Scouting Civic Service: Scouting for Food 2015

Over forty Patriot District Boy Scout Packs and Troops pulled together for the annual Scouting for Food activity this November. Thousands of bags were distributed door-to-door on a rainy Saturday, November 7th and pickup of filled bags taking place the following Saturday, November 14th…a noticeably cooler day. More than 1300 individuals were involved, including more than 800 Scouts and dozens of non-member youth, as well as more than 290 adult leaders and a significant number of other adult volunteers. Their combined efforts resulted in 30,000 pound donation to the Capital Area Food Bank and local church food pantries for people in need. Over 5,000 bags of food were collected. Troop 1966, Pack 1967 and Pack 1968 netted nearly 1,950 pounds. Troop 1532 and Pack 115 hauled in over 2,000 pounds. Congratulations on a job well done to all who participated to the great success of this Activities & Civic Service event.

Special thanks to Mark Greer for taking care of the troops with hot pizza and good organization. And a big thank you to Kristin Chioma and the Order of the Arrow members who provided the heavy lifting for sorting and loading at Safeway.

Miklos Kiss, SFF Coordinator
From the District Chairman:

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Brrr! The turkey has been eaten, and the posts and pans are washed. Welcome to Winter. With November complete and December here, Christmas is truly just around the corner.

Camping is still on the horizon! Don’t forget the basics for Winter camping! Cold weather camping has a lot of extra requirements to be successful. And don’t miss the opportunity to go to Roundtable and find out more about the SPRING CAMPOREE! Bill Dexter and his team are already working to build a great Camporee for all to enjoy.

A special THANK YOU goes out for last month’s highly successful Scouting for Food. Some 30,000 pounds later, Patriot Units made a big dent in hunger for our area. Please take the time to thank the team that made it go smoothly.

I hope you are all working on Re-registration. We’re well on the way, but there are those that have not gotten all the right paperwork ready. The Commissioners are working hard. Give them your support.

FOS and Endowment! Don’t forget the 4th of Dec Kickoff for 2015 Friends of Scouting at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott. It’s not too late to make a 2014 contribution for Friends of Scouting. Have you made the commitment? 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.

Popcorn!!!!! How’s the popcorn going? I’m looking for lots of prizes for Patriot. The prizes are worth the effort. Last year, the Council gave out thousands of dollars worth of iPads, iPods, and other exciting gifts. 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. 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)

As always, thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your continuing support of the Patriot District’s program.

Yours in Scouting

Jack Campbell, District Chairman
wjcampbell1@verizon.net

“The government should not be guided by Temporary Excitement, but by Sober Second Thought.”

~ Martin Van Buren (b. December 5, 1782)
From the Commissioner

December is a special time of year for many of us. Often it’s a time of reflection and renewal. December and the New Year are an opportunity to think about what we value, why we’re here, and where we are going. Family plays a big part of that thinking.

In Scouting, we reflect on the magical role and opportunity we have to touch and shape a young person. We initially think of the value in terms of our son or daughter and what Scouting can do for them. What a great place to start thinking about the worth in our time and treasure that we contribute and the worth that Scouting brings to the development our youngster.

Yet, consider the value created by the 70,000 adults and youth engaged in Scouting in the National Capital Area Council throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. We could count that worth in tons of food collected for those in need. We could count the fifteen hundred young men who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2015. Or we could count it in terms of financial resources collected to deliver quality programs to all those youth.

Consider the value Scouting programs like those in NCAC create across the country. Collectively, we are growing the future leaders of America. Together we build citizenship, character and fitness – values that will shape the lives of the young men and women who will lead America. No matter how the future world will change, they will lead others to adapt and succeed because people like you explained and demonstrated to them how, let them discover that they could, and reinforced their confidence to lead others to adapt and succeed.

What an awesome legacy your contributions are creating!

Our trail may seem challenging. Leading in a non-profit, volunteer organization, while balancing everything else, is no mean feat. The worth is “priceless!”

