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October was Shooting Sports Month for Troop 1346 and Venturing Crew 1346

Six 1346 Venturers and two leaders participated in the NCAC Venture Program Shooting Sports event on Saturday morning, October 8th . The event was held at the Thurmont (MD) Conservation and Sportsman's Club, where Scouts and leaders received an introduction to handgun target shooting using .22 rimfire guns and safety equipment supplied by our Council Shooting Sports Committee Training was under the supervision of fully-certified range safety officers and instructors. Randy Witter, Unit Commissioner, Patriot District



Troop 1346 Shooting, Archery, Fishing Campout: Over the October 14-16 weekend, 13 Troop 1346 Scouts and 8 adult leaders had a terrific time at the amazing Fairfax Rod & Gun Club in Manassas. The Scouts fired the Troop's .22 rifles, fished and did archery at the club's ranges and lake.





From the District Chairman:

Scouts and Scouters of the Patriot District:

I hope that you had a great Fall Camporee experience! It's nice to have a weekend where you can still get out and see the leaves, and feel the nip in the air! It's about to get cold! An article on the camporee will be published in the December issue of The Patriot Press

Popcorn! Well underway, popcorn is wrapping up with brisk sales! Please support your Popcorn Kernal and your unit, too! This is a hard job for the Kernel and supporting unit Scouters, so please give them your support.

Service Hours and Long-term Camping REPORTING! As we wrap up the year and JTE reporting, we find that not all of the numbers are in place. Numbers matter for the Unit, the District, and the Council. Unreported hours are not reflected in our annual service to the national reports. And, of course, Long-term Camping days are critical to the development of youth! See you Commissioners for how to make your reports!!

AWARDS!!!! Silver Beaver nominations are due to Council by 30 November. If you want a District endorsement, have them sent to Kristin Chioma. If you have nominations for the District Award of Merit, please get them to Kristin Chioma by 15 Dec.

Lions are among us! We now have six approved units certified to be Lion Packs – with their Cub Packs. Don't miss out on this important opportunity to reach our youngest members. Contact John Stewart or Kyle Molldene if you want to create some more LIONS!

Online RECHARTERING is coming! It's really close! Plan accordingly!

New units! If you have any good ideas for where the District can get an **Explorer Post established** please let Kyle Molldene or me know. All Joint Scouting Nights should happen this month. We're having great results, and John Stewart gets a big HOOAH! for his great efforts.

Thank you to everyone who made generous donations to the Patriot District **2016 Friends of Scouting** campaign. We are about to close the campaign for this year, and we THANK YOU for your support to Scouting programs! The Patriot District has worked hard to support the professional side of Scouting, which enhances the quality of the program for our youth.

I always ask you to Share Scouting! Please share this Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter or Scout family this month. Please then send e-mail addresses to Robert Mason so the names of the new recipients can be added to the distribution list for this monthly publication. If you know a Scouter in the District who is not getting Patriot Press, please send their name to Joe Osborne (joe.osborne@cox.net).

This will be the 35th letter that I've written to you as District Chairman. I have one more edition left before Patriot District changes out the Chair. I'm always impressed by the commitment and loyalty that the committee and the unit leaders have for our youth. The Patriot District is the best in so many ways. We are as large as many Councils, and we get a lot done individually and collectively. As always, this is for you! **Thank you for what you do** for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your continuing support to Patriot District's program.

Yours in Scouting, Jack

Jack Campbell, District Chairman
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Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

November 2016

- 4 Final popcorn order due
- 4-6 SPST / IOLS combined session
- 5 Life-to-Eagle Seminar
- 5 Scouting for Food bag distribution
- 7 Unit recharter turn-in to Unit Commissioner (last date)
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 Scouting for Food Collection
- 15 PD Committee Meeting (New date)
- 15 Commissioner Meeting
- 19 Pow Wow
- 21 Final popcorn distribution
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 27 Patriot Press Deadline – December



December 2016

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Final popcorn payments/prize orders/scholarship forms due
- 13 Commissioner/Committee joint mtg. (Potluck at VFW Hall)
- 24-25 Hanukkah (eve-to-eve)
- 25 Christmas

