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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 2016 District extravaganza 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.





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.

Last year more than 950 Scouters attended the University of Scouting. Spread the word and sign up soon, 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.

Purpose of University of Scouting

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 and 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 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), and 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



From the District Chairman:

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Wow! It's February and Freezing! Brrr! I was just outside and really thought about how many troops might be out camping in this cold weather. Stay safe, and use your best skills.

Our Key Three and our District Committee both met recently and had lots to talk about. We also spent a few hours training the entire District Committee, including Members at Large. We will reach out to the Chartered Organization Representatives for Training over the next few weeks, so don't be surprised!!

The 2016 Friends of Scouting campaign is kicking off, so talk to the Finance Committee and the FOS Team if your troop has not scheduled their visit. Steve Smith and his committee will work with you to arrange an FOS presentation. For the most impact, try to schedule it at some time when lots of parents will be around, like a Court of Honor or Blue and Gold Banquet.

Take the time this month to think about writing someone up for an Award. The Patriot District had three Silver Beaver awardees selected by NCAC, and we have selected four nominees for the District Award of Merit. Prepare for a great Awards Banquet in May. We still need more nominees for the Distinguished Spirit Award. Hurry, and send them to me, Kristin Chioma or Aasgeir Gangsaas.

Our Spring Camporee is just around the corner, and it's gonna be HUGE!!! The theme is water sports. Come out with your troop, and call Bill Dexter if you can volunteer to serve as a member of the staff.

Rechartering is complete for most units! Thanks to the Unit Leaders and the District Commissioners for this great work.

If you are looking at long-term gifts to Scouting, talk to Bill Dexter about Legacy gifts.

I always ask you to Share Scouting! Please share this Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter or Scout Family this month, then send the e-mail address to Robert Mason 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 robert.l.mason@gmail.com.

As always, this is for you! Thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your support to for the Patriot District's program.

Get ready for Spring!!!! It's right around the corner...

Yours in Scouting,

Jack Campbell, District Chairman
wjcampbell1@verizon.net



Without a struggle, there can be no progress

~ Frederick Douglas (b. February, 1808)



These are exciting times in Scouting as Packs show and race their new cars in the Pinewood Derby and celebrate at the Blue and Gold event. It's also exciting that many boys are completing their Arrow of Light and crossing over into a Troop. Here are two tips to make sure the cross over process is smooth. First, the Pack needs to submit the Arrow of Light award in Internet Advancement as soon as possible. Only the Pack can submit Cub Scout advancements including AOL; the Troop cannot! Second, any Scout joining a new unit needs to complete a new Youth Application. We want Scouts to register in the Troop as soon as possible so that they can advance in Boy Scouts. So the sequence is important: 1. Record AOL and 2. Complete a new Boy Scout application.

My.Scouting Tools are gradually maturing. For those who have not checked lately, Internet Advancement, Service Hour Reporting, and next year's Internet Rechartering have all migrated from the old scouting.org network to my.Scouting.org. Right now these are links to the legacy software, but new software is in the works. Now that Charter Renewal is finished, the unit Key 3 (COR, CC, & Unit Leader) need to update the *Plus 3* in the Organization Security Manager module. Designating a registered Scouter as one of the *Plus 3* gives them access to all of the modules that the Key 3 can see and edit. Click on the "Key 3 Delegate" and "+" to select the individual. You should also identify your other functional leads such as unit Membership Chair so they have access to the appropriate modules.

Most are already aware that Youth Protection Training (and other training) has already migrated to my.Scouting. Note that when a new adult completes YPT prior to submitting an application, the system assigns a new BSA ID number which is displayed on their printed certificate. If you keep track of that number and write it on the application, the registrar will know to use the same number when processing the application and all training will be associated with that number.

Register NOW for the University of Scouting at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA, Saturday, February 27th, 7:30-5:00. Classes close out when the room hits capacity! Soon, the price goes up for later registrations and the available classes shrink. Please encourage all your adults to attend. The training is not just for uniformed leaders. And the catalog reveals many different courses and tracks to enjoy. Check it out: www.ncacbsa.org/uos. We expect a thousand participants; I hope I'll see you there.

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A Scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances

~ Lord Baden Powell (b. February 22, 1857)

Happy Scouting Anniversary!

On February 8th of every year we celebrate the anniversary of Scouting in America. Scout Jumu'ah is Friday, February 5, Scout Sunday is February 7, and Scout Shabbat is February 12-13.



