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Patriot District Fall Camporee: Shooting Fun and Much More at Verdun Adventure Bound

Our recent string of favorable weather for Patriot District camporees continued as more than 300 Scouts, Webelos, and adult leaders and volunteers gathered at Verdun Adventure Bound in Rixeyville, Virginia, on October 16-18 for the Patriot District 2015 Fall Camporee. The dual themes for the event were shooting/marksmanship and outdoor adventure, and a wide range of activities were featured to ensure that all participants had a fun and challenging weekend. Verdun Adventure Bound is a charitable volunteer organization with a mission to support and promote personal growth while teaching land stewardship; its programs integrate experiential learning, nature trails, high adventure activities, primitive camping, and ecology studies. In addition to its frequent use for special events by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts, Verdun is also a go-to site for corporate team building and retreats, teacher education, and outdoor education events for schools. One special aspect of Verdun is its exciting Challenge course, which features a high ropes course and other thrilling activities throughout the trees and fields. Many Scouts participating in the camporee responded to the challenge and thrilled at the opportunity to climb and fly high in the air using special purpose safety equipment.



High ropes course fun for Patriot District Scouts at the Fall Camporee at Verdun Adventure Bound.

Members of the Camporee Staff began arriving at the Verdun site early on Friday afternoon to establish camp headquarters and prepare for the busy weekend ahead. It was a pleasant fall day, providing realistic expectations of a fair weather weekend to follow. Scout campers and their leaders began arriving late in the afternoon for check-in and setting up their individual campsites. Traditional Friday evening activities included a meeting of Senior Patrol Leaders and Scoutmasters to review all planned camporee activities, followed by a cracker barrel for all troop Senior Patrol Leaders, adult leaders, and camporee staff. Robert Foglesong of Troop 698 was introduced as the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) for the camporee, and he provided exceptional service in this role throughout the event.

Saturday dawned cool and clear, with reveille at 6:30 AM being sounded by bugler David Sawtelle of Troop 698. Following a warm breakfast for all, participating Scouts, leaders, volunteers, and staff gathered for the camporee opening ceremony, which was led by Scouts from Troop 698. Opening remarks and announcements by the SPL and veteran Camporee Director Bill Dexter, a member of the Patriot District Committee, were followed by a special inspirational and motivational talk by Dr. David Snyder, Verdun Adventure Bound founder and benefactor. As the ceremony proceeded, the sun slowly rose to brighten the morning, bring a bit of warmth to offset the morning chill, and help prepare Scouts for a busy day of fun and challenging activities.



Flags flying at camporee HQ.

The impressive array of well-organized activities featured at the camporee included a wide variety of shooting/marksmanship events conducted under the watchful eyes of trained adult leaders, the always popular game of dodge ball, fishing in the Verdun pond, an informative presentation by Dr. Snyder of beekeeping fundamentals, the opportunity to participate in a classroom session for the Journalism merit badge and a special STEM activity, and even a pickup volleyball game. Scouts participated in these activities following a predetermined schedule that kept things flowing smoothly throughout the day. The archery range was a very popular attraction, as were two CO₂ air rifle activities. For one of the air rifle events, Scout shooters fired at paper targets for score. The other air rifle event was a Scout biathlon, where Scouts fired at colorful balloons, ran for hundreds of yards, fired again, repeated the run, and finally ended the challenge with a third firing sequence. Axe throwing at large wooden targets and slingshot shooting were two other marksmanship activities enjoyed by many Scouts. At the fishing pond, many Scout anglers experienced the joy of catching their first fish; it was gratifying to see that the fish were much more aggressive in taking the bait than the ones swimming in the streams at Philmont in September.



Verdun fishing pond.

The great success of this Fall Camporee is due in large part to the dedication and considerable efforts of a large number of adult leaders and other volunteers. A hearty thank you to all for their competent and commendable service: Bill Dexter for once again serving as Camporee Director, Joe Casey and Kelly O'Malley for administration and logistics support, and Joe Walker for heading up a capable cooking crew that included his son and Izzudin Abdul-Rashid. Leading the support team for the air rifle activities were Ken Gaul, Jason Murack, and Jennifer Allred, with Steve Polchek, Dustin Hamacher, and Hannie Gonzales serving as Range Safety Officers. The archery support team was led by Mark Greer, with Mike Stonekey serving as archery instructor and Tim Ryder as Range Safety Officer. The axe throwing activity was conducted under the direction of John Merchant. The sling shot event was led by Dan Brunk and Range Safety Officer Jay Brannam. Lee Cass once again coordinated and supervised the dodge ball games. Paul Hoffman supported and guided Scouts at the fishing pond. Donald Katze and Laura Memmott led the mathematics-focused STEM activity. The Journalism Merit Badge class was led by Rich Harrington. Dr. David Snyder organized and presented the beekeeping demonstration. Webelo activities were carried out under the direction and guidance of Dave Astle.

And special thanks as always are due to the strong support to the planning and conduct of this Fall Camporee provided by our Patriot District Executive, Kyle Molldene; Patriot District Commissioner, Jae Engelbrecht; and Patriot District Chair, Jack Campbell. What a great event this turned out to be!

