



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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from *Bobwhite Blather*

Sharpen your Saw!

There's an old story about two lumberjacks who each thought of themselves as the very best wood cutters in the world. One day they decided to have a log-cutting competition to determine, once and for all, who really was the most proficient at cutting logs. One of the lumberjacks worked feverishly throughout the contest, swinging his ax without rest to the point of exhaustion. The other lumberjack worked at a more leisurely pace. Even in the midst of the competition, he took several breaks while his competitor was chopping away. When the contest ended, much to everyone's surprise, the second lumberjack had cut the most logs and was declared the winner. The first lumberjack was furious. He could not imagine how he had lost. He questioned his opponent, "How could you beat me? How could you have cut more logs than I did? You stopped to take breaks all the while I was cutting madly." The second lumberjack replied, "Yes, indeed I took a few breaks while you were cutting. But what you failed to notice was that during my breaks, I was sharpening my saw."

As Scouters, most of us realize that a sharp tool cuts better, whether it's a woods tool like an ax or bowsaw to prepare tinder and kindling, a pocket knife when we need to cut a piece of rope or gut a fish, or a chef's knife when we dice the vegetables for our stew. We also know the dangers that ensue from letting our tools lose their edge. A dull knife can slip and make a mess of our work, or worse, injure us in the process, and make our job more difficult.

We can say the same about our skills as Scouters. When we first joined the movement as adults, we (hopefully) got trained, attending our position-specific sessions and proudly wearing the Trained patch on our sleeve. But as we use our skills, the situations we encounter cause us to reinterpret what we learned in a new light. We may forget the significance of the theoretical learning at the time, without the perspective of experience to put things into context. We drift in uncertainty, not knowing how to deal with the problems that come our way, perhaps making up the answers as we go along. In the process, we can lose the vision of Scouting and do our Scouts an injustice. We may feel like the losing woodsman in our story – madly wielding his ax but not cutting very much wood.

How do we stay sharp? Do we need to repeat our training? That's not a bad idea, actually, and one good way to do this is to help train other Scouters. Experienced adult leaders who are trained are some of the best trainers and end up making much better leaders in the process. Baden-Powell encouraged us to "learn from training and train from learning," both as adult volunteers and as youth leaders. By serving on your council or district training team, you can make a difference by passing along your knowledge and sharpening your own saw in the process.

Here are some other good ways we can maintain our edge:

- Take supplemental courses.
- Attend your monthly district Roundtable regularly.
- Wood Badge is an excellent experience in leadership and self-discovery, but you will also learn a lot about Scouting in the process.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Goose Creek District Court of Honor



It's that time of year — time to recognize those amazing Scouters who've made a huge difference in the lives of young people here in Goose Creek District - NCAC. All Goose Creek Packs, Troops, Posts and Crews are invited to the Goose Creek District Annual Court of Honor on Wednesday, April 27th, via Zoom from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Special recipients include the District Award of Merit, Unit Volunteer of the Year Awards, Eagle Scout Class of 2021, OA Vigil Honorees and the District Key 3 Awardees.

Here is the [Zoom link](#) for the Court of Honor. No registration necessary.

Unit Volunteer of the Year

The Boy Scouts of America is a volunteer organization which relies on dedicated volunteers. If you haven't yet recognized that special volunteer from your unit as the Unit Volunteer of the Year, you still have time. Please submit to stevewolfson614@gmail.com:

- Your name
- The Unit volunteer of the Year's name (one per unit)
- Unit type (Troop, Crew, Pack) and number (1154)
- A short description of how this leader upholds the ideals of scouting in your unit

Please put your unit, number and the words "Unit Volunteer of the Year" in the subject field of the email (e.g. Troop 43 Unit Volunteer of the Year, or Crew 7070 Unit Volunteer of the Year)

Unit Volunteer of the Year nominations are due April 15, 2022.

Thank you for all you do for scouting and we look forward to seeing you at the Goose Creek District Court of Honor!



Goose Creek Day Camp and Twilight Camp



June 20-24 (Day), June 20-23 (Twilight) @ Loudoun County Fairgrounds

Registration is open. Visit GoToDayCamp.org for information, links to registration, and paperwork. Most paperwork will be ONLINE this year!

