



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
Quick Calendar:

- May 6 – OA Ordeal
- May 11 – Program Launch
- Jun 8 - Roundtable
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Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

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Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 New Article
/Updated
Information



From Scoutmaster Clarke Green, Oct 22, 2014 http://scoutmastercg.com/the-authority-of-youth-leadership/#email_follow

The Authority of Youth Leadership

Compel

Force or oblige someone to do something.

Delegate

To give or commit (duties, powers, etc) to another as agent or representative.

Empower

Give someone the authority or power to do something.

The authority of youth leadership is not based in compelling young people to do something.

The authority in youth leadership is not delegated (One abiding myth of Scouting is that the adults are the source of all authority and delegate responsibility to youth leadership.)

The authority of youth leadership is built into the fabric of Scouting, they are empowered to lead.

Youth leaders are not servants, employees, or soldiers but volunteer players in the purposeful game of Scouting.

Scouting is something that Scouts do for themselves and adults have the honor of observing, coaching and encouraging.

Adult oversight is cooperative; we are there to aid our youth leaders by doing only the things they, by reason of their age, cannot do.

Adult authority is provisional; we are there to assure things are safe, and that our youth leaders are playing within the bounds of the game.

Adult leadership is responsive and reciprocal to youth leadership: we provide assistance to developing leaders in the same way we teach someone to ride a bike, by letting go when they are ready to pedal on their own.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek

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>.

Early Bird Deadline ends May 15.

- Day Camp price will rise from \$190 to \$230.
- Twilight Camp price will rise from \$110 to \$130.

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



Program Launch



What is "Program Launch"? Are we sending Scouts into orbit? Not quite, Program Launch is run by the District Committee and is when Council provides us the Council Planning Calendar for the next program year, the various district committees are at hand to discuss what resources/events they have for you, and local vendors are present to show what they can do to enhance your program.

Program Launch will take place IN PERSON on May 11, 7:30 - 9 in place of the regular Roundtable. It will be held at Crossroads United Methodist Church in Ashburn, 43454 Crossroads Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147, the same new location that Roundtable uses.



Newsletter Email Address



The Goose Creek Newsletter now has its own email address:

Newsletter@GooseCreekDistrict.org. If your unit has done something special (unique service project, camping trip, STEM event, ...) or will hold an event that others are invited to, just let us know and we will put it in the newsletter. We can even include pictures of the event.

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 to 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.

Shooting Sports Corner



The 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 3 certified Rangemasters to supervise the Goose Creek Day Camp and Twilight Camp Archery, BB-gun and Slingshot Shooting events. Please email Shannon Klee, GooseCreekCubCamp@gmail.com, and John Witek, john.witek@goosecreekdistrict.org, if you can serve

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>, scroll down to the Safety section and select the "NRA Chief Range Safety Officer Course" on the right side of the page.

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, the next one is 21 May 2022

Archery

Completion of U. S. Archery Level 1 certification is required to supervise BSA Archery Events. If you have one, please contact John Witek, the 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 the [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 the 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 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!



Cheerful Service Chatter™

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



Spring Ordeal



We're just a week away from our Spring Ordeal weekend (May 6 - 8 at the Isaak Walton League property in Leesburg). Elections have gone 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 (William Stehn) 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 register and participate during the day on Saturday, and to stay for the feast, officer induction and fellowship later in the day. Please register using this link:

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-57897>

“Onward and Upward” On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Hayden Cameron – Troop 956

Devereaux Davis – Troop 962

John Hall – Troop 969

Timothy Hubbard – Troop 2950

Eben Khalili – Troop 58

Tate Michon – Troop 163



Update to Scouts BSA Joining Requirements



A change to the Scouts BSA joining requirements makes it easier for young people to join a troop alongside their friends and classmates. Effective April 18, 2022, the Scouts BSA joining requirements have changed. They now state that a young person can be a member of Scouts BSA if they meet any of these requirements below.

New Scouts BSA joining requirements (effective April 18, 2022)

At least 10 years old, currently in the fifth grade and register on or after March 1
or

At least 10 years old and have earned the Arrow of Light Award
or

At least 11 years old (but not yet 18)

Old Scouts BSA joining requirements (prior to April 18, 2022)

At least 10 years old and have completed the fifth grade
or

At least 10 years old and have earned the Arrow of Light Award
or

At least 11 years old (but not yet 18)

In comparing the two sets of bullets, you can see that the change primarily applies to young people who are still in the fifth grade. Thanks to the change, a 10-year-old who wants to join a Scouts BSA troop in March of their fifth grade year (or beyond) is welcome to do so.