Bill Snowden
Vice Chair – Program



Opening Ceremony: Troops ready, flag raising, Dr. Snyder opening remarks.



Archery activity: Shooting, scoring, and looking for lost arrows.



CO2 air rifle activities: Paper and balloon targets and a Scout biathlon.



Dodge ball: Always a fun game to play.

Pickup volleyball game.



Axe throwing: This is harder than it looks.



Dr. Snyder: Beekeeping demonstration.



Journalism MB class.



Fishing in the Verdun pond: Catch and release fun for Scouts.



Developing slingshot skills for target shooting.



Camporee cooking crew.



Verdun RSR Challenge: Instruction, in the safety harness and ready to go, the mule team, Run Squirrel Run, and flying high in the air.



From the District Chairman:

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Wow! Halloween is gone and Thanksgiving is around the corner! Welcome to the beginnings of Winter. With November on us, we'll soon be ready for Christmas.

We had a great Fall Camporee! The Camporee Committee is to be thanked and commended for another wonderful Patriot camporee at the Verdun camping facility. From shooting sports to rock climbing, everyone had a great time. Many thanks to our Camporee Team for their great planning and outstanding execution! We're already planning the Spring Camporee.

Scouting for Food is upon us. This is a great opportunity to help others and build some service hours as we meet to pack up the tuna mountain and send it off to feed the homeless. We have a great set of maps, and the team has come up with clean boundaries for next weekend's Saturday pickup. Come work at the Burke Center's Safeway while we collect the goods!!!

The next BIG EVENT is Unit Re-Registration! We're looking forward to seeing the numbers of the new members in the troops. Work with your Commissioner to get the paperwork correct and sent in to the Council for proper recoding.

Good Scout Dinner. Patriot District is working with the other Districts in the NoVa area to sponsor an inaugural (for us) "Good Scout" dinner for the Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne on 1 December. We look forward to seeing you there!

Popcorn!!!! How are popcorn sales going? The youth are looking for lots of prizes for Patriot, and the prizes are worth the effort. Last year, the Council gave out thousands of dollars' worth of iPads, iPods, and other exciting gifts. Thank ALL of our Popcorn Kernels for dealing with a myriad of issues. We all benefit. Now is the time!!!

Prepare for advancement and the Courts of Honor! Let the District Chair know if you are having a Court and send the results to the Patriot Press. This month's Patriot Press describes all the many opportunities for membership, advancement, service and growth. I'm sure that Doug Hess would love to publish more pictures of worthy Scouts! Read it from cover to cover.

Share Scouting! Please share our Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter or Scout Family this month. Then send the e-mail address to Doug Hess, so they will be permanently on the distribution list. If you know a Scouter in the District that is not getting Patriot Press, please send their name to Joe Osborne (joe.osborne@cox.net) or Doug Hess (dbhess1@verizon.net)

FOS and Endowment! 2015 is in the can, and 2016 is upon us! Of course, it's never too late to make a contribution for Friends of Scouting? Have you committed? Reach out to any one of the Committee members if you have not. Call your friends, too. If you are looking at long-term gifts to Scouting, talk to Bill Dexter about Legacy gifts.

As always, thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your support to for Patriot District's program. Yours in Scouting,

Jack Campbell, District Chairman
wjcampbell1@verizon.net



From the Commissioner

Congratulations to all the units who submitted their Charter Renewal packages on time. This annual “rite of passage” is useful for renewing our relationship with the Chartered Organization and for ensuring that all members are properly registered for the 2016 Scouting year. Special thanks for all the Chartered Organizations, unit leaders, Internet Rechartering processors, and Commissioners who made this happen.

November is also the time for units to submit their Journey to Excellence scorecards to their Commissioners. Almost all Patriot District units scored a Bronze, Silver, or Gold in JTE last year and we hope to continue that superior progress this year. JTE demonstrates leaders’ commitment to deliver a constantly improving development program to our youth.

During the last Scouting year, four Patriot units participated in 100% of the District’s Roundtable training meetings. That is true dedication. As you would expect, it reflects the strength of these units in their ability to elicit volunteers and excite young boys to grow. We challenge other units to follow their leadership. Hurrah to Pack 698, Pack 1965, Pack 1968, and Troop 697 (not pictured)!



Jae Engelbrecht, Patriot District Commissioner
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I have never been lost but will admit to being confused for several weeks.

~ Daniel Boone (b. November 02, 1734)



Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign for 2016 to Start Soon

The Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign for 2016 is being launched in December, with most individual presentations to Patriot District Packs and Troops planned to be made during the first three months of the New Year. This annual fundraising activity provides significant resources – about 15-20% of the total of more than \$10 million required – that are of critical importance to executing the Scouting program in the National Capital Area Council and the Patriot District. These resources support Scouting activities at Goshen Scout Camp, Camp Snyder, and Cub Scout Day Camp, as well as contributing to funding of the Scouting program in numerous other areas, including leader training and insurance.