Calling for Adult & Youth Staff, submit interest form <https://rb.gy/3rkfat> .

For Questions, contact Shannon Klee, GooseCreekCubCamp@gmail.com, 317-833-3138



April Roundtable – Date Change

To avoid Loudoun County School's Spring Break our April Roundtable date has been changed to April 20.



Spring Camporee 2022



The Spring Camporee was held the weekend of March 26th when 172 scouts converged on Camp Highroad in Middleburg to this year's them of 'Catch a Spy.' A covert agent was lurking in our midst. Each troop sent their best Scout patrols to catch the Spymaster with their superior tradecraft. The patrols were challenged at every station:

- Station: Stakeout – Every spy needs a station from where they can surveil their targets. Shelters needed to withstand the constant wind and the occasional snow we experienced during the day.
- Station: Fire Building – The skies were angry and kept a constant strong cold breeze on our encampment. Fires were particularly challenging to start on the limited tinder available.
- Station: Open the Vault – Scouts had to be good with direction and distance in order to find the vault, but they still had to crack it open in order to obtain the secret message. The cone of silence will prevent anyone from spilling its secrets.
- Station: Take Out the Guard – It takes special skill and aim to disrupt the guards from their rounds armed with nothing but a tomahawk. Many Scouts could stick the target.
- Station: Team Ski – Patrols had to work carefully to traverse the rough terrain. Some patrols found novel ways to make the trip.
- Station: Mystery Event – Once caught, the spy had to be tied up in a secure location. Scouts had to tie knots and lashes behind a makeshift wall and outside their field of view.

Every agent patrol performed with high marks, but Troop 969's Fighting Eagles patrol took first, troop 1941's Warthogs took second and troop 711's Spartans took third place in bringing down the Spymaster.

While on leave from their spy operations, the troops spent time training for their next mission with high adventure activities. Many Scouts took part mastering the high ropes and zip line, but plenty also climbed rock walls, mountain boarded and shot arrows.

The day ended with success and culminated in an amazing campfire surrounded by the sounds of the howling wind. Well done everyone!



Additional photos can be found at [GCD Spring Camporee](#)

Shooting Sports Corner



The 25-27 March Camp Highroad Camporee was hugely successful with Archery and Tomahawk shooting sports activities offered and supervised by certified Archery instructors and experienced Tomahawk personnel guaranteed each Scout an enjoyable and safe Camporee. Goose Creek District (GCD), however, still needs more certified Shooting Sports personnel to supervise more fun shooting events. We are still short certified Rangemasters to supervise the Goose Creek Day Camp and Twilight Camp Archery, BB-gun and Slingshot Shooting events.

How we can get there:

Range Safety Officers (RSO)

RSOs 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.

To become a certified BSA Rangemaster to supervise the BB-gun and Slingshot events is rather easy. Attend and complete one of the offered BSA Rangemaster courses at Camp Snyder:

- 23 April 2022
- 21 May 2022

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.

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.



Friends of Scouting



The annual Friends of Scouting giving campaign helps ensure that the National Capital Area Council can continue to provide quality programs for our youth. This campaign provides approximately 15 percent of the council's annual budget. What does your investment in Friends of Scouting provide?

- Local programs and activities throughout the council
- Camp scholarships, uniforms and registration fees for youths who otherwise could not participate
- Scout service center that coordinate Scouting activities and provide customer service to members
- Accident and liability insurance to protect both youth and adult members
- Professional staff who counsel, guide, and inspire volunteer leadership
- Camps and facilities available for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events
- Opportunities to attend summer camp and high-adventure events
- Advancement programs where Scouts are recognized for learning and achievement of goals they set
- Distribution and development of literature and training-materials
- Leadership training for young people who will become future community leaders

To make a donation to Friends of Scouting, please go to <https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/082/appeal/3971>

Please include Goose Creek District and your unit number with your donation. If you want to pledge and pay over time just follow the easy steps on the website.

If your unit has not scheduled a Friends of Scouting presentation this year please email development@goosecreekdistrict.org to get on the calendar. Thank you for investing in Scouting!

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 for just the day.