January 2017

- 1 New Year's Day
- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – January
- 7 OA Lodge Banquet
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14-16 NYLT (IMPEESA)
- 16 First Aid/CPR/AED training (St Stephen's)
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr, Day
- 21 Red Cross CPR/AED Certification Class (St. Stephen's UMC)
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 28 PD Committee Training
- 29 Patriot Press Deadline – February

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



SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Scouting for Food (SFF) 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 on Burke Centre Parkway. The SFF Scout and Scouter collection team and other helpers will be there from 9 AM to 2 PM on Sat Nov 12th to receive the contributed foods gathered by all participating units.



Important Dates:

November 5th: Scouts from participating 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 full bag of food the 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. Alternatively, you may also call Tim Ryder at the number below to see if there are any extra bags available.

November 12th: 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 provide 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 also with some very reliable dedicated adults.

Volunteers Needed: On November 12th, 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 or rainy, please dress accordingly. We will provide hydration and nutrition. Please contact Tim Ryder if you or your unit can help at the collection point on November 12th. Thank You.

*Tim Ryder, 2016 SFF Coordinator:
Timryder81@gmail.com, 703-409-1455*



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.

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 5 bag distribution and November 12 collection plans laid. 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.

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 2016.



One ought never to turn one's back on a threatened danger and try to run away from it. If you do that, you will double the danger. But if you meet it promptly and without flinching, you will reduce the danger by half.

~ Winston Churchill (b. November 30, 1874)

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE!



**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, November 10, 2016

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, November 10, 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: Cyberbullying, Cyber Chips, PLC Meetings

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

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

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

Are you an experienced leader looking to share your passion and knowledge about Scouting? Do you like training activities?

If you answered yes, please consider volunteering to help the Patriot District training team. We need leaders from all program areas to share their knowledge and passion with other leaders in the district.

You will be given plenty of support and help with organizing and running any classes for which you volunteer.

If you are willing to help with training, please contact Justin Day at kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com.

Please remember that every scout deserves a trained leader!



2017 Wood Badge Courses Announced!

Wood Badge is an advanced Scout leader training course that began 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/>



You may not have any extra talent, but maybe you are just paying more attention to what you are doing.

~ Alan Sheppard (b. November 18, 1923)



Patriot District Awards

District Award of Merit. This award is given out in each district based on the number of units. Patriot currently gives out an average of three per year. This award is only submitted to the District. The criteria are:

1. A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside Scouting, or both.
The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth, or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.
2. Consideration must be given to the nominee’s Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.

The application can be found on the Council page at:

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/awards-and-recognition/adult-awards/>

Nomination forms are due to the District by December 1st, 2016. Send to Chioma@msn.com



Boy Scout Troop 1131
Burke, Virginia
Scouting since 1970

American Red Cross

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.
- 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 <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>](mailto:phil.sternberg@gmail.com)
Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, home and cell phone numbers, BSA unit type and number, and BSA Personal ID number (from membership card).
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.

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.

Adult: VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program

<http://bsabase.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.

Youth: 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 can provide applications to interested Scouts, parents or unit leaders as well as advise on preparation of the application and provide contacts for local VFW Posts, if needed

Scoutmasters/ Cubmasters/ Committee Chairmen:

Please make sure that we are tracking and reporting all service hours. The deadline for reporting these hours is approaching, so please have a report on service hours for the year at the next Roundtable. Some helpful links to get you started in reporting service hours are provided below!

JTE information: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

Service hours reporting site: <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

Service hours reporting help: <https://servicehours.scouting.org/includes/files/popHelp.htm>

Kyle Molldene, Patriot District Executive
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Curiosity is natural to the soul of man and interesting objects have a powerful influence on our affections.

~ Daniel Boone (b. November 02, 1734)



University of Scouting

18 February 2017

University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouting, Varsity Scouts, District Operations, and Council). Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cubbing, Scouting, and Adventure; leadership training for Venturing, Varsity, and Sea Scouting; Electives courses applicable across the Scouting programs; and District operations courses. For 2016 we will be offering over 150 classes in five colleges – truly something for everyone.