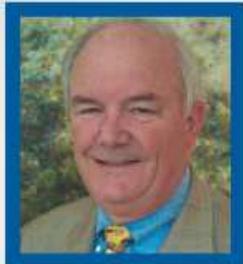
Leaders of individual Packs and Troops will be contacted soon to schedule a presentation, which reflects the approach that has been followed for many years. For 2016, however, we are planning to expand our efforts to encourage more Patriot District units to consider adopting a one-on-one approach to executing the campaign. That approach has had considerable success when followed by several Patriot District Troops in recent years, as well as in other NCAC districts, and it will go a long way toward ensuring that our upcoming campaign for 2016 will reach and exceed its goal.

To promote this approach, a meeting of Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Committee Chairs will be organized and held soon, exact dates will follow, to describe the process and solicit the support of individual units. Individual e-mail messages will be sent out soon announcing the details. We encourage all involved to please respond and plan to participate in the meeting and comprehensive FOS discussion.

Todd Sweet, todd.l.sweet@gmail.com



2015 NOVA Good Scout Inaugural Northern Virginia Event



Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Key Bridge Marriott

6:00 p.m. - Reception
7:00 p.m. - Dinner & Program

1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA

Honoring
The Honorable Michael Wynne
21st Secretary of the Air Force

Event Chair
BG (USA, Ret.) Michael Meese
COO and Secretary, American Armed Forces
Mutual Aid Association (AAFMAA)



For information and registration:

http://www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=693601



Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotEvents>

November 2015

- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – November
- 6 Final popcorn order due
- 7 Scouting for Food bag distribution
- 8 Unit recharter turn-in to Unit Commissioner (last date)
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13-15 Scout Leader Training -SPST / VAPST / IOLS (Camp Big Mac)
- 14 Scouting for Food Collection
- 21 Final popcorn distribution
- 21 Pow Wow
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 29 Patriot Press Deadline – December

December 2015

- 8 Commissioner/Committee joint mtg.
- 10 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Final popcorn payments/prize orders/scholarship forms due

January 2016

- 2 OA Lodge Banquet
- 3 Patriot Press Deadline – January
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 16 First Aid/CPR/AED training (St Stephen’s)
- 26 PD Committee Meeting
- 31 Patriot Press Deadline – February

Legend

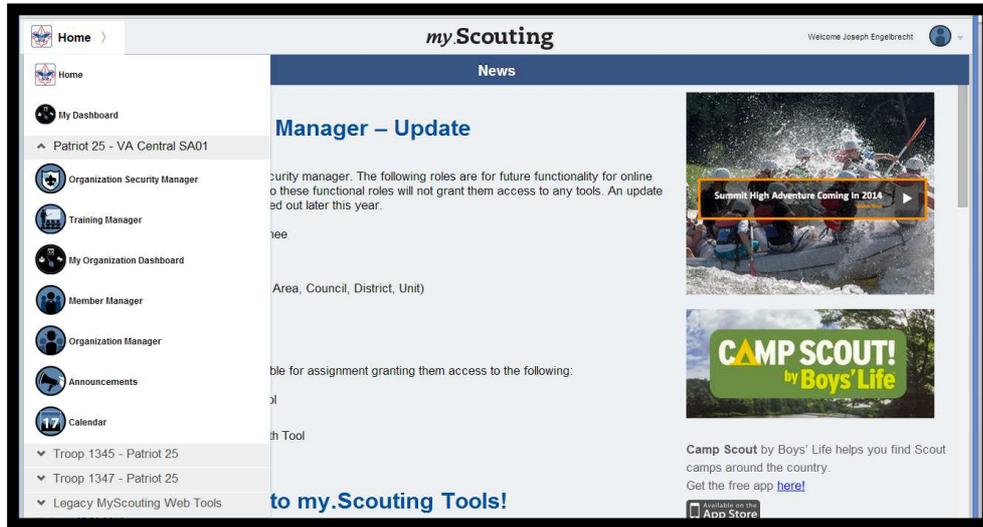
BSLST Boy Scout Leader Specific Training	OA Order of the Arrow
CSLST Cub Scout Leader Specific Training	RT Roundtable
IOLS Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST Venturing Advisor Position Spec Trng
JSN Join Scouting Night	V-RT Venturing Roundtable
NLE New Leader Essentials	VOA Venturing Officers Association



A good solution applied with vigor now is better than a perfect solution applied ten minutes later

~ George S Patton (b. November 11, 1885)

my.Scouting Tools Training



Join Patriot District Scouters (Cubs, Boy Scouts, Varsity and Ventures) for a demonstration and training on the new my.Scouting Tools. Unit Key 3 (Leader, Chair, and Chartered Organization Representative) have full access to the tools to manage unit information. The Key 3 can now designate 3 others (Plus 3) to use the tool to support the unit. Unit Key 3, Membership Chair and Training Chair should attend.

7:30 PM, August 14th

At the Roundtable Midway

**St. Stephen's United Methodist Church
9203 Braddock Rd., Burke, VA 22015**



District Training Committee

As we begin a new year in Scouting, I would like very much to make this a year remembered for training. There are many recent changes that have been made in the Scouting Program and even the most trained and experienced Scouter has opportunities to learn, experience, and share. At the same time, the Patriot District has been blessed by the willingness of new Chartered Organizations to join BSA.