An option to cross over

Some parents might wonder whether a Cub Scout working on Arrow of Light must move to a Scouts BSA troop if they turn 11 but haven’t finished the rank.

The answer is no. The pack can continue to work on rank advancement as normal and move the Scout into a troop when they complete the rank or at the regular program roll-up in June.

In other words, the only mandatory crossover is when they have completed the fifth grade. Like all the other ranks in Cub Scouting, once school ends, the Cub Scout is now the next rank.



BSA's Highest Honor for Conservation and Environmental Service



From the Boy Scouts of America's inception, Scouts have been taught the importance of conservation. In fact, Gifford Pinchot, director of the U.S. Forest Service and the BSA's first chief Scout forester, suggested conservation be added to the Scout Law. It didn't end up as part of the 12 points of the BSA's Scout Law, but the organization has since put forth many opportunities and programs to instill this value, including the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Awards program.

Scouts BSA members who are at least First Class rank, Sea Scouts and Venturers, as well as adult volunteers and organizations, can earn a BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award. The awards encourage exemplary environmental stewardship and service. For youth, this is done through planning and leading two conservation-centric projects as well as other requirements, like studying wildlife and making presentations to the community and other Scouts.

These requirements not only encourage Scouts to be more conservation-minded, but also embolden them to be environmental advocates to others.

Making a difference

The work Scouts do must benefit the environment or the creatures in it, not people. The projects must focus on one of the following categories:

- Energy conservation
- Soil and water conservation
- Fish and wildlife management
- Forestry and range management
- Air and water pollution control
- Resource recovery (recycling)
- Hazardous material disposal and management
- Invasive species control
- Pollinator habitat conservation

Making a natural area more accessible for people, like restoring a trail or building a bridge, rarely benefits the environment. Those are worthy projects, but likely wouldn't qualify for the award. All projects must be approved beforehand by a unit leader and conservation award advisor or council conservation committee designee.

Scouts must also strive to ensure their projects have a long-lasting impact. So, a trash clean-up day or a one-time tree-planting effort — again, worthy pursuits — would likely not qualify for the award. An Eagle Scout project could count as long as it's conservation focused.

Check out [this page](#) for applications, the workbook and more FAQs about the award program. The award includes a certificate and square knot. It's given in one of three forms:

- Youth: BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award
- Adult: BSA Distinguished Conservationist
- Organizations and Individuals: BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award Certificate

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!

Goose Creek now has ten-plus Merit Badge Counselors in the District for this important badge. You can find their contact info on the District website. If other MBCs are interested in becoming a MBC for Citizenship in Society, they should contact Merit Badge Dean Rich Pender at meritbadgedean@goosecreekdistrict.org to get info on the requirements for approval.



Life-to-Eagle Seminar



The next L2E Seminar for 2022 is scheduled for.

Date: Saturday, August 20, 2022

Time: 10:30 – 2:30 (to be verified)

Place: A Loudoun County Library (Library location and room TBD)

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.



How Scouts can earn the 50-Miler Award



Most people think nothing of traveling 50 miles by car, bus or plane. But 50 miles on foot? That's another story — and just the sort of achievement the 50-Miler Award recognizes. Scouts can earn this colorful award by completing 50-mile five-day treks by several non-motorized means.

What is the objective of the 50-Miler Award? The award seeks to stimulate interest in Scouting ideals and promote activities that improve personal fitness, self-reliance, knowledge of the outdoors and understanding of conservation.

Who is eligible for the 50-Miler Award? Scouts BSA members, Sea Scouts, Venturers and Scout leaders.

What constitutes a qualifying trip? A chartered unit or provisional group might organize a trip, usually a high-adventure trek. The unit must make a complete plan for the trip that includes possibilities for advancement. The group must cover a trail (or a canoe or boat route) of not less than 50 consecutive miles and take a minimum of five consecutive days to complete the trip — all without the aid of motors. During the trip, each participant must spend at least 10 hours working on a conservation project such as trail maintenance.

