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FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Important Message for all Committee Chairs and Unit Leaders

It's time to schedule your presentation for the 2017 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign. Please contact the District Vice-Chair for Finance, Mark Greer, to schedule your Family FOS presentation. Ideal times are Courts of Honor and Blue & Gold Banquets. We need a date, time, and POC for every unit in the District.

The annual FOS campaign has several components: Family, Scouter, and Community, and it is absolutely critical to the financial health of the National Capital Area Council (NCAC). It helps to pay for much needed upgrades to Goshen Scout reservation (over \$300,000 in recent years), was a big part of paying for the \$6 million needed to modernize the Lake Merriweather Dam at Goshen, pays for training costs not covered by units/participants, and helps pay the salaries of our dedicated, professional Scouters and staff, to name just a few.

If you are new to Scouting, (or you simply haven't understood why we have this additional fund raising activity each year) you may wonder why it's really necessary. Let me assure you that each Scout's dues only pay a small part of the nearly \$200 annual program cost per Scout. When we look at the benefit of Scouting (the value proposition), it is tremendous. A recent Harris Study found that 83 percent of adults who were Scouts say that the values they learned in Scouting continue to be very important to them today. And when we see the return on investment among Scouting alumni, it's even more impressive: 89% of senior class presidents, 71% of football team captains, 70% of Annapolis Graduates, 72% of Rhodes Scholars, and 26 of the first 29 Astronauts were all Scouts.

So please take this opportunity to sit down at a computer right now and send an email to Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net to schedule your presentation.

*Mark Greer, Patriot Vice-Chair, Finance
mfgreer@verizon.net, 703-300-4876*





From the District Chairman:

Happy New Year!

Jack Campbell, thank you for your service to the District! I inherit a district that is in great shape thanks to you. I hope to live up to the high standards that have been set by Jack and his predecessors.

With the New Year comes the Friends of Scouting Campaign. Soon all units will be contacted to schedule a Friends of Scouting presentation. This is a very important part of what we do each year as a district. We all know how important Scouting is and all the great things it does for our Scouts. But please keep in mind that the Boy Scouts of America is a non-profit organization that cannot continue to provide the wonderful services and activities it does without the generosity of all of us. If you gave last year, thank you. If you did not, please consider giving what you can this year.

One of the issues I plan to have front and center is Patriot District communications... I will start with this edition of the Patriot Press. If you are a member of your unit's Key Three, are you forwarding the Patriot Press to your families? **If not, please do!** This newsletter is full of great information and is published each month with the goal of getting the widest readership possible. Let's all work together to help to make that happen.

I am excited about taking over as the District Chairman. I have been a Scouter in the area for a long time and am proud to be a member of the Patriot District. I look forward to keeping the District the best district in the National Capital Area Council.

Steve Smith, Patriot District Chairman



We must remember that next to active military service itself, there is no higher opportunity for serving our country than helping youth to carry on in their efforts to make themselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight, and prepared to help their country to the full in time of war, as well as in time of peace.

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

President Roosevelt was the first to enter the White House with a record as an active Scout leader. He was president of the Greater New York Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1934, hundreds of thousands of Scouts assembled to hear President Roosevelt's broadcast appealing for help for the needy. They responded by collecting nearly two million articles of clothing, household furnishings, and other items for disadvantaged families. When FDR died in 1945, he had a 24-year record of service in Scouting.

<http://www.scouting.org/RTN/History/FRoosevelt.aspx>



From the Assistant District Commissioner

Happy New Year to all of Patriot District's scout units. We begin 2017 with a new District Commissioner, Dave Astle. Dave is known to many of our units already as an assistant district commissioner, and particularly to the troops as Merit Badge Dean and a member of the district Eagle board. However, as this is published, he is at Florida Sea Base for a commissioners training conference, so you're getting a substitute report.

The rechartering cycle for 2017 is nearing completion, much to the relief of your commissioners as well as our units. We want to thank those units that helped us by submitting their recharter applications in early November for submission to BSA before December, ahead of the rush. Most of the recharter packages have been processed by the registrar at BSA, and the final step will be the posting of the changes to your unit's roster in *my.Scouting Member Manager*. Watch for that, make sure that the list of members shown matches your submission, and let your unit commissioner know of errors or omissions.