Jae Engelbrecht, Patriot District Commissioner
703-503-5123, jae.engelbrecht@gmail.com

I am here by the will of the Great Spirit, and by his will I am chief.

~Chief Sitting Bull (d. 15 December 1890)
Fairfax County JDRDC Partner Award

Patriot District scouters won the Fairfax County Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court (JDRDC) Partner Award, one of four awards given by the court. The Partner Award honors valuable partnerships between the JDRDC and its neighbors. Bob Bermingham, director of court services, presented the award to the Boy Scouts of America for the work Patriot District scouters do with Troop 260 and Crew 62. Troop 260’s Mark Monroe, Tom Wells, David Taylor, and Rick Priest were named for work with the Boys Probation House. Crew 62’s Robert Klempke, Fred Buoni, and John Nuttmann were named for work on the Transition Learning Program. All named scouters received a plaque in recognition of their efforts. Congratulations and well done!

Patriot District Leader Rosters

In an effort to provide an updated contact roster of unit leaders for us to coordinate with each other, as well as for parents of potential Cubs, Scouts, Venture, Explorer, and Varsity members to consult for unit visits we need to update the roster currently posted on the NCAC website:

http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=114016&id=260146

Please provide your unit's updates to John Stewart (District Vice Chair for Membership) as soon as you with known changes, and as changes occur in the future.

Current Pack Cubmasters, Troop Scoutmasters, Venture Crew Leaders, Explorer Post Advisors, Varsity Coaches, and Committee Chairman changes.

Unit, Position, Name, phone, and email are the desired contact data for all updates.

Also, don't forget that although we have Fall and Spring Join Scouting Nights (JSNs), recruiting is a year round possibility.

That are a number of community events in the area that can benefit from Scouting representation, if you know of an event that isn't likely to have any kind of Scouting participation please feel free to send John Stewart a line about the name of the event and date(s) so we can make something happen.

Thanks for all you do for the next generation of leaders every week!

Yours in Scouting,

John R. Stewart, john.r.stewart.mil@mail.mil
Friends of Scouting

It’s time once again for the annual Friends of Scouting campaign. This campaign consists of three elements, Family, Scouter, and Community. The Family Friends of Scouting campaign provides an opportunity for all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venture units, and the families that make up those units, to give back to scouting and help support our National Capital Area Council (NCAC) and its many activities.

While popcorn, mulch, and holiday green sales support our individual Patriot District units, and the modest dues we pay each year support the national BSA organization, the funds raised by Friends of Scouting help meet a comprehensive range of NCAC expenses. FOS resources help support Goshen Scout Camp and Camp Snyder facilities and maintenance, summer camp staff, Cub Scout Day Camp, equipment purchases for a wide range of Scouting activities, camperships for Scouts with limited means, training scholarships, volunteer training for thousands of volunteers within NCAC, program calendar development, the Boys Life magazine subsidy, and development and maintenance of the Council website. FOS resources also help to cover various administrative costs, including general liability and accident insurance to protect youth, adult volunteers, staff, and property. Each year, our Council spends about $200 per scout to provide these services, and contributing to the annual Friends of Scouting campaign is how we all can help meet that cost.

The primary means by which we reach all of the district’s families is through an annual presentation, normally given in the January – April timeframe. It is also important that each unit continue to follow-up with its families after the presentation. We have already contacted many of you and are now in the process of reaching out to remaining units in the Patriot District to schedule a presentation. Unit leaders or their designated representative are urged to contact our FOS coordinators to schedule their FOS 2016 presentation. For Packs, please contact Mr. Floyd Baker (703-425-9535, vabaker5@verizon.net); for Troops, please contact Mr. Bill Snowden (703-440-0317, bsnowden419@gmail.com).

Our goal is to reach 100% of the families in the Patriot District and to meet our financial goals in support of the Council. Your support is essential to reaching that goal. Please arrange for your FOS 2016 campaign presentation by contacting Floyd or Bill.