If you are willing to serve others and help them become the best they can be, please seriously consider joining the District Training Committee. Please feel free to email me with questions, comments, thoughts...

*Robert Cohn, Patriot District Training Chair (Acting)
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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

This is an annual event where scouting units from across the NCAC, including the Patriot district, collect food for those in need. The food the Patriot District collects goes directly to the Capital Area Food Bank for distribution to various other food banks and pantries. Historically we have faithfully filled three huge trucks with the food we collect. Our drop off point is the Safeway at the Burke Centre Parkway. We will be there from 9 AM to 2 PM on Sat Nov 9th.

Important Dates/Notes:

If you need more bags/tags contact Miklos Kiss at sff@cox.net.

November 7th : Units distribute the bags to their designated neighborhoods, beginning no earlier than 9 AM.. With a knock and a call out of "Scouting For Food", a scout leaves the bag on the door with the hopes of finding a bag of food next week. If you run out of bags, you may also tie a note to the door as a reminder of the date for SFF pick up. You may also call Miklos Kiss to see if there are any extra bags left over.

November 14th: Scouts begin picking up the food at 9 AM and deliver the bags to the Safeway located at Burke Center Parkway Shopping Center. We do not take glass jars- please leave them behind if possible. We will ask each unit to stop by the **SFF table** to identify the unit dropping off and give a bag count.. Each bag we estimate as approximately 5 lbs. OA Scouts will diligently be waiting to assist, often with the help of a crew from GMU, and some very reliable dedicated adults.

Volunteers Needed: On November 14th, we need volunteers to collect and sort the food, direct traffic, and many other duties that are much appreciated. Our volunteers sign in at the SFF table where they can have service hours validated. If you are an OA member and plan to attend the event, please try to bring an orange or yellow safety vest to wear over your official BSA OA uniform. If it is cold, please dress accordingly. We will provide hydration and nutrition. Please contact Miklos Kiss if you or your unit can help at the collection point on November 14th. Thank You.

Your 2015 SFF Coordinators:

Miklos Kiss
sff@cox.net
703-975-7928

Rob Cain
sff@cox.net
703-298-6737

DO IT! It is easy, good for the community and a great experience for our Scouts.



*I'd like to say I was smart enough to finish six grades in five years,
but I think perhaps the teacher was just glad to get rid of me*

~ Alan Sheppard (b. November 18, 1923)

SFF and Service Hour Reporting

Dear District Program and Service Chairs:

Hopefully your district plans for Scouting for Food are well underway, with your units supplied and onboard, collection locations secured, any grocery store solicitations arranged, and November 7 bag distribution and November 14 collection plans laid. I would ask that you just check with your Scouting for Food chairs to make sure everything is ready to go. We apologize for some of the mix-ups this year in getting bags out to you and the need to supply supplemental bookmarks.

As I emphasize each year, **REPORTING results is an essential part of this effort.** The council wants to present as large a profile as it can for this event and to trumpet the amounts collected, and units deserve to be recognized for their efforts. For Scouting for Food, each unit is asked to report their collection at www.ncacbsa.org/SFF, but we know that not all units will do so. It is important, therefore, that the SFF chairs supplement this reporting with their own per-unit totals, as registered at collection sites or solicited by phone from each unit that was issued bags. We would like to have all reporting completed by Thanksgiving, if possible. Each year there are some districts that report only a fraction of their collections, so please help us make a complete report.

It is also to the unit's and the council's advantage for units to report their service hours- **ALL** service hours for the year - at the Journey to Excellence webpage: www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence. This will allow the hours to be used by the unit, district, and council for the JTE awards, and for national publicity. This is the prime time of year to be urging units to make such reports, as we begin filling out those JTE forms for 2015.

I am attaching a template handout that was given to your SFF chair to use, including specific reporting instructions for units. It urges units to report to their SFF chair, on the council website, and at the JTE webpage.

Many thanks for your help, and for all you do for Scouting,

Bob Owen
Scouting for Food Coordinator





Roundtable! Roundtable! Roundtable!
Come out and Attend Roundtable!



WHAT IS ROUNDTABLE?

Roundtable is a form of commissioner service and supplemental training for volunteers at the unit level. The objectives of roundtables are to provide leaders with program ideas; information on policy and events; and training opportunities. It is a forum for sharing experiences and enjoying fun and fellowship with other Scout leaders. When skillfully executed, the roundtable experience will inspire, motivate, and enable unit leaders to provide a stronger program for their Scouts.

September Point of Scout Law: Brave / **Theme:** Super Cub!

Topics for September: Character Compass

When: Thursday, November 12, 2015

Where: Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church; 9203 Braddock Road

Midway: 7:30pm – 8 pm

Roundtable: 8pm – 9pm

Brian Behlke, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
bbehлке@hotmail.com, 662-812-3496



Boy Scout Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, November 12th, 2015

Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke

Midway: 7:30 - Pre-Opening: 7:40 – Roundtable: 8:00 to 9:00

Topics: High Adventure Lotteries, Unit Connections, Communications Tools, Search & Rescue MB

Randy Witter, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner
703-323-5220, Randy.Witter@gmail.com

Steve Polchek – 703-978-1309, sapolchek@verizon.net



University of Scouting 2016

February 27, 2016
7:30 A.M. — 5:00 P.M.
Hayfield Secondary School
7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA
Tuition: \$30.00



Online registration will open in early January and closes at midnight on Sunday, February 21, 2016. After that, the tuition goes up to \$45.00

Five specific program areas to choose from:

1. Cub Scout College
2. Boy Scout College
3. College of Adventure
4. College of Elective Programs
5. College of District Operations

Approximately 160 different classes offered throughout the day!

