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Patriot District Pinewood Derby

It's Cub Scout Pinewood Derby season again, and most Cub Scout Packs in the Patriot District have once again been busy preparing their cars, holding their individual racing and show events, and getting ready for the annual District Pinewood Derby. The District extravaganza for 2016 will be held on Saturday, **March 5**, at Living Savior Lutheran Church located at 5500 Ox Rd (Route 123) in Fairfax Station.

Each Pack in the Patriot District is invited to register one Cub Scout in each of five rank categories, and in one of two event categories, that will enable their participation in either the Speed or Show competitions. Thus, up to 10 Cub Scouts per pack are invited and permitted to participate. The District Pinewood Derby is not an open event and all participants must be pre-registered by their Pack Committee. The registration fee for each participating Cub Scout is \$10.00. A document containing the rules for 2016 and providing much additional information has recently been distributed to Pack leaders. The rules for 2016 are essentially unchanged from last year. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Griffiths, District Pinewood Derby chair, at (571) 424-0022, PinewoodDerby.Pack1101@gmail.com. Information regarding this event can also be found on the Patriot District website: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/Patriot/PinewoodDerby>

Registration and competition times for each of the six Cub Scout (Rank/Den) categories are given in the table below. All participating Cub Scouts should plan to arrive early enough to get registered within the period specified for their rank. Registration lines will close promptly at the time indicated in order to help ensure that the overall competition schedule for the day can be maintained.

| Rank/Den | Registration | Speed/Show Competition |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| ** Setup ** | 8:00am to 9:30am | n/a |
| Tigers | 9:00 am to 9:50 am | 10:00 am to 10:30 am |
| Bears | 10:00 am to 10:50 am | 11:00 am to 11:30 am |
| Wolves | 11:00 am to 11:50 am | 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm |
| Webelos | 12:00 pm to 12:50 pm | 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm |
| Arrow of Light | 1:00 pm to 1:50 pm | 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm |
| ** Clean-up / Wrap ** | 3:00 pm until Finished | n/a |

Andy Chaves (Pack 1101) and Joe Margraf (Troop 1346) will again be serving as Masters of Ceremony for this year's event. We look forward to good sportsmanship and a fun time for all participating Scouts, their families and friends.





From the District Chairman:

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Happy New Year! And, okay, now it's finally COLD!!! Brrr! Winter is upon us, and in some 90 days, we'll have a lot of warm weather, a Spring Camporee, and plans for Summer Camp and High Adventure!

Please come to our January Roundtable to learn about Friends of (FOS) Scouting for 2016 and get an update on the SPRING CAMPOREE! Talk to our Camping King, Bill Dexter to answer any questions you might have. There are already a number of Scouters working together to build a great Camporee for all to enjoy.

FOS and Endowment! We are just kicking off the 2016 Friends of Scouting campaign. If you have ideas on how to better reach those that support Scouting – or want to support Scouting, please contact Steve Smith, our new Vice Chair for Finance (smithfamilyzoo@cox.net). Be sure to schedule the Friends of Scouting presentation for your Pack or Troop to coincide with a Family-friendly event. Have you made the commitment? If you need help, reach out to any one of the Committee members for assistance. Call your friends, too. If you are looking at long-term gifts to Scouting, talk to Bill Dexter about Legacy gifts.

Prepare for advancement and Troop Courts of Honor! Let us know when you have had a Court of Honor so we can publish advancement results in the Patriot Press.

Share Scouting! Please share this Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter or Scout Family this month. Then send their name(s) and e-mail address(es) to our new Vice Chair for Communications, Robert Mason (robert.l.mason@gmail.com) so they will be permanently on the distribution list. If you know Scouters in the District who is not getting Patriot Press, please send Robert their names and e-mail addresses.

Welcome to the New Year, and as always, thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement.

Yours in Scouting

Jack Campbell, District Chairman
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When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on.

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt (b. January 30, 1882)



Friends of Scouting

Family Friends of Scouting

It's time once again for the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. This campaign consists of three elements, Family, Scouter, and Community. The Family Friends of Scouting campaign provides an opportunity for units, and the families that make up those units, to give back to scouting and help support our local council and its many activities. Our District FOS goals for 2016 are: Family/Community \$70,000 and Special Events (Patriot District Golf Tournament) \$5,000.

While popcorn, mulch, and holiday green sales support our local units, and the dues we pay support the national organization, the money raised by Friends of Scouting helps pay for, among other things, the facilities and professional staffs of the National Capital Area Council, including those at camps Goshen and Snyder, training for adult leaders, and "camperships" for scouts with limited means. The council spends almost \$200 per scout to provide these services, and the 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 and very helpful to have each unit continue to follow-up with its families after the presentation to help ensure that everyone has a chance to contribute toward meeting our Patriot District Family goal. We are now in the process of contacting the leaders of every unit in the district to schedule this year's FOs presentation, but we encourage you to be proactive in that regard. For units that have not yet had or scheduled an FOS presentation, please contact Mr. Floyd Baker for Pack presentations at 703-425-9535, vabaker5@verizon.net; or Dr. Bill Snowden for Troop presentations at 703-623-4369, bsnowden419@gmail.com. For Troop presentations, the preferred venue is a Troop Court of Honor.

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. You can also request a presentation through the Patriot District website using this link: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot/fos/>.