Cheerful Service Chatter™

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



Chapter Elections – Date Change to April 20



Arrowmen – please note that we're moving the date of our Chapter Elections to Wednesday April 20, to be held in our usual location at Leesburg Presbyterian Church (thank you Troops 998B and 998G for lending us the space). This should allow for more fulsome participation than if we held them on our normal meeting night, right in the middle of spring break.

At Chapter Elections, the youth will be selecting a Chapter Chief, and various Vice Chiefs in charge of elections, health & safety, ceremonies, troop relations, the Ordeal and our annual Freeze-O-Ree, plus a Chapter Scribe. Please come and support those stepping up to lead the Goose Creek District forward, and contact our Chapter Chief (chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org) or Chapter Adviser (rich.pender@goosecreekdistrict.org) if you're interested in running for a position and would like more information.



Spring Ordeal



We're just a month away from our Spring Ordeal weekend (May 6-8 at the Isaak Walton League property in Leesburg). Elections are going well, and we'll have a strong field of induction candidates. At present we're actively recruiting Elangomats, ceremonialists and others willing to help create a memorable experience for our new members. Please step up and contact our Vice Chief in charge of the Ordeal (Toby McDonald) or our Chapter Chief (Emmitt Peek) to discuss how you can help. They can both be reached at OASpringOrdeal@goosecreekdistrict.org.

Speaking of the Ordeal, we're strongly encouraging all current Arrowmen to participate during the day on Saturday, and to stay for the feast, officer induction and fellowship later in the day. Registration details will be available soon but mark the weekend of May 6-8 on your calendars to help welcome our new members.

LOL



BSA is considering adding some new troop Scout leaderships positions that can be used for advancement:

AppMaster – responsible for ensuring that all Scouts have the correct apps on their phones for the upcoming campout.

Tweet Guide – responsible for sending out tweets from troop meetings, campouts, service projects, and hikes so that the troop's followers are kept informed.

Interpreter – not to be confused with a Scout earning an Interpreter strip for a language, this Scout is responsible for explaining to **older** Scouters what apps and tweets are and why they are important to the Scouts.

P.S. – if you don't understand any of these positions, speak to your troop's Interpreter.

“Onward and Upward” On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Ryan Angioletti – Troop 1910
Siddha Bambardekar – Troop 761
Clayton Bohrer – Troop 58
Matthew Godek – Troop 956
Daniel Han – Troop 58
Tyler Heisey – Troop 1159
Caleb Hines – Troop 2970
Karl McDonald – Troop 998
Christopher Nutzman – Troop 39
Jatin Palvai – Troop 1158
Logan Schnelzer – Troop 1154
Jacob Shelton – Troop 2970
Ethan Sikora – Troop 2970
Daniel Turner – Troop 1910



Citizenship in Society Becomes Eagle Required on July 1, 2022



On July 1, 2022 The new Citizenship in Society merit badge becomes Eagle required. This means that any Life Scout working on their Eagle requirements that will not have them ALL completed by June 30, 2022 will need this merit badge to become an Eagle Scout. So, on the Eagle Scout Rank Application, if any of the merit badge completion dates, the Eagle project completion date, the date marking the end of the six-month leadership position, or the Scoutmaster Conference date are July 1, 2022 or later, then Citizenship in Society is required.

There is NO EXTENSION on this date, no ‘but the Scout only misses it by a day’ leniency. This is especially important to Life Scouts that are turning 18 in July. If they don’t plan to finish EVERYTHING by June then they should start working on the merit badge now!

2022 Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA)



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: 10:30 – 2:30

Place: Ashburn Library, Meeting Room A

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.

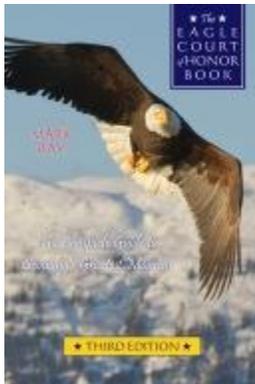
If you are a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit and have not attended one of these in Goose Creek within the last 2 years, you really should make an attempt to do so.

Come to think of it, District Eagle Reps ... when was the last time you attended this training? SO much has changed in the last 6-7 years, please come on out!

Any questions about Life-to-Eagle training can be directed to Brad Scales ... MSVA_Tenor@yahoo.com; or 703-850-6679.