Coursework leads to Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate recognition. Enjoy a Scouting museum and vendor displays along the midway.

You will not want to miss this training event. Save the date now. Last year more than 950 scouters attended! More information is available at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/uos>



Save the date ... March 12, 2016 2016 NCAC Commissioner College

Huntingtown High School
Huntingtown, MD

(Three Rivers Service Area - Western Shore District)

Many changes are planned for 2016. In addition to offering degree tracks (Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate), there will be opportunities for Continuing Education Training, Networking, and complete Commissioners Basic Training.

Everyone is invited to attend - especially those who are not commissioners who would like to learn more about Commissioner Service. A guest speaker from National will be present. Lunch will be served. More details to follow.

For more information, contact Julia Farr, Assistant Council Commissioner for the College of Commissioner Science at farr.scouts@gmail.com.

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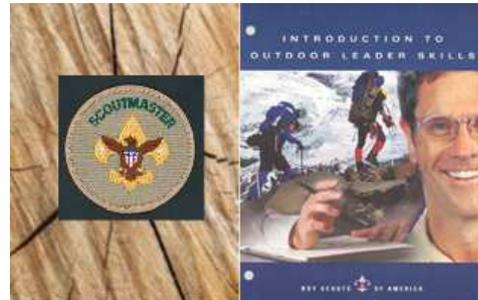
Scout Leader Training

**Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
Venture Advisor Position-Specific Training
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**

SMPST-VAPST-IOLS

November 14-15, 2015

Camp Big Mac, Markham, VA



The Patriot District's Scout Leader Training will include three courses: Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training (SMPST), Venture Advisor Position-Specific Training (VAPST), and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS). The training starts Saturday Morning and ends Sunday afternoon, 14-15 Nov 2015. Participants need to register for the course by sending the registration fee and the information requested below. The fee is **\$55.00** per participant for *two courses*, (\$25.00 per participant for SMPST or VAPST only, and \$45.00 for IOLS only). The fee covers camping at Big Mac, course supplies and meals for participants. IOLS attendees will camp as a troop in patrols. Attendees taking only SMPST will not camp.

Two training courses are required to qualify as “fully trained” Scout leaders. Completing these courses satisfies a **prerequisite** for attending the top training for Scout leaders: **Wood Badge**. This is a great training opportunity for Venturing Advisors, 2nd Year Webelos Leaders, Troop Committee members and others who desire to improve their ability to help run Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews, and to learn basic outdoor skills.

Participants will learn about the Scout Programs in SMPST and VAPST, and, in IOLS, participants will practice hands-on skills like first aid, camp set-up, cooking, woods tools, knots and lashing, campfire programs, map & compass skills, hiking & packing, leaf identification, leave-no-trace. Most importantly, Boy Scout program participants will learn how the boy led troop and the patrol method work in the outdoor program - necessary outdoor leadership skills in a Boy Scout troop. The goal is that participants will know about the basic Boy Scout outdoor skills needed to fulfill rank requirements through First Class.

Register by sending your check made out to “BSA Troop 1131” to Philip Sternberg, P.O. Box 4052, Alexandria, VA 22303. Registration deadline is **19 Oct 2015**. Also send an email message to phil.sternberg@gmail.com with your full name, mailing address, home and cell phone numbers, primary email address, and unit type (e.g. Troop, Crew, Pack), unit number, your Scouting Position, and your Personal ID number (on your BSA membership card).

Philip Sternberg, phil.sternberg@gmail.com



New Boy Scout Requirements

A new set of Boy Scout requirements will become effective on January 1st, 2016.

- Boys joining on or after Jan. 1, 2016 **MUST** use the new requirements.
- Boys who have joined prior to Jan. 1, 2016:
- Who are working on the Scout badge **MAY** continue to work on the existing requirements, but **MUST** convert to the new requirements upon completion of the Scout badge.
- Who are working on Tenderfoot through First Class **MAY** continue to work on the existing requirements, but **MUST** convert to the new requirements upon attaining First Class.
- Who have completed First Class **MAY** complete the rank they are currently working on in the existing requirements, but then **MUST** convert to the new requirements for subsequent ranks.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/programupdates.aspx>



American Red Cross

First Aid-CPR-AED Certification Class

When: Saturday, 16 January 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Who: **BSA High Adventure** Trip Leaders and Scouts, e.g. Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, etc. Others may sign up to participate on a space-available basis. Class size is limited.

Where: St. Stephen’s UMC, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA.

What: Participants will earn the American Red Cross **First Aid-CPR-AED** certification. High Adventure crews must have First Aid and CPR certified members, and it is a good idea to have several people certified, including youth members.