We're working with our district Vice-Chair for membership to have an ongoing effort of recruiting new scouts this year. As we get new cubs/scouts this year, please don't hold their membership applications. When a scout fills out an application, give it to your unit commissioner so we can get them registered in your unit. This holds especially true for our February moves of Webelos to Scouts.

We also want to congratulate the units in Patriot District for their 2016 Journey to Excellence achievement. As of this writing, 53 of our units have earned JTE recognition, including 46 Gold, 2 Silver, and 5 Bronze. This is testimony to your attention to the key elements of scouting, including activities, advancement, membership and leadership development.

Finally, a warm welcome to our new district chairman, previously Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner, and most recently district Vice-Chair for finance. We look forward to working with him in the coming year(s).

Lee Cass
Assistant District Commissioner



"My friends and children, Chiefs of the Osages, Missouris, Kanzas, Ottos, Panis, Ayowas, and Sioux. I take you by the hand of friendship and give you a hearty welcome to the seat of the govmt. of the U.S

~ Thomas Jefferson addresses the St Louis Indian delegation on January 4, 1806



Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

January 2017

- 7 OA Lodge Banquet
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14-16 NYLT
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr, Day
- 21 First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Class
at St. Stephen's UMC
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 29 Patriot Press Deadline – February

February 2017

- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 18 University of Scouting
- 18-20 NYLT
- 26 Patriot Press Deadline – March
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

March 2017

- 4 District Pinewood Derby
- 4 Life-to-Eagle Seminar
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Commissioner College
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 18 BCOLS (classroom)
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

Legend			
BCOLS	Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills	OA	Order of the Arrow
CPST	Cubmaster Position-Specific Training	SPST	Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
IOLS	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST	Venture Advisor Position-Specific Trng
JSN	Join Scouting Night	VCPST	Varsity Coach Position-Specific Trng
NLE	New Leader Essentials	VOA	Venturing Officers Association

We must keep our moral and spiritual progress abreast with our scientific and technological advances.

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

CUB SCOUT ROUNTABLE!



**All Cub Scout Leaders, Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship
and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!**

The Purpose of the Roundtable:

To provide the skill to do – skills, techniques, information, program ideas – and
the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

To provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm,
inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

When: Thursday, January 12, 2017

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

Midway: 7:30 – 8 PM

Roundtable: 8 – 9 PM

*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 12, 2017

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

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

Topics: Friends of Scouting, Woodbadge, Preparing for High Adventure

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

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



2017 Wood Badge Courses

Wood Badge is an advanced Scout leader training course that was established in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first director. The course came to America in 1948, and it has been frequently updated over the years to reflect current BSA policies and programs. Incorporating the best techniques available, Wood Badge has become the most advanced leadership training course in Scouting!

Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training. The course provides participants with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas, including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing, as well as at District and Council level. The first half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. Participants learn what makes leadership work in Scouting and their personal life. The second half offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help participants learn the application of leadership skills. Finally, each course participant writes and completes a "Ticket" that consists of five written goals. These goals connect new leadership knowledge to each individual's role in Scouting.

All Scouters who have attended basic training for their registered position and serve in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

The course dates for 2017 are:

Spring 2017: April 28 – 30 and June 2-4

Fall 2017: September 8 – 10 and October 7-9

To register or find out more information, you can visit the NCAC Wood Badge page at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>



OA

OA Chapter meetings are now being held at the same place as Roundtable. They will begin at 7 PM at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church on Braddock Rd. Combining with Roundtable should help the TOARs get information to their Troop leadership.



*Our new Constitution is now established, everything seems to promise it will be durable;
but, in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes.*

~ Benjamin Franklin (b. January 17, 1706)



2016 Cub Scout Program Updates

Scoutbook has been updated to support the new 2016 Cub Scout program changes announced November 30, 2016. For those adventures with requirement changes, leaders will see buttons to select between the 2015 and 2016 versions for each Scout. No selection buttons will be displayed for completed adventures or those without changes. For Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light, an additional 2016 rank version button has been added.

For Tigers and Wolf, the 2015 rank button has been relabeled 2015-16.

For Bears, if the leader wishes to use Baloo the Builder for the required adventure, the 2016 version of the Bear rank must be selected.

Any adventures which have not been started (or viewed) have been automatically switched to the 2016 version. This follows the program update that requires any adventure that has not been started to use the new, 2016 version.

Mapping 2015 Adventure Requirements to 2016 The team worked hard to make it almost seamless to switch from the 2015 version to 2016 requirements.