Todd L. Sweet, Patriot District Vice Chair for Finance
todd.l.sweet@gmail.com

Save the Date: Memorial Day Weekend 2017
Goshen 50th Anniversary Council Camporee!
The Patriot Press

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Patriot District Events

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

December 2015
8  Commissioner/Committee joint mtg.
10  Roundtable
11  OA Chapter Meeting
11  Final popcorn payments/prize orders/scholarship forms due
15  Commissioner/Committee joint mtg.
19  Chartered Organization Representative training, 8 AM, LDS, 4911 Ox Road, Fairfax

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

February 2016
9  Commissioner Meeting
11  Roundtable
12  OA Chapter Meeting
15  Presidents’ Day
23  PD Committee Meeting
27  University of Scouting
28  Patriot Press Deadline – March

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

"Life does not consist in thinking, it consists in acting"

~ Woodrow Wilson (b. December 28, 1856)
2016 Boy Scout Requirements:

Child Abuse Protection & Cyber Chip at Scout and Star Ranks

While working on the Star rank under the new 2016 Boy Scout rank requirements, youth are asked to repeat Scout requirement 6: “With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide and earn the Cyber Chip Award for your grade.” When completing Scout requirement 6, most Scouts were probably in the latter half of fifth grade. The situations that a boy might face will likely have changed significantly since the time that he joined and, given the pace of technological change, the cyber world of a rising Star Scout is likely to be a lot different than what he experienced as a new Scout. While working on Star requirements 18-24 months later, he will be in intermediate or middle school, if not beyond, dealing with more complex issues in his life and using digital technology on a more regular basis.

This is a good time for the Scout to have some additional parent-son conversations with on youth protection topics, as well as complete the Cyber Chip requirements for grades 6-8 (or 9-12). Consider that the “Cyber Chip” program is likely to change faster than Boy Scout Handbook. It is anticipated that these requirements will be updated to stay current with changes that occur in cyber apps and smart phone capabilities.

National Jamboree

Now is the time to sign up to participate in the 2017 Jamboree. The council is looking for adults and youth to serve as staff. The slots for a youth to go as participant are open too.

http://www.ncacbssa.org/?page=2017Jamboree

Advancement

Are you getting ready for the updates to the Boy Scout program starting January 1, 2016? The requirements are online and the new books are due in stores sometime at the beginning of the year. Date of arrival in stores is not known right now. If you have questions or concerns contact Kristín Chioma at chioma@msn.com
CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE!

All Cub Scout Leaders, Come on Out and Join us for Fun, Fellowship and to Pick-Up some new ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!

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.

January Point of Scout Law: Trustworthy / Theme: The Great Race

Special for December: Join us for Cookies, Milk and Punch!!

When: Thursday, December 10, 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
bbehlke@hotmail.com, 662-812-3496

Boy Scout Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, December 10th, 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: Merit Badge Resources, New 2016 Requirements, Unit Fundraising, Programming MB

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

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

Just a reminder that there will not be a Venturing round table this month.

Order of the Arrow

Don’t miss the end of the year meeting on December 11th, 2015 at Church of the Good Shepherd. We will meet at 6:30 in the back in the preschool area.

Now is the time to pay dues for next year and to register for the Annual Lodge Banquet on January 2nd, 2016. http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA

The time is also running out to earn the 100 year Arrowman Service Award. Please send your completed forms to patriotchapter@wipit470.org

Thank you everyone for your help with Scouting for Food. It was a great success due to your cheerful service.

OA schedule 2015-2016

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
Chartered Organization Representative Training

Chartered Organization Representatives (CORs) and other fellow Scouters -

Have you ever pondered on what makes a really great Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, Crew/Ship Advisor, Cub Master, and/or Den Leader successful and exceptional?

While these leaders selflessly, tirelessly, and continuously sacrifice so much of themselves, their time, their talents, their resources, etc. to training, leading, developing, serving, and working with the Scouts/Explorers through a high quality program, they don’t try to do it alone. There is simply too much to do.

The Boy Scouts of America provides the tools, methods, training, and support needed to make every Scout Leader exceptional - but it starts with you!!