Book – The Eagle Court of Honor Book



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

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

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

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



Ideas for a Memorable Eagle Court of Honor



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



Cyber Chip Requirements for Boy Scouts



With the Boy Scout advancement requirements, the Cyber Chip must be earned for two ranks, Scout and Star. In both cases the requirement reads “**and earn the Cyber Chip Award for your grade.**” The Cyber Chip, however, does not have specific requirements for each grade but for 4-5th, 6-8th, and 9-12th grades.

This has raised several questions such as:

All Cyber Chips expire annually, how does that affect the process?

A Cyber Chip earned using the 6-8th grade requirements is good for all 3 years for meeting the requirements. Note the requirements says “earn” and not that it must be current (though a Scoutmaster might ask the Scout to do a refresher if it’s been a while).

What do you do about a Webelos who crosses over and has already earned the Cyber Chip for their grade, does he need to do it again as a Boy Scout for the Scout rank?

If a Scout earned the Cyber Chip using the 4-5th grade requirements as a Webelos and joins a troop while still in 5th grade, he has met the Scout rank requirement. It’s not an automatic sign-off though. They still need to demonstrate to the SM or designee what they learned by simply having a conversation. If he waits to join until 6th grade, however, the previous chip award does not count, and he must do it again using the 6-8 grade requirements.

Since the Cyber Chip has different requirements for grades 6-8 and 9-12 what do you do about a Scout who starts the Star process in 8th grade or before and has the Cyber Chip done, but finishes the Star requirements in 9th grade or later? Does the earlier chip award still count?

If a Scout has earned the Cyber Chip using the 6-8th grade requirements and earns the First Class rank before 9th grade, then this requirement can be signed regardless of when he actually goes before the Board of Review. If he waits to have this requirement signed off until he’s in the 9th grade, however, then he must earn it again using the 9-12th grade requirements (think of it as a procrastination penalty).

Star Cyber Chip requirement 4 (Boy Scout version, grade 6-8) requires the Scout to teach internet safety rules to the troop or a patrol, including planning and outside research. This level of coordination, time commitment, and abstract thinking seems well beyond the scope of what we expect from a new scout and seems very out of proportion to the parallel requirements in the Totin Chip and Firem'n Chit where the scout is taught an objective skill and demonstrates it.

By the time a Scout is ready to work on Star he has been in the Troop 12-18 months, is thinking about a position of responsibility, and should be switching roles from student to teacher. The requirement says to teach internet safety rules. It doesn't say all internet safety rules. Most examples of these rules are published in many places and should require abstract thought.

★ Why Most Merit Badge 'Prerequisites' Really Aren't Prerequisites



Often merit badge fairs/days/nights and summer camps will list the merit badges being offered and next to each the prerequisites. Looking up the definition of prerequisite from Merriam-Webster finds:

noun | pre-req-ui-site | something that you officially must have or do before you can have or do something else

The key word here is 'before' and if you go through the requirements for all 136 merit badges looking for that word you'll find that in reality only nine merit badges actually have prerequisites that need to be done before the event:

- Scuba Diving – requirement #2 states that Swimming MB must be earned before doing requirements 3 through 6,
- Whitewater – requirement #3 states that either Canoeing MB or Kayaking MB must be earned before doing requirements 4 through 12, and
- Personal Fitness – requirement #1 states that your health-care practitioner must give you a physical examination before doing requirements 2 through 9.
- All of the aquatic merit badges (Canoeing, Kayaking, Lifesaving, Motorboating, Rowing, Small Boat Sailing, Swimming, and Water Sports) require the Scout to pass the BSA Swimmer Test before doing the other requirements. Lifesaving also requires some of the 2nd Class and 1st Class swimming requirements be done. These requirements, however, are usually covered at the beginning of the session or camp.
- Sustainability – requirement #1 states that a Scout must write in their own words the meaning of sustainability before doing any of the other requirements. Like the aquatic badges, this requirement is usually covered as part of the session.

Notes:

- Emergency Preparedness – requirement #1 states the Scout must earn the First Aid MB, but it does not have that key word 'before' in it, so it's just another requirement that needs to be done, sometime. A Scout can do all of the other requirements for this merit badge but it cannot be completed until the First Aid merit badge is earned.

