. If you're interested in serving as an RSO, visit:

<https://www.nrainstructors.org/search.aspx>, select 'Safety' and select RSO course.

Archery

Completion of U. S. Archery Level 1 certification is required to supervise both Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA Archery Events. If you have one, please contact John Witek, GCD Shooting Sports Chair, john.witek@goosecreekdistrict.org to get your name added to NCAC Shooting Sports Committee Approved Instructor list.

Next in-person class: March 5-6, 2022, **USA ARCHERY LEVEL 1 & 2 INSTRUCTOR TRAINING**, WALKERSVILLE WATERSHED, FREDERICK, MD. Be sure to notify USArchery that certification is for Boy Scouts

Rifle/Shotgun

Completion of NRA Rifle and/or Shotgun Instructor Course and Certification is required to supervise Scouts BSA Shooting events. This certification is good for 2 years and renewable through [NRA Instructors website](https://www.nrainstructors.org).

Tomahawk

Tomahawk-throwing must be supervised by an experienced Scouter when being thrown at Unit or District events. If interested in serving, send your name, years of experience and unit # to: John Witek, GCD Shooting Sports Chair, john.witek@goosecreekdistrict.org to be processed through NCAC Shooting Sports Committee.

If you are interested in applying for a Shooting Sports event in GCD, be sure to visit our Basecamp District Committee Team, select 'Shooting Sports' in 'Docs and Files' and download and fill out the Shooting Sports Event Request.

If you are interested in hosting a Shooting Sports event on a non-BSA property, be sure to visit the same area in Basecamp and download and review "Private Property Approval for Shooting Sports by Units, Districts, and Councils" and "NCAC So You Want to Hold a Shooting Activity" document to properly set up your range.

Contact John Witek, Chief Range Safety Officer, john.witek@goosecreekdistrict.org, to review and approve your shooting range. Without approval, BSA will not insure your activity.



Eagle Cam



In September 2021, Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, the American Eagle Foundation and HDOntap partnered with the Dulles Greenway to install two live-stream cameras at the Bald Eagle nest in the Dulles Greenway Wetlands in Leesburg, Virginia.

The nest cameras provide live-streamed, high-definition insight into the movements of the eagles. It is an incredible opportunity to raise awareness in the community about the importance of the protection of Bald Eagles living in the heart of Loudoun County. Ongoing updates on the eagles will be posted during the nesting season.

A mated pair of Bald Eagles have resided in the Dulles Greenway Wetlands for more than 15 years. In 1995, during the construction of the Dulles Greenway roadway, TRIP II established a private 149-acre wetlands preserve in Leesburg, Virginia to mitigate the loss of roughly 64 acres of federally protected wetlands. Wetlands shelter more than one-third of threatened and endangered species in the United States, including the once-endangered Bald Eagles. Since 1995, the wetlands property has been managed by Loudoun Wildlife and used for local wildlife education.

You can [view the Eagle Cam](#) on the Dulles Greenway's website. The website also features a moderated chat function, which allows viewers to comment and ask questions about the Bald Eagles.



Space Derby Track



There is a Space Derby track that needs a new home. If your Pack is interested please contact Kimbrelly Holtom, kimbrellyholtom@gmail.com.





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Chapter News for our Arrowmen
Lodge Website: www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA

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 to schedule one for your Unit. Qualification requirements for both youth and adult remain unchanged, and can be found at oa-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 Chief Sterett P. or Andrew W. at the email address above, or our Chapter Chief Emmitt P. at ChapterChief@GooseCreekDistrict.org.



Spring Fellowship



Spring Fellowship is an opportunity for Arrowmen from throughout the Lodge to come together for a weekend of fun, outdoor activities, and service to our Council. The theme for this fellowship is Made in America. We have an exciting program for all Arrowmen which includes tomahawk throwing, new beading patterns, branding, field games, and new this year, silk screening.

Spring Fellowship is also your opportunity to elect your Lodge leadership team for the coming year, and if so desired, an opportunity to run for leadership yourself.

The annual Lodge Banquet, postponed from January, will also be held on Saturday during the Spring Fellowship weekend.