Contact: To Register, send the following information to Philip Sternberg

- Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, home and cell phone numbers, BSA unit type and number, and BSA Personal ID number (from membership card).
- Email this information to <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>
- Questions: please use email, but if necessary Phil’s cell phone number is 703-960-0205

Bring: Personal lunch and beverage. We will have a working lunch, and we will have drinks and refreshments available in the morning.

Cost: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) covers the cost of American Red

Red Cross fees and classroom training materials. Checks should be made out to “Boy Scout Troop 1131” with memo line “First Aid Training.” Send checks to Philip Sternberg, P.O. Box 4052, Alexandria, VA 22303. Sign up as soon as possible.



Tufts Study on Positive Character Development in Scouting

Have you heard how Scouting promotes positive character development? Last month, Scouting Wire shared a study that shed light on the effectiveness that Scouting has in fostering positive character development in youth. The results proved exactly what we expected: Scouting is succeeding in its goals and missions.

To read more about this important study — and access a number of resources you can use in your council, including presentation slides and an infographic (both are also attached) — check out our updated Scouting Wire coverage at: scoutingwire.org/resources-to-help-you-prove-the-value-of-scouting

*Daniel C. Hogan, Director of Field Service
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
National Capital Area Council*



American Red Cross

Wilderness and Remote First Aid (WRFA) Certification

When: Start – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, 19 March 2016
End – 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 20 March 2016

Who: BSA High Adventure trip adult leaders and scouts (14+).
Others may sign up on a space-available basis. Class size is limited; all participants must have and bring their current First Aid and CPR certification.

Where: Camp Big Mac, 12647 Moss Hollow Road, Markham, VA. Directions:
Take I-66 West to Exit 18. Turn left onto County Road 688, take tunnel under Interstate, cross Route 55 to Leeds Manor Road. Turn right on Leeds manor Road. Continue about two miles to Moss Hollow Road. Turn right onto Moss Hollow Road (gravel). Pass Camp Moss Hollow and enter Big Mac through gate.

What: Participants will earn the American Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid (When Help is Delayed) certification. BSA High Adventure crews must have at least two certified WFA member, and as with CPR, however, it is a good idea to have several people certified. Please eat breakfast before you arrive. Our first meal is lunch Saturday, we have a cracker barrel Saturday evening, and the last meal is lunch Sunday..

Bring: Camping gear in a backpack. Pack as you would for a high adventure trip. This can be a tent camping event, but there are small cabins available too.

Contact: To Register, send the following information to Philip Sternberg

- Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, home and cell phone numbers, BSA unit type and number, and BSA Personal ID number (on your membership card).
- Email information to <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>
- 703-960-0205 (Phil’s Cell Phone)

Cost: Sixty dollars (\$60.00) covers the cost of American Red Cross fees and classroom training materials, and Camp Big Mac fees. Checks should be made out to “Boy Scout Troop 1131” with memo line “Wilderness First Aid Training.” Send checks to Philip Sternberg, P.O. Box 4052, Alexandria, VA 22303. Sign up as soon as possible.



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Leave No Trace Trainer Course – BSA Outdoor Ethics

What is the purpose of this class? The Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Trainers. Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have *at least* one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer. A Boy Scout must complete this course before he can serve in the Troop Leave No Trace Trainer position.

Who should attend? Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Boy Scouts aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

What will I learn? This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers. Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required.

2015-2016 Program Year Course Offerings

<p>Location: Germantown MD Spring 2016: Apr 8 (5 pm) to Apr 10 (10 am) Cost: \$38, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals <i>are not</i> included.</p> <p>Contact: Paul Schimke at paul@schimke.org or 301-906-0069. Sunday Friendly accommodation may be possible; contact Paul before enrolling.</p>	<p>Location: Northern VA Spring 2016: Apr 8 (indoor) + Apr 16-17 (outdoor) Cost: \$75, non-refundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals <i>are</i> included.</p> <p>Contact: Victor Bieniek at vbieniek@gmail.com or 703-855-8428 (cell)</p>
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Registration for all courses is via the NCAC website
NCAC OE Information: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OutdoorEthics>



Time to Prepare for Order of the Arrow elections.

Please appoint a youth member of your unit as the Troop Order of the Arrow Representative (TOAR). This is an Eagle - eligible leadership position, and we will try to make it substantive. The primary purpose is to provide a channel of communication between the Lodge/Chapter and the Unit. We also encourage the Unit to appoint an Adult member of your Unit as adviser for this position. Election season is quickly approaching and we need to get the Unit Points of Contact established to make that go smoothly.