- The College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses from pack administration to planning for an outdoor program.
- The College of Boy Scouting provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The College of Adventure Scouting is an interesting combination of courses for those who are wish to learn more about Scouting’s “senior” level programs and the challenges of an active high adventure experience.
- The College of Elective Programs offers many “general studies courses” that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs.
- The College of District Operations provides training to district committee members and Scouters with an interest in district operations. While no degree is conferred, those who take the required three courses are awarded the District Scouter Training Certificate and “Trained” patch

Standalone Courses are those that are BSA national syllabus courses such as BALOO, VLSC(Y), VLSC(A), VALST, or are courses that lead to certification recognized and/or needed by the BSA. Note that standalone courses do not meet any degree requirements in any College.

Registration to begin soon, keep an eye on <http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting/>



NCAC Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow 2016!

Are you ready for NCAC’s biggest training event that’s just for you ...
The Cub Scout Leader?

Have you reserved Saturday, November 19, 2016 for Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow 2016?

We do not want you to miss this year’s Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow ...
so get your calendar out now and SAVE THE DATE.

If you miss it this year, you will have to wait until November 2017 before your next opportunity to go
to Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow!

We’ll be at Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, in Annandale Virginia.

Registration will be opening soon, so keep checking NCAC’s website for additional information about
the training event and course offerings.

And do not forget ... we want everyone to wear a

WACKYTIE

*Don Durbin Director of Camping Services
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, National Capital Area Council*

Lion Pilot Packs, Lion Youth and Guide Applications

Many thanks to the following Packs for hosting Lion Dens during this year's Lion Pilot: Pack 50, Pack 698, Pack 873, Pack 1101, Pack 1344, Pack 1534 and Pack 1967

Please continue to recruit new Lion Scouts as well as turn in their applications as soon as possible. If your Pack isn't listed and you are recruiting Lion Scouts and intending to host a Lion Den this year your Pack needs to turn in a Pack Lion Application (see attached) to me.

Also, each Lion Den requires an adult to register (turn in an application in that position) as the Lion Guide. Even if they are already registered in another position in the Pack or a different unit, they must dual register and just annotate the position and unit in which their paid registration was done.

If you are having any trouble turning in applications please either contact your unit Commissioner, or me, so they can be turned in as soon as possible--John Stewart john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil.

Thanks for all you do for our Scouts and the community,

*JOHN R. STEWART, Vice Chair for Membership and
Lion Coordinator, Patriot District, NCAC, BSA*

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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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Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

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



Advancement Forms for Special Needs Scouts

Boy Scouts of America has policies in place to help special needs boys succeed in the Scouting program. There are three main programs for boys with a permanent physical or mental disability or a disability that is expected to last more than two years or beyond their eligibility age.

Generally, the three programs require supporting information, such as a letter from a doctor or teacher, or supporting documentation a family may already have on hand such as a school Individual Education Program (IEP) describing the disability and why the accommodation is necessary. Usually, not having met the Scout, your district and council review boards want to know what the Scout is unable to do and how the change in the requirement will address that and also meet the standard of presenting an equivalent challenge to the Scout.

- Request for Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility allows special needs Boy Scouts to continue beyond age 18 (or Venturers beyond age 21) so they can work toward advancement at a pace appropriate to their abilities.

Apply using the form at: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/doc/512-935.doc>

- The Individual Scout Achievement Plan is an advancement plan specific to a Scout with a disability that prevents him from completing specific requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class rank. Alternatives are not available for Star, Life, and Eagle rank requirements, other than the alternative Eagle-required merit badges (see below).

The form, with requirements for application, is at: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-936_WB.pdf

- The Application for Alternative Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges is for Scouts with disabilities that prevent them from completing Eagle-required merit badges. The Scouts can work on other merit badges with the same challenge and learning level as those they replace, as their abilities allow.

Merit badges are awarded only when all requirements are met as stated. No partial merit badges are awarded, even for disabilities. This program instill pride in Scouts with disabilities by allowing them to complete alternative merit badges in the same way as the other Scouts.