Please join us at Camp William B. Snyder April 1-3 for this great event!

Please register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-53257>

"Onward and Upward"

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Benjamin Levine – Troop 966

Robert Moore – Troop 58

Kyle Rhodes – Troop 39

Tyler Rhodes – Troop 39

Isabella Sierra – Troop 998G

Aidan Zentner – Troop 39

End of Temporary COVID Advancement Requirement Changes



The BSA just announced that on March 1st this year all temporary changes made to Scouts BSA advancement requirements to address the COVID-19 pandemic will expire, and the standard rules for Scouts BSA advancement will return on the March 1st date.

This will include the temporary deferment of some swimming requirements for Second Class and First Class, the virtual activities temporarily substituted for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks, and requirement 9b for the Camping merit badge; in all of these instances the regular requirements will return on March 1st, 2022. The GUIDE TO ADVANCEMENT, Section 10.2.2.0, states: "(Youth) members must meet current advancement requirements as written for merit badges, all ranks, and Eagle Palms—no more and no less—and they are to do exactly what is stated."

Citizenship in Society, the BSA's Newest Merit Badge



The first group of merit badge counselors for this new badge have been trained and approved by the NCAC Merit Badge Dean. Remember, while Citizenship in Society will be Eagle-required after June 30, 2022, it's available today for any Scout to pursue.

Goose Creek currently has four approved counselors - contact info was posted on the password-protected MBC list maintained on the Goose Creek website in early February (<https://www.ncacbsa.org/goose-creek/district-resources/>).

The NCAC Advancement & Recognition Committee has established specific guidelines for Merit Badge Counselors for this badge. Please contact Rich Pender, Goose Creek District Merit Badge Dean at meritbadgedean@goosecreekdistrict.org if you'd like the details. If you are interested in applying, one of the requirements is to take a live (zoom) course on the specifics of the merit badge that's been developed by the first wave of MBCs. These courses will be scheduled periodically, but there's one currently in the planning stages at the Council level, so if you're interested, please advise Rich Pender.



Fourteen Steps to Build a Campfire

1. Split dead limb into fragments and one fragment into slivers.
2. Bandage left thumb.
3. Chop other fragments into smaller fragments.
4. Bandage left foot.
5. Make structure of slivers (including those imbedded in your hand).
6. Light match.
7. Light match.
8. Repeat "a Scout is Cheerful" and light another match.
9. Apply match to slivers, add wood fragments, and blow gently into base of flame.
10. Apply burn ointment to nose.

New Process for ESRA Verifications and Submittals

 A screenshot of the Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA) form. It is a multi-page document with various sections for personal information, unit information, and a checklist of requirements. The form is titled "EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION" and includes a BSA logo.

We have a new process for Eagle Scout Rank Applications (ESRAs) approvals that is going into IMMEDIATE EFFECT. The reason for this is at the end of this message.

ESRA Verification for Approval to hold an Eagle Scout Board of Review (EBoR)

1. Whereas before the District Eagle Representatives (DER) would review the ESRA and initial it before you sent it in to Council, now they will be the ones signing the ESRA for the Council.
2. If they find no problems with the ESRA the unit can then set up the EBoR.
3. No notification to Council needs to be done. Council will not be responding to any ESRA verification requests.

District DERs:

Alan Steiner
 Brad Scales
 Bobbie Scales
 Kurt Struder
 Ed Thiede
 Mark Keefe

Note: If you already have a Council approved ESRA you are still good to go and don't need the DER to sign it.

After the EBoR:

1. All ESRAs are to be emailed in to council at 082NCAC_EagleCert@scouting.org. No exceptions.
2. Only the ESRA is required. The Statement of Life Ambitions, project workbook, blue cards, etc are not to be sent in. Note: Approved Time Extensions should still be included.
3. Council will no longer be accepting hardcopy dropoffs at the office.

Why, why, why:

With the change from ScoutNet to Akela for Council use, the BSA broke a number of tools on ScoutNet and has been unable to rebuild them on Akela; one of those tools was ESRA Verification. Which means that all ESRAs now have to be manually reviewed, and with over 1,300 ESRAs going in to Council annually, and only one person there to verify them, it has become impossible to do in any timely manner. So the districts will now be taking up the slack to verify the ESRAs. There is no short-term fix for Akela so this will be our new process for quite some time.