If an in-progress adventure is switched from the 2015 to 2016 version, any completed requirements will be marked completed or approved if the 2016 version's requirement is completely covered by the 2015 version. There are cases where multiple 2015 requirements map to a single 2016 requirement. In this case, the 2016 requirement will only be marked complete if all applicable 2015 requirements are complete. In other cases, multiple 2015 requirements map to a single 2016 requirement. In these instances, the 2016 requirement will be marked complete if one or more 2015 requirement is complete.

New Scouts and those moving up in rank will have the new rank and all adventures set to the 2016 version.

Quick Entry Updated with 2016 version of Adventures Radio buttons for the 2015 and 2016 versions have been added to Quick Entry. Scouts not on the selected version will be grayed out and not selectable.

New Requirement Checkboxes to Make Tracking Easier For the 2016 version of Bear adventure Baloo the Builder, requirement 3 "Assemble your materials and build one useful project and one fun project using wood." has been split so completion of the useful project and the fun project can be recorded separately.

For the 2016 version of Arrow of Light adventure Scouting Adventure, you will be able to separately record when a Scout has visited a Boy Scout Troop meeting.

We thank you for your patience and hope you enjoy these new features!



Patriot Distinguished Scouter Award

Nominations for the Patriot Distinguished Scouter Award are due February 15th. This award is meant to honor a Scouter in your unit or serving at the District level who goes above and beyond their actual Scouting job. Please send a ½ page write about what the person has done to deserve this award.

Submit to chioma@msn.com by February 15th.

Questions, contact Kristin Chioma, chioma@msn.com

*Kristin Chioma, chioma@msn.com
Patriot Awards and recognitions chair*



Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Adult Volunteer Scout Leaders

**Saturday, January 28th from 8am-5pm
Holy Spirit School (corner of Braddock and Woodland Way)**

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW – BEFORE, NOT AFTER, A CRISIS

As we are all painfully aware, mental health issues including depression, feelings of helplessness and loneliness, being bullied, and thoughts of suicide are no stranger to the youth we support. As adult volunteer Scout leaders, it is incumbent upon us to know how to recognize and respond to the signs of mental illness and duress. This knowledge can literally be the difference between life and death.

Several years ago Fairfax County schools had a string of devastating teen suicides...and some of the boys we lost were from our local troops. In response, we are now partnering with the Fairfax County Health Department to offer a training course in Youth Mental Health First Aid to help prevent teen suicide. This is the same training that is mandatory for every Fairfax County School System teacher, administrator and staff member to complete. The same instructors from the Fairfax County Government's Health & Wellness Department that teach them have agreed to provide that training to us and to also customize it to the specific needs of Scouting.

We're excited to report that our second Youth Mental Health First Aid training will be at the Holy Spirit School (intersection of Woodland Way and Braddock Rd) in Annandale. It will take place on Saturday, January 28th from 8am-5pm. Coffee and snacks will be available and there will be a lunch break, but lunch is not provided. So be prepared to either bring your lunch or buy it.

The cost is for the training is \$30 per person and covers all course materials and instruction. Space is limited and we are accepting no more than 30 participants for our initial training. Upon completion of the course, all participants will receive a Youth Mental Health First Aid certificate of completion and a NCAC sanctioned patch demonstrating achievement.

Don't miss out! Don't Wait! Be among the first to register for this essential training. To register, please email Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net. Mark can also answer any questions you may have.

A Scout is Reverent.

From Tiger Cub to Arrow of Light Scout, one of the advancement options is to "earn the religious emblem of your faith that is appropriate for your age." St. Matthews United Methodist Church on Little River Turnpike near Prosperity Ave. is hosting the PRAY Program's "God and Me" for grades 1-3, and "God and Family" for grades 4-5.

Who: This is an open program for girls and boys of any Christian denomination who want to participate. This meets the religious requirements for faith-based awards for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls and similar groups. The program works best for each child when an adult partner participates with them, so we encourage adult partner to attend.

Dates: The program occurs over two days, Sunday, Feb 26, and Sunday, March 5, with activities running each day from 2pm to 4pm.

Location: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003. Map at <https://goo.gl/maps/CsaUtWS2rYP2>

Cost: A \$10 donation is requested to cover the cost of materials and snacks. (This is not required if \$10 prevents a child from participating.)

Questions: email Keith@Robertory.com.