Please reply to the Chapter with your unit's TOAR name and contact information within the next week or two. patriotchapter@wipit470.org

A position Description for the TOAR is found on the National OA Web site at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/troop-representative>



OA schedule 2015-2016

- November 13 chapter meeting
- November 14 scouting for food Safeway in Burke
- November NLS/NLATS Alpine, NJ
- November 21 Leadership Development (area training)
- December 4 LEC
- December 11 Chapter meeting
- January 2 Lodge banquet
- January 8 Chapter meeting
- February 5 LEC
- February 12 Chapter meeting
- March 11 Chapter meeting
- March NLS/NLATS Alpine, NJ
- April 2 LEC
- April 8 Chapter meeting
- April NLS PA
- April 8-10 Spring fellowship
- May 13 Chapter meeting
- May 20-22 Conclave Goshen
- May Spring ordeal
- June Chapter banquet

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Advancement Corner

For all things advancement please check out www.scouting.org/programupdates

It always has the latest updates and the new information coming. All of the Cub Scout Pack meetings are available from here. You can learn all about the changes coming to Boy Scouts starting Jan. 1, 2016.

New Guide to Advancement for 2016

The BSA Guide to Advancement for 2016 is now available at and will be at the Scout Store later this spring or at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

An on-line searchable version is at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement.aspx> .

The significant changes from the 2013 version are described on pages 7 to 9. Among these are incorporation of the recent changes to the Cub Scout and Venturing Programs. Several changes to the Merit Badge Program are described in Section 7, including encouragement for small-scale approaches to merit badge counseling, management of the merit badge counselor process, and a cultural shift to partial completions being acceptable for merit badge instructional events. Section 8 on Boards of Review provides from video-conferencing when necessary and guidance on Venturing Boards of Review – to include Board membership and the need for NCAC verification of the Summit Award application form prior to the Board. Section 9 on the Eagle Scout Rank emphasizes the need to use the Eagle Scout Rank Application form, clarifies fundraising – to include provision for “crowdfunding,” and added guidelines on disputed circumstances.



Unit Leader Roster

An up to date roster of unit leaders can be found on the Patriot Group Page of the NCAC website. On the main NCAC website, click Districts, then Virginia Central, then Patriot. Then click on the corresponding symbol in the middle of page, eg, Cub Scout. Please keep me informed of any changes.

John Stewart, Vice Chair Membership

The Patriot Press, Patriot District
National Capital Area Council

The Patriot Press is the monthly newsletter of the Patriot District, NCAC, Boy Scouts of America. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the official policies of the National Capital Area Council or the Boy Scouts of America. This newsletter is provided eleven times each year (not in July) and posted <http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotPress>

Deadline for copy inclusion in *The Patriot Press* is the Saturday prior to Roundtable. Using MS Word, articles may be emailed to the editor at joe.osborne@cox.net.

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Unit Rechartering Change

FOR ALL UNIT COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND UNIT LEADERS - ALSO, PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO YOUR UNIT RECHARTERING COORDINATOR

BSA has made a late change in the process for submitting your rechartering package for 2016. The attached addendum to the Charter Renewal Handbook explains the change.

In summary, the change lets you print two different versions of your rechartering report. These are the steps you should follow as you complete online rechartering.

- (1) At the "Submit Roster" stage, before you actually submit, click on the "Review/Print Roster" link, to print a draft of what your rechartering report will show. It will show needed registration forms and missing YPT, both of which can be dealt with before final submission. Registration changes processed by the registrar, and new YPT training taken, can be downloaded into your file using the "Update Unit Roster" link in stage 2 of the on-line rechartering.
- (2) After making final corrections, "Submit to Council." You will get the "Print Charter Renewal Application" screen (image attached).
- (3) Print both the "Charter Renewal Application" and the "Renewal Report E-Z." The "Charter Renewal Application" is the traditional report used in past years. The "Renewal Report E-Z" is an abbreviated version which can be used by the registrar in many cases. Use the traditional "Charter Renewal Application" as a record of the entries you have made in the on-line rechartering process.
- (4) Have both versions signed by your Executive Officer and your Unit Leader, and give both to your Unit Commissioner. If there are no complications in the document, only the E-Z version will be sent to the registrar. Regardless, give a copy of the "Charter Renewal Application" to your Unit Commissioner along with the signed E-Z version in your transmittal envelope to assist the district in reviewing your recharter package.
- (5) Along with the signed documents, submit payment for rechartering fees, any necessary registration forms and proof of Youth Protection Training, and the Annual Charter Agreement, to your Unit Commissioner. Please have all unit recharTERS submitted to the Unit Commissioner by November 8th to allow for final review and processing by BSA. . Also, please try to have your Journey to Excellence scorecard ready to submit with your rechartering package. (Be sure to use the 2015 form, not the 2016.) If it isn't ready at that point, submit it as soon as possible.

A copy of the Annual Charter Agreement should have been included in the envelope your Committee Chair received in the mail. There is also a link to print it on the page shown above.

If you have any questions, contact your Unit Commissioner, or District Commissioner Jae Engelbrecht (jae.engelbrecht@gmail.com), or Assistant District Commissioner Lee Cass (LHCass@cox.net).

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Internet rechartering is posted at: <https://scoutnet.scouting.org/ucrs/UI/home/default.aspx>

Top 10 Issues with Rechartering



Unit Leaders, We are in the opening volleys of the annual Charter Renewal Season. All of you should have received your Charter Renewal package in the mail from National. They were mailed out on 1 Sep 2015. Please contact your Unit Commissioners if you have not received your Charter Renewal package.