2022 Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA)

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BSA recently posted the February 2022 version of the ESRA on <https://www.scouting.org/advancement>. There were only two changes - under Age Requirement Eligibility, the board of review information was updated to 24 months which reflects the Guide to Advancement 2021 change and the 3rd page was removed regarding NESA's request for supplemental information. Scout's DO NOT need to reaccomplish the ESRA as a result of these changes. The NCAC Eagle Scout Information page link connects you to the new version.

Life-to-Eagle Seminar



The next L2E Seminar for 2022 is tentatively scheduled for.

Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022

Time: TBD

Place: A Loudoun County Public Library (actual one pending confirmation)

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; or 703-850-6679.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Michael's Woodshop



Conveniently located at Camp William B. Snyder, Michael's Woodshop is an incredible resource which may be reserved for use by all NCAC Units & Scouts.

Michael's Woodshop operates year-round with opportunities for youth of all ages to participate in a variety of shop activities. Holding a Den project session is just one way to use the shop. Michael's Woodshop also offers great Baloo the Builder and Webelos Build It workshops, Woodwork Merit Badge classes and has recently added several new Woodshop Specialty Classes. In addition, the shop is a great venue for hosting Eagle Scout and Summit Award projects as well as conservation projects and other unit activities.

Here is the link to their latest quarterly newsletter [Michael's Woodshop News Spring 2022](#) which was just posted to their webpage.

Climbing in National Capital Area



Become a climbing mentor for your unit and give Scouts the adventure of climbing on nearby natural rock. The NCAC Climbing Committee will offer April 2022 Climbing Level I Instructor training on Saturday, 4/30 and Sunday, 5/1 at the Devil's Kitchen climbing area on Maryland's [Sugarloaf Mountain](#). We will meet each day at 8:15 am near the East View Parking Area and conclude by 6:00 pm. Details are available in our [logistics memo](#). Contact the Course Director at ncac.climbing@gmail.com to register for the event.



Try a Slackline!



A slackline is a two-inch webbing strap stretched tightly between two trees. You start at one end and try to walk to the other. Beginners can rely on spotters,

Slacklines are easy to set up, easy to understand, but challenging to walk. They develop balance, core strength, focus, coordination, and teamwork. A slackline is fun for all ages at meetings, campouts, and any event large or small. Verhead training lines, or both for stability and encouragement.

The NCAC Climbing Committee rents slacklines to Bouldering Facilitators for \$15/weekend. Bouldering Facilitator training takes a couple of hours and can be arranged on request. Contact NCAC.Climbing@gmail.com for details..

So what's bouldering?

Bouldering is climbing close to the ground, usually on a big rock or a wall with artificial climbing holds. In BSA bouldering activities, a climber's feet are never more than the climber's shoulder height from the ground. The climber moves sideways (traverses) more than upward and is always protected by at least two spotters.

Bouldering requires no special equipment and is appropriate for Scouts and Scouters of all ages. Many climbers practice bouldering to develop skill, agility, power and endurance. Some enjoy the simplicity and challenge so much that it is their only climbing activity. Bouldering allows climbers to push themselves beyond what might be appropriate on a higher climb.

BSA bouldering activities must be supervised by at least one certified Bouldering Facilitator, Climbing Instructor-in-Training, Climbing Level I or Level II Instructor, Climbing Director, COPE Instructor-in-Training, COPE Level I or Level II Instructor, or COPE Director. The maximum participant-to-supervisor ratio is 12:1.

A Bouldering Facilitator must be a registered Scout or Scouter 16 years or older and must be re-evaluated yearly to maintain certification.

Scouts Trash the Trash Day



Scouts Trash the Trash Day is an international Messengers of Peace project for Scouts around the world, where each Scout is challenged to bring a friend or family member along and pick up at least one Kilo (2.2 pounds) of trash each on the first Saturday in May.