Ten hours of service seems like a lot. Is there an alternative? If it's not possible to complete the service requirement during the trip, you can do a similar project in your home area. This is how Philmont crews can complete the 50-Miler Award — they do only three hours of service during their treks and an additional seven hours later.

What means of transportation can we use on our trip? The award covers hiking, bicycling, boating and canoeing. Pack animals may be used where appropriate, but requirements prohibit the use of motors.

How do we apply for the 50-Miler Award? Complete the [50-Miler Award application](#) and submit it to your local Scout council service center.

Who approves the award? The unit leader or provisional group leader signs the application, which is then submitted to the local Scout council service center for final approval.

What recognition items are available? An [emblem](#) and a [hiking staff shield](#).

Are the 50-Miler Award patches approved for uniform wear? No, but you may affix the patches to a patch blanket, backpack or tent. You can also place award decals on canoes, paddles and plaques. A Scout or Scouter earn the 50-Miler Award more than once? Yes.



Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Maryland Scout Center Closed Until Further Notice



A water main break at the Maryland Scout Headquarters has caused substantial damage to the 2nd floor and everything below. In addition, the building is not safe due to water and electrical issues. The 3rd floor has not been impacted but cannot be safely accessed at this time.

As a result the Scout Headquarters has been closed and will likely be so for an extended period.

“Front Counter” service, however, has resumed with operating hours of Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The MSSC Scout Shop will continue to be closed.

The following “front counter” services are available: Eagle Kit Pick-up, drop-off payments and other Scouting information, specialty patch, and over-the-counter sales.

Please be aware that we will be using the President’s Conference Room as our “front counter”. Access to this area is only available by using the side entrance of MSSC (not the regular entrance). After entering the building, follow the signs and proceed to the end of the hallway, and the President’s Conference Room is on the right.

No public restrooms are available at this time. If you have questions and would like to verify service before making the trip to MSSC, please call Annette Donfor at 301-530-9360.

The Scout Shops in Fairfax and Camp Snyder will operate as scheduled. However, if you have business that you would typically conduct at MSSC, don't hesitate to contact your District Executive or reach out via email [here](#).



2022 Fredericksburg National Cemetery Luminaria



The Fredericksburg National Cemetery Illumination is an annual event featuring over 15,000 lanterns in the cemetery – one for each soldier buried in the cemetery grounds. This event takes place on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. The luminaria honors soldiers who have died in the service of this country.

This commemoration will take place Saturday May 28, 2022 (rain date, Sunday, May 29). The program extends from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm in the cemetery. It will remain open until the luminaria lights are out.

The program involves laying out and lighting the thousands of lighted candles. Each honors one of the soldiers buried in the cemetery, situated atop the battlefield landmark known during and after the Civil War as Marye's Heights. Taps will be played every 30 minutes.

For additional information go [here](#).

Please note that the National Park does not allow pets in the cemetery.



Rover Rally at the Summit



World Scouting events bring Scouts together under the spirit of unity and friendship. Every four years, tens of thousands Scouts from around the globe meet for a World Scout Jamboree. Also every four years, young adult Scouts meet for a World Scout Moot; it's like a high-adventure jamboree for young adults on a smaller scale.

The next Moot was planned for 2021 in Ireland, but the COVID-19 pandemic forced those plans to be postponed until this summer and then ultimately canceled.

But that doesn't mean those young adults can't have a gathering this summer.

The Summit Bechtel Reserve will host the first-ever **Rover Rally**, inspired by the World Scout Moot, from July 31 to Aug. 6 for young adults ages 18-26.

A Rover refers to the U.K.'s older Scout program, launched in 1918. The first Moot, held in Switzerland in 1931, was called a "World Rover Moot." The BSA started a Rover program in 1935 as part of its "Senior Scout" division; it eventually became consolidated into Exploring in 1949.

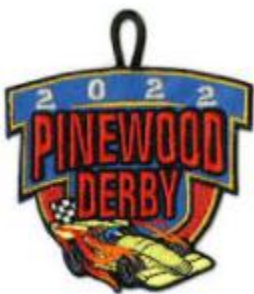
Scouts from all over the world are invited to the Rover Rally. Included in the fee, international participants will have the option to start in Washington, D.C., and travel via bus to West Virginia.