As the Chartered Organization Representative, you are the lead Scout Leader for your organization and your units. You define the Vision, Mission, and Goals for what your Scouting Program - through your units - delivers to the youth. Your Attitude about these objectives and the program permeate, infiltrate, and infuse to all levels setting the attitude of your Scouting Program. Can you exude the positive and constructive Attitude without knowing who you are? What you agreed to do? What your responsibilities entail? Who and what resources are available to you? Where you find them? And, of course, who is there to help you?

To learn more about your role as a Chartered Organization Representative, please participate in the upcoming training program:

Saturday, December 19, 2015 from 8:00 to 10:00 AM at the LDS OX Road Building, 4911 Ox Road, Fairfax VA

Cost $0.00
Attire: Uniform, if have, otherwise casual wear
RSVP to rhcohn0@gmail.com and show up at 7:45 AM)
Please note that smoking, alcohol, coffee, and tea are prohibited on LDS Facilities

Robert H. Cohn, PhD
Patriot District Training Chair

Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course

12/16/2015 7-8 PM at Little River Elementary, Chantilly, VA

This course is offered for Cub Scout Leaders and Adult Boy Scout Leaders who want to conduct outdoor ethics activities for their unit. This session will be taught by a Leave No Trace Master Educator and TREAD Lightly! Trainer. The course will cover:

- The need for Outdoor Ethics within the BSA program
- Overview of the Outdoor Ethics program within NCAC
- The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace
- Highlights of TREAD Lightly!
- The Land Ethic

Advanced registration is required. Online registration is available until: 12/16/2015. A donation of $1 is requested to cover the cost of the materials that will be provided.

http://www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=708285
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.

All good ideas start out as bad ideas, that why it takes so long

~Steven Spielberg, Eagle Scout (b. December 18, 1946)
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 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.

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 space-available. 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.

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 as for First Aid above

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.
Winter Merit Badge Program

What: The Troop 1131 Winter Merit Badge Program offers scouts the opportunity to earn up to two merit badges. There are two sessions with classes that meet for 45-60 minutes over a period of up to five-weeks (schedule below). A limited number of spaces are open to scouts from other units to participate. To see if a space is available contact Mr. Patrick Binning, our merit badge program coordinator (see below).

When: Session #1: Dec 2, Dec 9, Dec 17, Jan 6, Jan 13
Merit Badges: Law, Nuclear Science, Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Nation, and Family Life

Session #2: Jan 20, Jan 27, Feb 3, Feb 10, Feb 17
Merit Badges: Citizenship in the Community, Communications, Collections, Crime Prevention, Oceanography

Where: St. Stephen’s UMC, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA
Classes Start at 7:30 pm

Who: First Class Scouts and above

Bring: Merit Badge Blue Card signed by Unit Leader, Wear Class A uniform, Merit Badge Workbook and Pamphlet (optional), Pen and/or Pencils.

Cost: The cost for Scouts from other units is $15.00 for one merit badge, $30.00 for two merit badges.

Register: Email Mr. Patrick Binning, patrick.binning@gmail.com
Include the following information: Scout’s Name, Rank, Age, Troop, Scout’s preferred email address and phone number, Parent’s preferred email address and phone number.

STAR WARS Days!!

December 12th and 13th Pilot your speeders and X-wing fighters to Freedom High School, Woodbridge for a fun day for the whole family!

Troop 501 in Woodbridge (Occoquan District) is inviting all area Scouts and their families to a Star Wars-themed family event. In addition to STEM-focused Cub Scout achievement classes and Boy Scout merit badge workshops, this event will include fun activities with artists, vendors, costume contests, baking contests, children’s crafts, and even a Jedi lightsaber training academy!

For lots more information, go to www.starwarsdays.com
Tread Lightly! Seeking Outdoor Conservation, Eagle, Hornaday Projects to Fund

The national nonprofit organization Tread Lightly! has launched an initiative funding 25 Restoration for Recreation™ projects to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Scouts seeking funding for conservation, Eagle, or Hornaday projects are encouraged to apply.