Prayer: Dear God, help us learn from our mistakes and help us be prepared to serve others.



Looking for a Few Good Scout Tales

Do you have Scouts working on journalism merit badge. Or maybe you would like to share about the great work your unit is doing for the community. Tiger Days, Webelos outings, Eagle projects, high adventure stories are all welcome. Send your successes and even trials to the editor of the Patriot Press, and you likely will inspire other good actions by other Scouters and Scouts.

Patriot District would share our monthly letter with our great packs, troops and crews, hopefully sparking imagination and activity. If the community is recognizing your unit, we would love to share the good news. Send your stories and pictures to joe.osborne@cox.net. Please keep the stories to about a page or less with pictures using 11 point font, first names preferred for youth. It also helps if you reduce picture size to less than 1 MB.

I have enclosed pictures from days long ago with Troop 1345 at the Burke Centre Festival and Earth Day cleanup to spur ideas. We would love to hear about your winter activities.



Patriot District also is on Facebook.



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



Patriot District Events

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

February 2016

- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Presidents' Day
- 23 District 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
- 19-20 Wilderness & Remote First Aid (Big Mac)
- 19 BCOLS (classroom)
- 22 District Committee Meeting
- 27 Easter Sunday

April 2016

- 3 Patriot Press Deadline – April
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 8-10 OA Spring Fellowship
- 9 COR training
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 16 SPST, CPST, VAPST, VCPST
- 16-17 BCOLS (overnight)
- 22-30 Passover (eve-to-eve)
- 24 Early Bird registration Deadline/Goshen
- 26 District Committee Meeting
- 29-1 May Spring Camporee
- 29-1 May Wood Badge (weekend #1)

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

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!**

The Purpose of the Roundtable:

1. To provide the skill to do—skills, techniques, information, program ideas—the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.
2. To provide unit leadership with the will to do—the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

February Point of Scout Law: Thrifty / Theme: Cubstruction

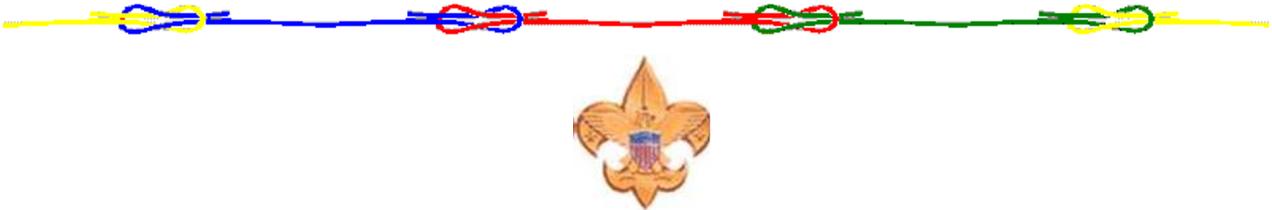
When: Thursday, February 11, 2016

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, Feb 11th, 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: Order of the Arrow, Venturing, PLC and Election Cycles, Programming MB

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

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



Patriot District Spring Camporee “Canoe-o-ree”

April 29 – May 1, 2016
Rappahannock River Campground
33017 River Mill Road
Richardsville, Virginia 22736
(540) 735-4182



As of February 4, 2016

The theme for the Patriot District Spring Camporee is canoeing. Also, several alternative programs will be available. Scouts will have the opportunity to canoe, kayak, or tube the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers.

Two trips are available, an easy gentle water trip and a challenging trip that includes some class 2 rapids. Patriot District will camp at a 46 acre commercial campground along the river. We have reserved the entire campground for the camporee. Before and after canoeing Scouts will have numerous choices to challenge themselves and have fun. They include dodge ball, marksmanship with air rifle shooting, archery, fishing, and rock wall climbing.

The camporee will feature two other unique merit badge programs. The merit badge programs will take up the full camporee period and preclude Scouts from canoeing. The first is Movie Making. Scouts will make a movie during the camporee that will be shown at either the camporee Campfire or closing Ceremony and at the Patriot District May Roundtable. Requirements for this merit badge are listed online. Scouts taking this merit badge will meet Friday evening and then work on it all day Saturday. The program is open to 30 Scouts. The eminent business owner, Rich Harrington, will serve as the merit badge counselor. The second merit badge program is American Heritage. It will focus on the rich historical environment in the Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville areas.