The cost for the weeklong event will be \$1,200, which includes food and activities. The activities will include all the fun high-adventure offerings at the Summit, including whitewater rafting, mountain biking, zip lining and more. Participants will also be able to attend training seminars, community service opportunities, and cultural exchange and social gatherings.

This event will be hosted by the Boy Scouts of America, not the World Organization of the Scout Movement, like the World Scout Moot. Since registration is for young adults older than 18, for American Scouts, that means Venturers, Explorers and Sea Scouts can attend.

The early registration deadline is June 1 with the **registration** closing July 15.

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 number of stations targeted to Cub Scouts, including 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>



Memorial Service Guide for Scouts/Scouters



When a Scouter dies, what's the appropriate way to honor their Scouting legacy?

Two years ago, Frank Perman was pondering that very question while attending Wood Badge at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

While there, he met Silver Buffalo Award recipient Russell Smart, who encouraged Perman to consider turning that question into a Wood Badge ticket item — one of five acts of service to Scouting that Wood Badge participants must complete to earn their beads.

Smart told Perman that he'd attended Scouters' memorial services that were poorly planned — not because the well-meaning organizers didn't try but because they lacked guidance.

After their discussion, Perman recognized he was the right person to create this guidance. He'd call it the Memorial Service Guide for Scouters.

Perman is a Silver Beaver Award recipient, father of three Scouts (an Eagle Scout son, First Class daughter and Second Class son), and husband of a den leader.

On top of that, his day job is as a licensed funeral director. He owns and operates Perman Funeral Home and Cremation Services located near Pittsburgh, Pa.

Like many volunteers, Perman found opportunity at the intersection of his professional skills and Scouting passion.

"I wrote the Memorial Service Guide intending to profess respect, honor and reverence to the memory of the deceased while steeped in the ideals of Scouting," Perman says.

The 24-page Memorial Service Guide includes a suggested order of service, prayers from different faiths, eulogy ideas, songs and more.

You can [download it here](#). Depending on your browser settings, clicking the link will download the Word document.

It should be noted that the BSA does not have an official memorial service resource. So this guide should be treated as unofficial.



Scouts Riding on Parade Floats or Trailers in a Parade



The BSA typically prohibits transporting passengers in the backs of trucks or on trailers, but that rule may be tempered for parade floats or hayrides, as long as the following points are strictly followed to prevent injuries: Transportation to and from the site is not allowed on the truck or trailer; persons riding, whether seated or standing, must be able to hold on to something stationary; legs should not hang over the side. (*from the BSA Health and Safety Team*).



JOTA/JOTI



Jamboree on the Air - Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA-JOTI) promotes a Scout's sense of belonging to the worldwide Scout Movement and builds cultural awareness, develops tolerance, advocates sharing and collaboration as well as demonstrates teamwork. It provides exciting opportunities for young people to explore technology and to develop technical skills including fostering innovation and creativity through communicating with other Scouts.

A wide range of activities using communication technology are the chief methods of attaining these goals. JOTA-JOTI strives for a meaningful engagement of as many young people from as many parts of the world as possible annually on the third weekend in October. This weekend is also an occasion to celebrate Scouting and to generate positive energy to support the development of the Scout Movement.

The event seeks to promote quality Scouting in a manner faithful to the purpose, principles and method of Scouting and consistent with the needs and aspirations of young people in today's world.

The JOTA-JOTI programme shall be a reflection of the Promise, Law, Principles and Method of Scouting, as defined by the WOSM Constitution, and shall also reflect the most up-to-date policies and initiatives of WOSM relating to youth programme for all ages.

When? JOTA-JOTI is an annual event that takes place the third weekend of October. This year that would be 14 to 16 October 2022,

For more information please visit the event website: www.world-jotajoti.info



Mosquito Protection at Camp



How do Scouts and Scouters survive buggy nights in open-air platform tents? A-frame canvas tents have been used by generations of Scouts but are open to bugs and lots of other critters. The older Scouters used to suspend a mosquito bar over their cot. It takes several minutes and a little bit of ingenuity to figure out where and how to tie the strings to suspend the netting and mosquitoes can still come inside the netting through the gaps.