So what do the organizers of these events mean when they say prerequisite? What they are actually saying is here are the requirements that won't/can't be covered during the course and that need to be done by the Scout beforehand if he wants to **complete** the merit badge by the end of the course, otherwise all he'll receive is a partial. A Scout who doesn't do the prerequisites can still take the class and complete the offered requirements. Once they complete the class and do other requirements on their own, another merit badge counselor will be able to check them out and complete the blue card.

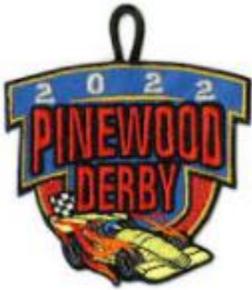
We do urge the Scouts, however, to do the 'prerequisites' and complete the merit badge and avoid partials because they are often set aside and only completed later (in some cases years later) when needed for a rank advancement.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Council Pinewood Derby & STEM Expo



Race your car in a Council Pinewood Derby Championship race and explore a wide-range of STEM stations at Camp Snyder on June 4, 2022!

The NCAC STEM Committee (and friends!) will host a myriad of stations targeted to Cub Scouts to include underwater ROVs, robotics, chemistry and physics.

The Championship race welcomes: winners of a NCAC District championship of the last 2.5 years (2020 - 2022). Didn't place in a district race, but want to compete in the Council Championship? Great! We have a track for you too! Select your choice of race upon registration.

Cost: \$30

Registration and additional information: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-STEMPWD>



2023 National Jamboree – Registration is now Open



Next year, Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and Sea Scouts from all over the country are invited to the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia from July 19 to 28, 2023. There, they can enjoy whitewater rafting, biking, rock climbing, shooting sports and much more.

You will need to make sure items in your My.Scouting account profile are up-to-date to ensure the online [registration process](#) goes smoothly.

First, your BSA membership must be current, and your member ID number must be linked in your [My.Scouting](#) account profile.

All of the information in your profile of the My.Scouting account should also be current, especially the email address. Jamboree registration pulls the information from My.Scouting accounts, and the email address linked to that account will be used to correspond with you.

After submitting the application, you will receive an email to complete the required disclaimers. That step must be completed before the application is considered complete and made available to your local council to review. If you don't see it in your inbox, check the junk/spam folders.

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.

★ Archery Academy Opens Registration for April, May & June Classes



Registration is Open for April, May, & June Classes at www.ArcheryAcademyllc.com/classes

- Classes Conducted at Archery Academy's Outdoor Range in Fairfax Station
- Limit of 8 per Class
- Minimum Age is 9
- All Equipment is Provided
- All Instructors are USA Archery Trained and Certified
- The Academy follows all CDC and state/local regulations Choose from:

Spring Fling Shoot – One Hour Event - \$35
Intro to Archery – One 90 Minute Class - \$45
Beginning Archery – Four 1 Hour Classes - \$130
Intermediate Archery – Four 1 Hour Classes - \$155

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.

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](#)



Best Scouting Apps for iPhone and Android



Excerpt from Bryon on Scouting, <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/04/23/best-scouting-apps-for-iphone-and-android-2014-edition/>

Empty your backpack and leave everything behind. All you need on your next Scouting outing is your smartphone. OK, so maybe that's an exaggeration. What is true, though, is that for the two-thirds of Americans who own smartphones, it's now possible to fit reference books, a GPS device, a weather radio, a compass, a map, a camera, a field guide, a recipe book and more in your pocket.

But which apps are worthy of downloading (or even — gasp! — paying for) to enhance your Scouting experience? Your fellow Scouters helped me compile the ultimate list below.

First, though, a quick note on smartphones in Scouting. They're here to stay; resistance is futile. When used properly, these technological tools can actually improve your Scout unit. The BSA's Deputy Chief Scout Executive, Gary Butler, made a compelling case for viewing them as a cure, not a curse. Read his comments [here](#).

Camp Scout – iOS – Free

Description: Use this official Boy Scouts of America/Boys' Life magazine app to plan your next outing with ease. It lets you find BSA properties near you and with the activities you want to do.

Yahoo Weather – Android, iOS – Free

Description: Considered by many the current best weather app. Gives accurate hourly, 5-day, and 10-day forecasts to help you properly pack for your next Scouting adventure.