The form, with requirements for application, is at: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-730.pdf>

Bernard Adelsberger, Old Dominion District Special Needs Program Coordinator



You can post pictures to: <https://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict>

Poverty is uncomfortable; but nine times out of ten the best thing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim

~ James Garfield (b. November 19, 1831)



Drone Safety

Now that drones, or small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS), are readily available, Scouts and Scouters may be considering incorporating them in an activity or using them to capture photos and videos. BSA local councils may also be considering using them as part of a camp program. We continue to monitor their use and application for future program opportunities.

At this time, we would point potential users to the preface of the Guide to Safe Scouting: “In situations not specifically covered in this guide, activity planners should evaluate the risk or potential risk of harm, and respond with action plans based on common sense, community standards, the Boy Scout motto, and safety policies and practices commonly prescribed for the activity by experienced providers and practitioners.”

If considering the use of a drone, or sUAS:

- Review and be familiar with the information at <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org/> so you can fly responsibly. The organization provides these recommendations:
 - Fly no higher than 400 feet and remain below any surrounding obstacles when possible.
 - Keep your sUAS in eyesight at all times; use an observer to assist if needed.
 - Do not intentionally fly over unprotected persons or moving vehicles, and remain at least 25 feet away from individuals and vulnerable property.
 - Ensure the operating environment is safe and that the operator is competent and proficient in the operation of the sUAS.
 - Do not conduct surveillance or photograph persons in areas where there is an expectation of privacy without the individual’s permission.
 - Be aware of and guided by the Sweet 16 of BSA Safety at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Sweet16.asp> x.
- Complete a Program Hazard Analysis to identify and be familiar with the hazards and risks associated with this activity. Pay particular attention to the potential legal liability for injuries and invasion of privacy, <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-009.pdf>.
- Take a **PAUSE** for safety prior to a flight.
- Councils considering using drones as part of a program should review NCAP Standards, in particular PD-111 and PD-112, which outline the expectation of conducting a risk analysis and having a plan to operate.
- Additional risk assessment tools can be found in the Enterprise Risk Management Committee Guidebook, No. 680-026, Appendix 1

Guide to Safe Scouting <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx>



Pause before you start

Assess possible hazards

Understand how to proceed safely

Share your plan with others

Execute the activity safely

Copied from http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Alerts/Drone_Safety.aspx



Philmont Scout Ranch 2018

Register Today! - The registration period for 2018 Philmont 12-day & 7-day expeditions is now open and hundreds of units have already registered! This short period lasts only through November 16th, 2016.

Who Can Register? - Each unit (Troop, Venturing Crew, Varsity Team, Post or Ship) is entitled to register for one 2018 reservation entry. Representatives responsible for multiple units may register each of these units using the online reservation system. The minimum reservation size is one crew of 7 people. Individual unit reservations may include multiple crews but never more than 12 people per crew.

Register at: <https://registerphilmont.org/entry/2018/>

2017 Openings! Sign your crew up for a 2017 open slot TODAY! :
http://philmontscoutranch.org/~link.aspx?_id=DA2125B7939848499B01770577D50C69&_z=z



White House Ornament Sale 2016



The **Rotary Club of Springfield** is selling White House ornaments again this year. All net proceeds from the sale will be used to fund essential items for homeless children of Fairfax County Public Schools who are served by the FCPS Homeless Liaison. These children will be taken to local stores to choose their own clothes, supplies and other necessities.

Purchase your ornaments from us to enrich your own holiday season and to provide warmth and caring for children in need. \$6.05 will be used to purchase essential items for FCPS homeless children.

Each ornament is priced at \$22.00

Make checks payable to: “Springfield Rotary Foundation”

Springfield Rotary Foundation (a 501(c)(3) organization)

Receipt (\$6.05 of each purchase can be used as a donation for tax purposes)

_____ **Number of ornaments** _____ **Amount Paid**

Sold by Philip Sternberg, phil.sternberg@gmail.com, 703-960-0205



There is only one redeeming thing about this whole election. It will be over at sundown, and let everybody pray that it's not a tie, for we couldn't go through with this thing again

~ Will Rogers (b. November 4, 1879)