But times have changed and there are now other options to provide a bug free night at Scout Camp. One such is the SansBug free-standing pop-up mosquito net that has been used by the US and Canadian military, disaster response volunteers in Haiti and Puerto Rico, ecologists in Madagascar and doctors in the Amazon. The SansBug is completely enclosed with a sewn-in floor and a zippered door. It is also wide enough to comfortably sleep without worry of touching the sides and being bit through the mesh.



Choosing the Right Insect Protection



Excerpted from an article by Buck Tilton in the pages of *Camping Life* magazine

In a galaxy here and now, the camper's war against the bugs continues, as it has for eons, ever since something sort of human swatted something mosquito-like. Bugs bite with their front parts or sting with their back parts, and sometimes it itches, sometimes it hurts and sometimes we get sick later. At all times we need to be armed - with knowledge and weapons - to put up the good fight. We'll never completely vanquish the dark hordes, but we can do our very best to win a few battles.

Mosquitoes - You can fight the itch with topical anti-itch products, such as Sting-Eze. If the product contains benzocaine, expect some pain relief as well. Oral antihistamines like Benadryl will also reduce the itch. Steroid creams have little to no effect. Bites scratched open, especially on kids, should be monitored for the increasing redness, swelling and pain that indicate infection. And those bites should be washed well and bandaged.

You can prevent many 'skeeter bites. Clothing thick enough or tightly woven enough keeps their mouthparts from reaching our skin - and if the sleeves and pants are long, so much the better. Mosquitoes show a preference for dark colored clothing, so go light with, say khaki. You can use an insect repellent and be sure the mosquito netting in tents remains in good repair. Mosquitoes are most active at dawn and dusk - good times to be behind netting. And try to avoid mosquito prone areas: standing water, dense vegetation and places where people say, "wow there sure are a lot of mosquitoes over there."

Ticks - All ticks should be removed as soon as they are found. Don't touch the tick with bare hands, but, if possible, put it in a bottle or some such container, saving it for lab tests in case of later illness. After removal, the wound should then be cleaned with soap and water or a disinfectant and an adhesive bandage applied. Tweezers should be cleaned after use.

An article in the *Journal of Wilderness and Environmental Medicine* revealed that 20 percent of tick attachment sites on humans are places where the biter (tick) cannot be seen by the bitten (you). The sites, in order of preference by ticks, were lower limbs, the lower abdomen and genital area, the back at chest level and the buttocks. The message: During tick season, the twice-a-day tick check we need to perform will require a mirror or someone we know well.

Wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, with light colors more useful, allows us the chance to see a tick before it reaches our skin. Tucking long pants into high socks gives us even more protection. And we should try to avoid contact with tall grass and low bushes where they like to hide and wait.

Insect Repellents That Work

- **DEET (N, N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide):** Continuing studies show it to be the best. The *New England Journal of Medicine* (2002) reported a concentration of 23.8% DEET kept bugs away completely for about five hours. People occasionally react negatively to DEET on their skin but is rarely serious.
- **Picaridin:** A chemical alternative to DEET that works well but not as long as DEET. Unlike DEET, no negative reactions are known.
- **Lemon Eucalyptus Oil:** Products with this oil offer complete protection for about two hours. And it smells kind of nice.
- **Soybean Oil:** Products with this oil keep bugs off for about an hour and a half.
- **Permethrin:** This is a potent insect neurotoxin synthesized, and proven safe, for human use. Apply it to clothing, not to skin, and bugs are killed after contact.

Nothing else, suggest many experts, is worth taking the time to smear on, swallow, or hang near your campsite - it just plain doesn't work.



Sunscreen: You're Doing It Wrong



True or False – sunscreen should be rubbed in thoroughly to protect skin from dangerous sun rays.

False. Sunscreen should not be rubbed in vigorously upon application. Simply, if you rub it in too much, you're essentially wiping it off and losing your barrier to the sun. And it's a safe bet you don't apply enough of the stuff – most people don't.

After slathering on some sunscreen and applying it according to label instructions, your or your kids' sunscreen might leave a white layer on top of your skin (yes, think the lifeguard look). That's OK.

Proper sun protection is a necessity for heading outdoors. This is especially true for sensitive skin most frequently exposed to the sun.

"Use sunscreen to protect exposed skin, giving special attention to your face, ears, nose, and neck," the Boy Scouts of America's Fieldbook explains.