KNOTS 3D – Android, iOS – \$0.99

Description: This easy-to-use app is popular among Scouters and Scouts because it is fun and allows you to digitally tie, untie and rotate more than 90 knots with just your finger.

DUTCH OVEN CALCULATOR – Android – Free

Description: It could use a design update, but there's no simpler app for calculating the number of charcoal briquettes needed to cook a given recipe in a camping Dutch oven.

GEOCACHING – Android, iOS – \$9.99

Description: The only app you need to enjoy the fun outdoor activity that spawned a Boy Scout merit badge. Helps you find one (or a dozen) of the 2 million geocache containers hidden across the globe. "My Scouts always love it when I start up the Geocaching app when at camp," Scouter Richard Walters says. "They love getting a group together and grabbing a cache wherever we go."

AUDUBON BIRDS PRO – Android, iOS – \$3.99 for Android, \$9.99 for iOS

Description: Help your Scouts or Venturers identify birds they see or hear with this excellent app that includes 821 species, 3,200 images and eight hours of bird sounds. I like that 8 percent of every sale goes directly to Audubon to support its mission to conserve and protect nature's at-risk birds and wildlife.

STAR WALK – Android, iOS – \$2.99 for iOS, \$3.17 for Android.

Description: There's something magical about the night sky, especially on a camping trip. This app helps you understand just what you're seeing. I love the augmented reality feature that labels all the stars, constellations, and satellites you point your phone at.

FIRST AID BY AMERICAN RED CROSS – Android, iOS – Free

Description: The only app on this list that may someday save a life. The official American Red Cross First Aid app puts expert advice for everyday emergencies in your hand. Includes videos, interactive quizzes, and simple step-by-step advice.

Gaia GPS – Android, iOS – \$19.99

Description: It's not cheap, but Gaia GPS is by far the best hiking GPS app around. It offers the functionality of a standalone backcountry GPS unit and lets you download maps for those times when you don't have a cell signal.

High Adventure News



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>

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>

OPEN4ADVENTURE – BSA National High Adventure Portal

- Consolidated resource for all four National HA Bases
- Detailed program descriptions on all Adventures
- Links to live registration sites – select your destination and book it!
- <https://www.scouting.org/outdooradventures/open4adventure/>
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John Blackwell, HAC Chair: john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org

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

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#>



How Well Do You Know How to Stay Dry in the Rain



The best rain gear won't keep you dry if it's sized wrong, worn improperly or damaged through neglect. Take [this quiz](#) to see how much you know about staying dry in a storm.

To see how to choose the best rain gear to stay dry in stormy weather check out this [article](#).



Dry Your Socks



An old woodsman's trick: Heat some rocks at the edge of your campfire and stuff them into wet socks. Roll up the socks. They'll dry in about an hour.

(Remember: Don't take rocks from a lake or stream. Trapped moisture could cause them to explode when heated.)

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 an entire 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

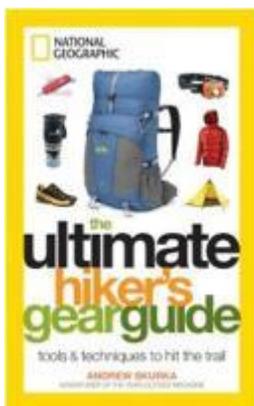
2 Leaders FREE per Pack with your unit's Resident Weekend registration

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/>



Book – The Ultimate Hiker's Gear Guide



Andrew Skurka's new book *The Ultimate Hiker's Gear Guide* will change the way how we sling a pack on our backs and hoof it into the wild. The first section of the book asks and answers the questions that many don't think to ask until they are out on the trail with too much and/or too little gear, blistered feet, and soaking wet with no hope of getting dry; why am I doing this? Skurka uses his first real backpacking experience (a through hike of the Appalachian trail!) to explain what you are getting yourself into. He offers direction and advice that, if heeded, will save readers a great deal of discomfort.

An extensive analysis of the construction, function and use of gear follows. Skurka explains why and how things ought to work in a way that makes choosing gear relatively painless. While he does mention of specific models and manufacturers, he goes well beyond the model number. The concluding section of the book offers gear lists for several different environments.

Available from Amazon, \$13.50 paperback

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](#).

★ Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) / Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)



IOLS is the required outdoor training for Scoutmasters / Asst Scoutmasters. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in The Boy Scout Handbook and focuses on skills that build confidence and competence in leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.



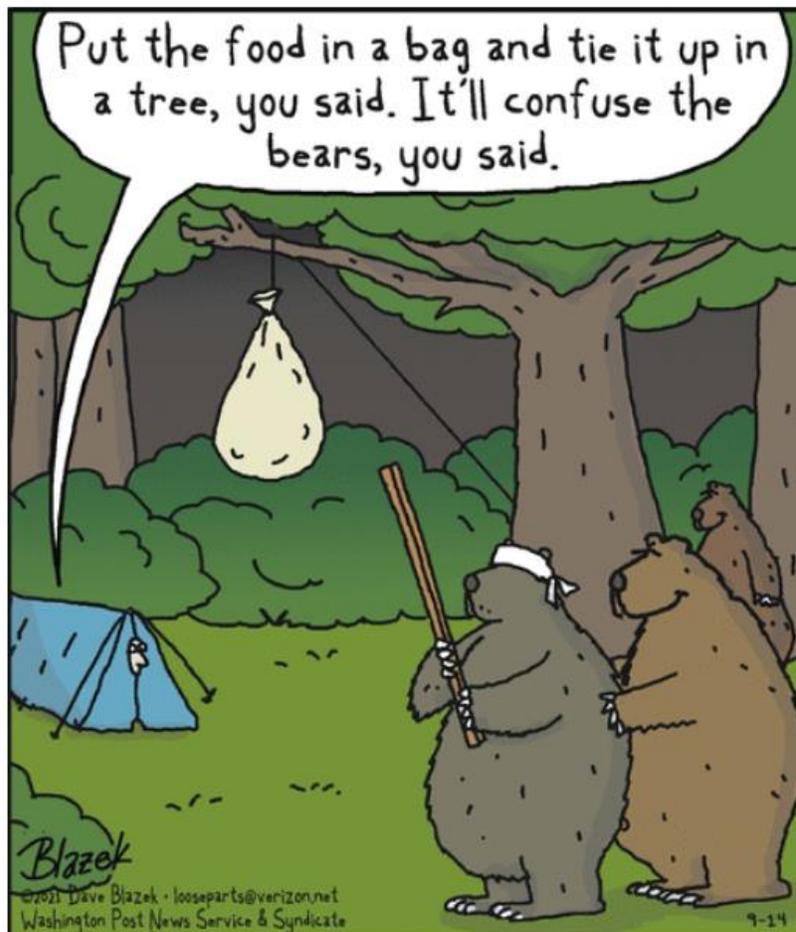
BALOO is the Cub Scout leader training required for any Cub Scout den or pack outdoor event, including pack camping overnights and Webelos den overnights. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in The Cub Scout Leader Book and focuses on skills that build confidence and competence in leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences.

When: Saturday, April 9 to Sunday, April 10, 2022

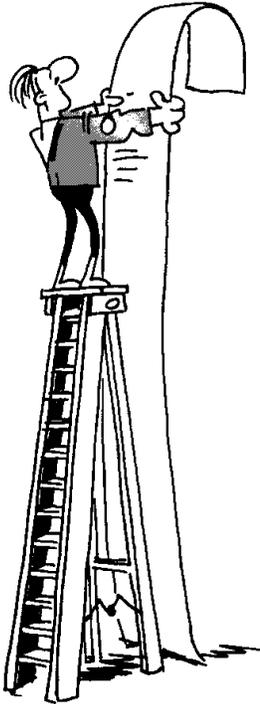
Location: Kings Landing Park, 3255 Kings Landing Rd, Huntingtown, MD 20639

Cost: The registration fee is \$35 and covers camping fees, training materials, and food. Participants will be formed into patrols on site. Overnight camping is part of the instruction and course. Participants **MUST** attend the entire course to successfully complete the training.

Registration and additional information: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsdbaloo>



District Calendar



April 2022	
14	Commissioner Mtg
20	Roundtable
20	OA Chapter Meeting
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

March 2023	
8	Roundtable
8	OA Chapter Meeting
9	Commissioner Mtg
13	Student Holiday
23	District Committee
27	Student Holiday