Priority will be given to projects on public lands or waters that protect hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, and motorized vehicle access—including, but not limited to, a public lands clean-up, restoration or maintenance of an OHV trail or staging area, posting of educational signage, outdoor recreation stewardship events, and maintenance of recreation infrastructure.

Maximum funding award is $2,000. Deadline is December 1.

The grant application and more details can be found at: [http://tinyurl.com/scout-25-for-25](http://tinyurl.com/scout-25-for-25)
National Capital Area Council Islamic Committee on Scouting (NCACICS) Presents a Workshop for the Cub Scout Islamic Religious Emblem: The Bismillah Medal

What: The workshop will cover all activities prescribed by the National Islamic Committee on Scouting as requirement for the emblem, except for the regular attendance of the mosque and prayer service, which is the individual responsibility of the Scout’s family.

Participants will receive a certificate that states that the Scout has completed the requirements for the Bismillah Medal; they will NOT receive the medal at the workshop. It is the responsibility of the parents to submit the certificate with the required dollar amount to order the medal from the National Islamic Committee on Scouting. Detailed information is available on the Downloadable pamphlet available from http://www.muslimscouting.org/religious-emblems.

When: Saturday, December 19, 2015 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Dar Alnoor Islamic Community Center, 5405 Hoadly Road, Manassas, Va 20122

Who: Any Bear, Webelos, or AOL Cub Scout who is a registered scout and practicing the Muslim faith. Cub Scouts can be from within or outside the NCAC.

Cost: The cost for the workshop is $7, payable online (http://namas.eventbrite.com) when you register for the workshop.

Why: Muslims start any task by saying “In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful.” Hence, as Cub Scouting is the beginning program of the BSA, when a boy learns something in this field, he should be awarded the “Bismillah Emblem” first. In earning this emblem, boys will learn all the basic facts they should know about Islam.

For any questions, please contact the National Capital Area Council Islamic Committee on Scouting (NCACICS) at ncacics@muslimscouting.org. To register for this event or other events, please visit http://namas.eventbrite.com.

The NCACICS is an affiliate of the National Association of Muslim Americans on Scouting (NAMAS). The aims and purposes of NAMAS is to promote Scouting for both boys and girls among Muslims in the United States and internationally. NAMAS aims to enable Muslim communities in the U.S. establish and maintain Scouting units and facilitate the membership in Scouting among Muslim-American youth wherever they might be. For more information about NAMAS and to sign-up for our newsletter, please visit http://www.muslimscouting.org.

I see a time of Seven Generations when all the colors of mankind will gather under the Sacred Tree of Life and the whole Earth will become one circle again.

~ Crazy Horse (b. December 4, 1840)
WINTER NYLT
16 - 18 January 2016
and
13 - 15 February 2016
(both weekends must be attended)
(The cost for the Course will be $250)
https://scoutingevent.com/?NCACNYLT

What is NYLT?
NYLT is the National Capital Area Council’s presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their scouting program and in LIFE. NYLT brings together scouts from all over the Council to learn and practice the leadership techniques in a risk free, scout friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

The course is presented primarily using a Boy Scout model as the vehicle which allows all attendees to see how leadership skills fit into the scouting program. These Leadership skills are applicable to all scouting programs.

Why Have NYLT?
While it remains the responsibility of the unit leaders to train the youth leaders, this course is designed to supplement the adult leaders’ role in the training process. NYLT skills build on the fundamental leadership skills presented in the unit basic leadership training in their home unit. This training conference has six specific objectives:

- To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their unit.
- To give participants the most contemporary, successful, and useful leadership tools available and allow them to “experiment” with them to help them better relate these skills to their unit responsibilities.
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other scouting programs.
- To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at its best.
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and their adult leaders.
- To have fun!

Remember, "Scouting is a game with a purpose." — Baden-Powell

2016 Course Dates
(All courses will be held at the American Legion Youth Camp at 9201 Surratts Road, Cheltenham, MD)
http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=118944&id=249876
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.