More information on the materials being used can be found at:

- God and Me (Grades 1-3): <https://www.praypub.org/god-me>
- God and Family (Grades 4-5): <https://www.praypub.org/god-family>

Registration: Visit the Evite posted at: <http://evite.me/Up9QpEzpv1>

Keith Robertory, 703-930-5459



National Youth Leadership Training

What is NYLT? NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) is the National Capital Area Council's presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training program. 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 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.

2017 NYLT Summer Dates:

18 – 23 June 2017, Course Director: Tony LaCava (tjklown@gmail.com)

25 – 30 June 2017, Course Director: Yong Ho Halt (yhhalt.ncacScouting@gmail.com)

31 July – 5 August 2017 (Sunday Friendly), Course Director: Kristin Chioma (chioma@msn.com)

Requirements to attend: NYLT participants should have attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts, completed Unit Leader Training, be at least 13 years of age, and have Home Unit Leader approval. For more information go to <http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training/>



The NCAC History and Archive Committee
Scouting Heritage Merit Badge



What: An opportunity for Boy Scouts to earn the Scouting Heritage Merit Badge taught by our own Council Scouting historians. Five classes meet for 45-60 minutes once a week (schedule below). Spaces are limited. Wear your Boy Scout Uniform.

When: Wednesday, Jan 18, 2017 Classes Start at 7:45 pm, and end at 8:45 pm
Wednesday, Jan 25, 2017
Wednesday, Feb 1, 2017
Wednesday, Feb 8, 2017
Wednesday, Feb 15, 2017

Location: St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA 22015

Cost: \$15.00 per Scout

Register: Send an email message to *Philip Sternberg* <phil.sternberg@gmail.com> with the following information: Your Name, Scout Rank, Age, Troop Number, District, Your email address, Your Parent's email address, and Telephone Number (s).

Bring: Pen and Paper, Scouting Heritage merit badge pamphlet (optional), Scouting Heritage merit badge Workbook (https://meritbadge.org/wiki/images/2/20/Scouting_Heritage.pdf)
Merit Badge Blue Card signed by Unit Leader
Additional information will be sent to Scouts who register for the merit badge



Winter Merit Badge Program –



Boy Scout Troop 1131
Burke, Virginia
Scouting since 1970

What: The Troop 1131 Winter Merit Badge Program offers Scouts the opportunity to earn merit badges in 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 #2: Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 15; Classes Start at 7:30 pm

Merit Badges: Chess, Citizenship in the Nation, Model Design, Personal Fitness, Robotics or Nuclear Science

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

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



VFW Scout of the Year Scholarship Applications Due SOON!!!



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.

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, 2017 to a local VFW Post.** Girl Scouts also compete in this award category.
- ❖ **This must be submitted through a local VFW Post. Membership in VFW not required of the parent.**
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Use the link to get full details and review previous winning entries.
- ❖ Terry Meehan, Patriot District VFW liaison, Yeatsfan@aol.com, can provide applications to interested Scouts, parents or unit leaders, as well as advise on preparation of the application.
Contact one of these Patriot Scouters/local VFW Post contacts to submit completed applications:
 - Post 5412, Burke: Tom Troy, ttrltroy@aol.com
 - Post 8469, Fairfax Station, Don Northcutt, donalnorthcutt@gmail.com



Eagle Scout Service Project Award

Nominations for the Glenn & Melinda Adams Eagle Scout Service Project Award are due to the council on or before Saturday, January 21, 2017. The NESAs DC Chapter provides a \$500 (FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR) honorarium to the council winner to be used for future educational purposes or to attend a council or national Scouting event or facility (a pdf copy of the nomination form is subjoined and can be found at NESAs.org, Awards drop down, Adams Service Project Award, then left side bottom item). PLEASE send nominations to both AdamsAward@scouting.org and DonaldEEllison@gmail.com -- place in the subject line "Adams Award Nomination due Jan 21, 2017". If anyone has a question regarding the Adams Eagle Scout Service Project Award, please email Don Ellison at DonaldEEllison@gmail.com or telephone me at 703-644-4557 (office)/703-866-1997 (home).

*Don Ellison, Distinguished Eagle Scout
Chairman, NESAs DC Awards and Recognition Committee*



World Conservation Award

Whether you know the World Conservation Award as the “panda patch” or as the award that encourages Scouts and Venturers to think globally and act locally to improve and conserve our environment, there’s something you need to know. The BSA National Conservation and Environment Task Force has announced new requirements for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing/Sea Scout versions of the World Conservation Award. Once earned, the award goes in the temporary patch location on the right pocket.