Units that do not want to canoe have several alternate activities they can organize in the Fredericksburg area. They can visit the city of Fredericksburg and tour Colonial or Civil War sites, or they can tour the Chancellorsville Civil War battlefield. At Chancellorsville Battlefield, a challenging event is to hike the route of Confederate General “Stonewall” Jackson’s famous flanking attack – about a 20-mile hike. Additionally, units can take their Scouts to Kings Dominion for a day of fun and adventure.

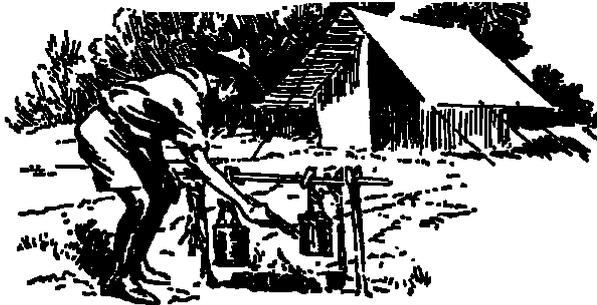
The camporee will include the traditional events that bring us together as a district: Opening and Closing ceremonies, Senior Patrol Leader/Scoutmaster Cracker Barrel, outdoor church services, a Saturday night campfire, and the Order of the Arrow call-out. Additionally, Troop 1131 will sponsor a grill-out dinner on Saturday night featuring grilled meats and fish, salad, side dishes, dessert, and drinks. For troop wanting to participate, there is a \$7 additional charge per meal paid to Troop 1131.

The camporee will be held from Friday night, April 29, until Sunday, May 1, 2016. The cost is twenty dollars (\$20) per participant. There is an additional charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for participants that are canoeing or kayaking. Troops will make reservations and payment for canoeing and kayaking directly with Virginia Outdoor Center at (540) 845-2259 or info@playva.com, owner Bill Micks. If it is warm enough, Scouts can tube the river. Tubing costs fifteen dollars (\$15) and reservations need to be made with Steve Miller at (540) 735-4182 or canocamp@earthlink.net at Rappahannock River Campground. There is no charge for adults who are just helping out on Saturday or Sunday and are not camping for the weekend.

Registration for the camporee is open from **February 4 till April 11, 2016**. It is important that units notify Joe Casey by e-mail or phone by that they plan to attend the camporee. His e-mail is jmccasey@verizon.net and his phone number is (703) 455-9050. Joe Casey will answer every e-mail. Units need to notify Joe of the approximate number of participants. Final camporee registration and payment will take place Friday evening on-site as units arrive.

We are looking for a Troop to provide the Camporee Senior Patrol Leader and the Flag Detail for the Opening and Closing ceremonies. The Camporee Senior Patrol Leader is responsible for conducting the Camporee Opening and Closing ceremonies and acting as Master of Ceremonies for the Saturday night campfire. This is a great opportunity for a senior Scout to display his leadership abilities. Also, the camporee is looking for at least two Scout buglers or trumpet players. As always, the camporee staff is in need of adult volunteers to support the different events. Volunteers should phone William Dexter, the Camporee Director, at (703) 978-2632 or send an e-mail to wtdexterjr@gmail.com.

Patriot District will not conduct an **Introduction to Outdoors Leader Skills (IOLS)** training course at the camporee. The IOLS training course will be conducted on another weekend. The director for the IOLS training is Philip Sternberg. He can be reached at phil.sternberg@gmail.com or (703) 960-0205.



Patriot District Spring 2016 Camporee Grill-Out

- When:** Start – 5:00 pm, Saturday, 30 April 2016
- Who:** All Scouts and leaders attending the Camporee are invited to enjoy dinner cooked by members of the Patriot District Staff and Order of the Arrow.
- Where:** Rappahannock River Campground.
- What:** Sign up to have a great dinner cooked for you after a hard day on the river. We will grill hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and salmon, and we'll have a great salad selection and lots of great side dishes, ice tea, lemonade, and great desserts. The district will provide paper plates, bowls and cups, and disposable knives forks and spoons.
- Contact:** Each unit must send the following information to Philip Sternberg by Friday, 15 April 2016:
- Unit Point of Contact: Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, home and cell phone numbers, and unit type and number
 - Send the estimated number of Scouts (under age 18) and the estimated number of Leaders (age 18 and older) who will be eating dinner.
 - Email information to [<phil.sternberg@gmail.com>](mailto:phil.sternberg@gmail.com)
- Cost:** Seven dollars (\$7.00) per person due by Friday, 22 April 2016.
- Checks should be made out to “Boy Scout Troop 1131” with memo line “Patriot District Spring 2016 Camporee Grill-Out.”
- Send checks to Philip Sternberg, P.O. Box 4052, Alexandria, VA 22303. Sign up as soon as possible.