Always follow the application instructions on your sunscreen bottle (or can if you're using a spray applicator).

Also, be aware of the elements. If you're using a spray sunscreen and applying it in windy conditions, take extra care to make sure you're in the path of the sunscreen stream. If you or your kids go for a swim or get wet, apply sunscreen more frequently (even if your brand is water resistant).

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.

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](#)

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#>



National/International Recognition Days/Weeks/Months Calendar

APRIL 2022						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

Here is a listing of some of the things we can celebrate in May. To get a full list of the Day, Week, or Month celebrations for May go to [National Day Calendar](#)

May 1 - **National Lemonade Day**

May 3 - **National Teacher Appreciation Day**

May 4 - **National Bike to School Day**

May 5 - **National Astronaut Day**

May 6 - **School Lunch Hero Day**

May 7 - **Free Comic Book Day**

May 9 - **National Butterscotch Brownie Day**

May 10 - **National Clean Up Your Room Day**

May 11 - **National School Nurse Day**

May 12 - **National Limerick Day**

May 13 - **National Apple Pie Day**

May 14 - **National Miniature Golf Day**

May 15 - **National Chocolate Chip Day**

May 16 - **National Barbecue Day**

May 17 - **National Graduation Tassel Day**

May 18 - **National No Dirty Dishes Day**

May 19 - **National Devil's Food Cake Day**

May 20 - **National Pick Strawberries Day**

May 21 - **National Learn to Swim Day**

May 22 - **National Vanilla Pudding Day**

May 24 - **National Scavenger Hunt Day**

May 26 - **National Paper Airplane Day**

May 27 - **National Cellophane Tape Day**

May 28 - **National Hamburger Day**

May 29 - **National Paperclip Day**

May 31 - **National Smile Day**

National Wildflower Week - First full week in May

Teacher Appreciation Week – First Monday through Friday in May

May is **National Water Safety Month**

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, 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

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

On Time Registration (up to May 14)

\$240 – Scout, \$55 – Adult

Late Registration (after May 14)

\$260 – Scout, \$60 - Adult

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

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

Cub Scout Weekend Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Resident Camp is your bite sized introduction to a Boy Scout summer camp program. All registered Cubs, Tigers – Webelos and their adult leaders/parents sleep on cots in 4-person BSA wall tents that sit on raised platforms, eat in the camp dining hall, and experience 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

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/>

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Top Ten Reasons Why I'm In Scouting

- 10 - My basement was empty and needed remodeling anyway.
- 9 - I get to wear a uniform.
- 8 - I like the smell of bug repellent.
- 7 - I enjoy going to the bathroom in the woods.
- 6 - I'm in it for the crafts.
- 5 - I'm allergic to house chores (needed something to fill the void).
- 4 - I get quality time with my son and 30 of his closest friends.
- 3 - It's a great way to collect coffee mugs.
- 2 - I needed a tax write off.
- 1 - It only takes an hour each week.

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

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/>

Training Opportunities



Safe Swim Defense Training Updated



Safe Swim
Defense

Units conducting swimming activities must have leaders trained in Safe Swim Defense. The training, required every two years, just got a little easier to access as the course has been updated to be compatible with mobile devices. The training is taken by logging into your my.scouting.org account, as with other online training. You'll find more about Safe Swim Defense in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

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:

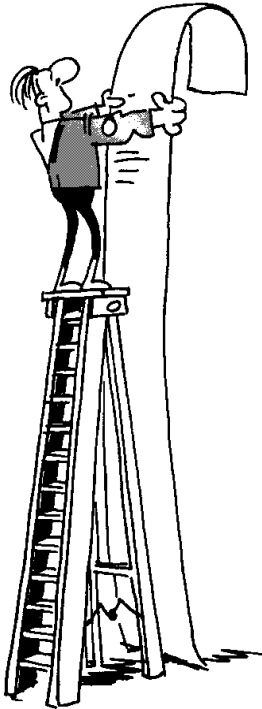
1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and age 18 or older.
2. Have completed the basic position-specific training courses for their Scouting role.
3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record. 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](#).

District Calendar



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**
- 20-23 **District Twilight 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
- 14-16 JOTA/JOTI
- 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

April 2023

- 13 Commissioner Mtg
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 27 District Committee