Over the past years, the process has been tweaked, and this year is no exception. How-ever, what we can do is communicate to you the top ten issues that were observed last year. So, here is out “Charter Renewal Top Ten List (in no specific order):”

- 1. Issue:** Logging into the system *too* late, many units didn’t log into the computer system until about a week out. **Fix:** Units have the ability to log in, look around, make mistakes, and have the system reset if needed. Encourage unit leaders to go in and “play around” **early**.
- 2. Issue:** Issues with Scoutmaster/Troopmaster databases. **Fix:** Upload your Scout/Troopmaster databases before uploading the ScoutNet rosters; they are likely to get duplicates throughout their roster. This will prove VERY frustrating. Again, once can have the system reset if this happens to them.
- 3. Issue:** Expired or yet to be completed YPT. **Fix:** All units must audit themselves and look into their training records. Think ahead, if anyone is going to expire before the end of the year then they will gum up the system.
- 4. Issue:** Accounting for the cost of registration. **Fix:** Use the front page of the envelope that comes to them in the mail. It has guided equations to use to figure out the cost of their units registration.
- 5. Issue:** Forgetting to actually press submit. **Fix:** After going through the system, some of our units came to the last page and missed the submit button.
- 6. Issue:** APPLICATIONS, submitting re-charter documents with new apps is **NOT** recommended. **Fix:** We highly encourage units to submit their new apps ASAP in order to have their rosters up to date to ensure a smooth operation.
- 7. Issue:** DOUBLE CHECK, before submitting the final paperwork, look it over one last time, make sure that people are assigned the proper positions, the money adds up, all parts are there, any and all new apps are COMPLETE-LY filled out
- 8. Issue:** Not responding to emails or phone calls. **Fix:** Please keep your Unit Commissioners aware of your status in the process. They can help if you have problems.
- 9. Issue:** Failing to meet the November Roundtable deadline. **Fix:** Don’t forget when the turn-in dates are at the Roundtable or Scout Shop.
- 10. Issue:** Holiday schedule pulling people away from duties. **Fix:** This should not be as much of an issue with the turn-in dates earlier.

Please contact your Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, District Commissioner, or the District Executive if you have any questions. The Commissioner Corps is standing by to assist at the upcoming Roundtables if you have any questions.



BSA and the VFW Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships



Background: The **mission** of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; serve our veterans, the military, and our communities; and advocate on behalf of all veterans.

The **vision** of the VFW is to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country. In **achieving the mission and vision**, the VFW is the Chartering Organization to more than 1,000 Packs, Troops and Crews nationwide. Several, annual scholarship awards recognize outstanding youth and adults.

VFW-Sponsored Scholarships

VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program

<http://bsaseabase.org/home/media/relationships/vfwwoodbadgescholarship.aspx>

Through a cooperative effort with the Boy Scouts of America, the VFW national headquarters offers Wood Badge scholarships to assist selected chapter members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities.

The following youth opportunities must be submitted through a local VFW Post: (Use the links to get full details about, obtain an application, and in some cases review previous winning entries.)

Scouts without an existing connection to a local VFW Post through a family member can still submit through one of the local Posts: Post 5412 in Burke, or Post 8469 in Fairfax.

Scout of the Year <http://www.vfw.org/Scout>

High school students who are at least 15 years of age; registered, active members of a Boy Scout troop or Venturing crew; have received either the Eagle Scout Award, the Venturing Silver Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award; and have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting, and the community are invited to apply. Deadline is March 1.

Voice of Democracy <http://www.vfw.org/VOD/>

The premier youth scholarship program of the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. It is open to students in ninth through 12th grades and provides more than \$2.5 million annually in awards and scholarships. Created in 1947, it gives students a chance to extol the virtues of democracy and experiment with the technologies of radio broadcasting. The first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship. Deadline is November 1.

Patriot's Pen <http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/>

The VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest is for students in grades 6-8 and challenges them to reflect on American history and their own experiences based on a patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives \$5,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. Deadline is November 1.

Attitude is a little thing that makes a BIG difference.

~ Winston Churchill (b. November 30, 1874)

LIVE SCOUTING'S ADVENTURE!



- **Register Now (Spots open)!** Go to www.BSAJamboree.org
- **Scouting's PREMIER Adventure experience!** Includes: whitewater rafting, rock climbing, rappelling, zip lines, mountain biking, canopy tours, shooting sports, BMX racing, skateboarding, kayaking and more. You will love the arena shows with 30,000 of your closest friends.
- **When:** The 2017 National Jamboree is July 19 - 28, 2017
- **Where:** Summit Bechtel Reserve, New Hope, West Virginia
- **Requirements:** Your leader's approval and
 - Boy Scouts: First Class** and **at least 12** years of age by July 19, 2017
 - Venturing: At least 14** years of age by July 19, 2017
- **How Much:** \$1250 per Scout or Crew Member. Fees include all food, equipment, as well as the use of a tent, cot, dining shelters, stoves, fuel and cooking. The fee also includes transportation to and from the Summit on motor coach buses. No major additional costs. Just show up with your own camping gear and uniform. Sign up now; deposit of \$200 is due no later than November 31, 2015.
- **More Details at** www.ncacbsa.org/Jamboree