Todd L. Sweet, Patriot District Vice Chair for Finance
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Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot/events/>

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 UMC)
- 26 PD Committee Meeting
- 31 Patriot Press Deadline – February

February 2016

- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 23 PD Committee Meeting
- 27 University of Scouting
- 28 Patriot Press Deadline – March

March 2016

- 5 Life-to-Eagle Seminar
- 5 District Pinewood Derby
- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner College
- 18-20 Wilderness & Remote First Aid (Big Mac)
- 19 BPCOLS (classroom)
- 22 PD Committee Meeting
- 27 Patriot Press Deadline – April

Legend

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



The time is always right to do what is right

~ Martin Luther King (b. January 15, 1929)

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE!

ROUNDTABLE FOR FUN AND KNOW-HOW

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

When: Thursday, January 14, 2016

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, January 14th, 2016

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

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

Topics: Youth Training, High Adventure Prep, Friends of Scouting, Programming MB

*Randy Witter, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner
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Steve Polchek – 703-978-1309, sapolchek@verizon.net



Venturing Round Table



Order of the Arrow

OA schedule 2015-2016

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|-------------|------------------------|
| 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 |



Save the Date: Memorial Day Weekend 2017

Goshen 50th Anniversary Council Camporee!





New 2016 Boy Scout Rank Requirements

Happy New Year! In case you haven't heard, BSA published new Boy Scout rank requirements for 2016. We covered the new requirements at the December Boy Scout Roundtable and will cover the highlights here again for the membership at large.

The good news is there is a transition plan for the orderly progression to the new requirements.

In 2016, all new Scouts (those who didn't earn Scout Badge by the end of last year) must use the new requirements. Scouts working on TF through First Class MAY continue to work on the existing requirements, but MUST convert to the new requirements upon completing First Class. Scouts working on Star through Eagle MAY complete the rank they are currently working on with the existing requirements, but MUST convert to the new requirements for subsequent ranks/palms. For the higher ranks, the changes are not as significant as those for Scout to First Class.

In 2017, all Scouts MUST use the new requirements regardless of rank. So there is certainly an incentive for your younger scouts to complete First Class by the end of the year. Here is a link with the official transition plan http://www.scouting.org/filestore/program_update/pdf/Transitioning_New_Requirements_2016.pdf

Will I need to buy a new book? Not necessarily, particularly for Star to Eagle Palms. You may want to consider a new book if you are working on Scout to First Class requirements using the new requirements, but that won't be necessary until 2017. BSA has provided inserts that you can add to your existing book. http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/524-012_BS_Requirements_Insert.pdf. Obviously new scouts should buy the new books.

Here is the December Boy Scout Roundtable slide deck you can use to update your boy scouts, scouters, and parents on the new 2016 Boy Scout Rank Requirements <http://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot/?p=22>.

If you want to acquaint yourself to all the changes (and you should), here is a document that compares the new to the old requirements http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements_8.14.2015.pdf

Finally, BSA published a nice set of Frequently Asked Questions for your ready reference <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutrequirementsFAQs.pdf>

As suggested in the slide deck, you may want to consider changes to your program to facilitate the transition. Let us know if you have any questions.

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If you don't plan it, it won't happen!



<http://usscouts.org/advance/boyscout/bsranks.asp>



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.

Registration is now available. You will not want to miss this training event. Save the date now. Last year more than 950 scouters attended the University of Scouting. Spread the word and sign up fast, classes fill up quickly. NCAC is expecting a huge turn out this year, so don't miss your chance. Please go to www.ncacbsa.org/uos to register.



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 NCAC.CommCollege.Dean@gmail.com.

What is serving God? Tis doing Good to Man.

~ Benjamin Franklin (b. January 17, 1706)

American Red Cross

First Aid-CPR-AED Certification Class



Boy Scout Troop 1131
Burke, Virginia
Scouting since 1970

- 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 drinks and refreshments will be 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

Check Out NCAC's New Website!

On January 5th, 2016, the National Capital Area Council moved to a new web site content engine. We believe the new design will make it easier for you to find information and easier for us to make that information available. In addition to the new web site, the event registration engine has also changed. You will find the calendar and registering for events has been streamlined. We are currently in progress of populating information on the website and calendar. If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, or praises, feel free to send them to PatriotDistrictWebmaster@muslimscouting.org. We welcome you to check out the new site at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/Patriot/>.

We also welcome you to follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict>. If you have any good news stories or photos that you want to contribute, please feel free to contribute it to our District Facebook Page.

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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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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.ncacbsa.org/Jamboree>.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER



It is never too early for RECRUITING!

Start your planning for your Spring Join Scouting Night (JSN) now.

On a side note, as you get the APPLICATIONS for new Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Venturers, Varsity Scouts, and new Adults in to your Commissioners as soon as you get them to expedite their processing. Don't forget that all units should be checking periodically ONLINE to see if they have any new electronic applications in their inbox awaiting their unit acceptance.

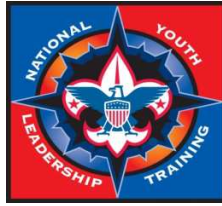
Each opportunity you can let your unit show the COMMUNITY at local events that Scouting is fun, uses STEM, is the Outdoors, promotes citizenship and character development and does Good Turns for others.

John R. Stewart PD Membership Vice Chair



Be a

Help someone start up the Scouting Trail.



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 across 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

19 - 24 June 2016 10 - 15 July 2016 31 July - 5 August 2016

(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