The idea for Scouts Trash the Trash Day came from the scouts of Troop 1206 in Helena, Montana after realizing that there are several days throughout the year that Scouts get together and do the same thing on the same day. Days like Jamboree on the Air and Internet, Jamboree on the Trail, Trees for the World, World Neckerchief Day, but there was not a day for Scouts to all get together and clean up their communities. Thus Scouts Trash the Trash Day was started. Scouts are asked to bring a non-scout with them on this day of service in order to double the impact of their trash cleaning effort.

Scouts Trash the Trash Day is about more than just cleaning our planet, it is a day to show the world what Scouting is about, educate individuals about Scouting and recruit new boys, girls and adults into the Scouting movement..

For more information go to [Scouts Trash the Trash Day](#)

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/xWpkdrKHKA9pCzwmHMNdbWb>

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

HAC web page: www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure







2022 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key: Available Almost Full Full

Camp		Week				
		1	2	3	4	5
	Bowman (Patrol Cooking)	Full	Almost Full	Available	Available	Available
	Marriott (Patrol Cooking & Heater Stack)	Full	Available	Available	Available	Available
	Olmsted (BS Dining Hall)	Full	Available	Full	Almost Full	Available
	Lenhok'sin High Adventure	Available	Available	Full	Available	Full
	Ross (Dining Hall)	Full	Available	Full	Full	Full

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/

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

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/>

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](#).

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 Scout'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/>

2022 Goshen Family Camps



Come on down and enjoy some family fun at Goshen Scout Reservation over the long Memorial Day (5/27-30) or Labor Day (9/2-5) weekends. We will have the Waterfront, Shooting range, and Handicraft areas open. All are welcome, not just registered Scouts.

Cost is \$30 per person (over 5 years of age). For more about these events and to register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-51073#>

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:

- 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.

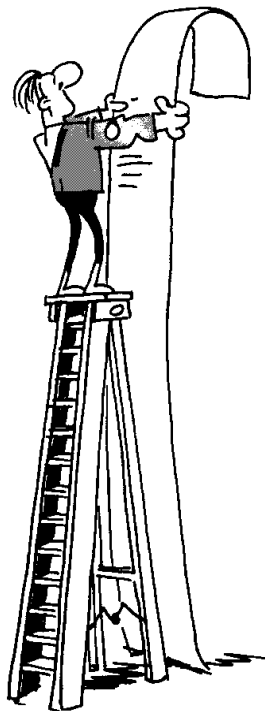
When: March 19-20

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

Cost: \$35

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

District Calendar



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
 23 **Life to Eagle Training**
 27 District Committee

May 2022

6-8 **OA Ordeal**
 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
 20-24 **District Day Camp**
 23 District Committee

July 2022

4 Fourth of July

August 2022

10 Roundtable
 10 OA Chapter Meeting
 11 Commissioner Mtg
 20 **Life to Eagle Training**
 25 First Day of School
 25 District Committee

September 2022

5 Labor Day
 14 Roundtable
 14 OA Chapter Meeting
 15 Commissioner Mtg
 26 Student Holiday
 29 District Committee

October 2022

1-2 **Webelos-o-ree**
 5 School Holiday
 10 School Holiday
 12 Roundtable
 12 OA Chapter Meeting
 13 Commissioner Mtg
 24 School Holiday
 26 District Committee
 31 School Holiday

November 2022

1 School Holiday
 5 Scouting for Food (SFF) Notices out
 8 School Holiday
 9 Roundtable
 9 OA Chapter Meeting
 10 Commissioner Mtg
 12 SFF Food Pickup
 19 **Life to Eagle Training**
 30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

December 2022

14 Roundtable
 14 OA Chapter Meeting
 15 Commissioner Mtg
 19 School Break Starts
 29 District Committee

January 2023

11 Roundtable
 11 OA Chapter Meeting
 12 Commissioner Mtg
 16 MLK Jr. Day
 23-24 School Holidays
 26 District Committee

February 2023

8 Roundtable
 8 OA Chapter Meeting
 9 Commissioner Mtg
 10 Scout Jumuah
 11 Scout Sabbath
 12 Scout Sunday
 20 President's Day
 23 District Committee