The new requirements reflect the recent changes to the Cub Scout advancement program and the addition of the Eagle-required Sustainability merit badge in the Boy Scout program. In addition, the Boy Scout and Venturing/Sea Scout versions of the award now seek to build greater awareness of global environmental concerns and a need for social responsibility. This is done by requiring that the youth applicant participate in a conservation project as part of an approved Scouting program. The project must total at least three hours and address a conservation need common to more than one country.

Posted on December 16, 2016 by Bryan Wendell,

<http://blog.Scoutingmagazine.org/2016/12/16/world-conservation-award-new-requirements-effective-immediately/>

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

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Boy Scout Troop 1131
Burke, Virginia
Scouting since 1970

American Red Cross

Wilderness and Remote First Aid (WRFA) Certification

When: Starts – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, 29 April 2017
Ends – 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 30 April 2017

Who: Adult leaders and Scouts/Venturers (14+) attending BSA High Adventure Bases this year. 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. 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 CPR and WFA members: however, it is a good idea to have more 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, phil.sternberg@gmail.com via e-mail or 703-960-0205 (Phil's cell phone)

Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, home and cell phone numbers, BSA unit type and number, and BSA Personal ID number (on your membership card).

Cost: Sixty-five dollars (\$65.00) 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.



First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Class

When: Saturday, 21 January 2017, 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.

Contact: To Register, contact Philip Sternberg <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>

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.



NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting

Tu B'Shevat Celebration - Jewish Arbor Day

Juniper Seedlings, Enjoy Tree Food, Conservation-Hornaday Award, Forestry Merit Badge

- When:** Sunday, February 5, 2017,
Session #1: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Session #2 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Who:** **Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venturing Scouts**
All faiths welcome. Register early, space is limited.
- Where:** Party Room at Mr. Sternberg's Home, 5902 Mount Eagle Drive, Alexandria, VA
Phone: 571-490-8834 (home), 703-960-0205 (cell).
See driving directions below.
- What:** Celebrate the annual Jewish Holiday of [Tu B'Shevat](#). Scouts will get Juniper Seedlings in 2" pots to decorate and take home for planting when the weather is warmer. Scouts will learn about Conservation and the Hornaday award. And Scouts will enjoy a [Tu B'Shevat Seder](#) ... food from trees like nuts and fruits. Boy Scouts can pass some Forestry merit badge requirements (bring a unit leader signed blue card).
- Register:** Send an email to Philip Sternberg, phil.sternberg@gmail.com.
Include the Scout's name, District, Unit Type (*troop, pack, crew*), Unit Number, Scout's age, and school grade, choose Session #1 or Session #2.
- Cost:** The event will cost \$18.00/per participant, to be paid at the door.
- Questions:** Philip Sternberg, phil.sternberg@gmail.com, 703-960-0205
- Directions:** Take I-495/I-95 (beltway) to exit 177A (use local lanes) onto the Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) toward Ft. Belvoir. There are two traffic lights between the beltway exit 177A and Mount Eagle Drive: Fort Hunt Road and Huntington Avenue. Turn right onto Mount Eagle Drive (looks like a service road). In about a block, turn right to the **Montebello Condominium Gate House**.
Tell the guard you are coming to the Boy Scout Event in Building 5902. Go through the gate and turn right to the top of the hill to Building #2 (5902). Take the elevator down one floor to the B-1 level to the Party Room.

The Scoutmaster

Edgar Guest, *The Passing Throng*, 1923

There isn't any pay for you, you serve without reward;
The boys who tramp the fields with you but little could afford;
And yet your pay is richer far than men who toil for gold
For in a dozen different ways your service shall be told.

You'll read it in the faces of a troop of growing boys,
You'll read it in the pleasure of a dozen manly joys;
And down the distant future – you will surely read it then,
Emblazoned through the service of a band of loyal men.

Five year of willing labor and of brothering a troop;
Five year of trudging highways, with the Indian cry and whoop;
Five years of camp fires burning, not alone for pleasure's sake,
But the future generation which these boys are soon to make.

They have no gold to give you, but when age comes on to you
They'll give you back the splendid things you taught them how to do;
They'll give you rich contentment and a thrill of honest pride
And you'll see you nation prosper, and you'll al be satisfied.