Patriot District Life to Eagle



Seminar & Discussion Roundtable For Life Scouts and Parents

Saturday, March 5, 2016

9 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Parkwood Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 8726 Braddock Rd, Annandale

Hosted by

Bob Brese, Ken Gaul and Randy Witter

Former Patriot District Scoutmasters

And Featuring a Cast of Eagle Scouts and Adults

Ready to Answer All Your Questions!



What are the requirements? How do the new requirements for 2016 affect me? What counts as a position of responsibility? Where do I get a project idea? How do I get my project approved? How long is this going to take? How do I get the money for my project? What is a life purpose statement? How do I fill out the application? What role does the Council play? Where do I get more information? What are letters of reference? Who is on my Board of Review?

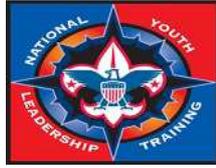
RSVP Requested for Venue Setup Planning: rfbrese@gmail.com

Advancement News

There is a new Eagle application and Eagle workbook. Please check them out at <http://www.scouting.org/advancement.aspx>

There are new requirements online for several merit badges. The new requirements book should be in stores this month along with volume 2 of the Troop Leader book.





National Youth Leadership Training SUMMER 2016 NYLT

19 – 24 June 2016

10 – 15 July 2016

31 July – 5 August 2016

REGISTER TODAY!!!

Early Bird cost for the Course will be \$225 until 1 June 2016, then the cost is \$270. All courses will be held at the American Legion Youth Camp at 9201 Surratts Road, Cheltenham, MD. In order to attend the course each participant must certify that they have now (or will have by June 1st) met the following qualifications to attend NYLT:

- Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts
- Completed Unit Leader Training
- At least 13 years of age (With the Course Directors approval)
- Youth 12 years of age and younger will not be able to attend
- Home Unit Leader approval

What is NYLT? 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.

While it remains the responsibility of 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

There are also staffing opportunities for youth who have attended NYLT in the past. If you have questions, please contact Kristin Chioma, chioma@msn.com



WOOD BADGE

Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training and provides you with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing, and the District and Council. The 1st half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. You'll learn what makes leadership work for you in Scouting and your personal life. The 2nd half offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help you learn the application of leadership skills. Finally, you will write and complete a "Ticket, ", which consists of five written goals. These goals connect your new leadership knowledge to your role in Scouting.

Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

2016 Wood Badge Courses

N6-82-16-1 Spring 2016
29 April – 1 May and 3 – 5 June
[REGISTER NOW](#)

N6-82-16-2 Fall 2016
9 – 11 September and 8 – 10 October
(You are required to attend both weekends of the course.)

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>

If you have any questions please contact Kristin Chioma, chioma@msn.com



Merit Badge Counselors Needed

Thought I'd share with all of you the upcoming annual DC Merit Badge University at Catholic University of America. It will be held April 9-10, 2016. The organizers are in need of merit badge counselors! This program has been a smash hit among Scouts in the Council in the past and the organizers are hoping it will be a great one again. They are anticipating 400 Scouts at the event again, so lots of counselors on various topics are needed. So far, there is no list of the specific badges for which counselors are needed, so all counselors for all badges are invited to register.

I ask that you please share this information with our District's Scouters. An additional announcement on the event regarding how Scouts can register will come up, and when it does, I will share it with everyone here.

Lani Azahari, Communications and Training Vice-Chair
Assistant District Commissioner, Washington, DC District
Email: lani.azahari@muslimscouting.org Phone: 703-598-0408



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. Directions: 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 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 also are small cabins available too.

Contact:

To Register, please send the following information to Philip Sternberg

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

Cost:

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



Freedom is not the sole prerogative of a chosen few, but the universal right of all God's children.

~Ronald Reagan (b. February 6, 1911)

Check Out NCAC's New Website!

In January 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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*Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation;
for it is better to be alone than in bad company.*

~ George Washington (b. February 22, 1732)



OA schedule 2015-2016

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 - Camp Snyder
May 13	Chapter meeting
May 20-22	Conclave - Goshen
June 3-5	Spring ordeal
June	Chapter banquet



Philmont-sponsored advisor training at NCAC April 9 and 10

Scouters:

Philmont is sponsoring two separate 10 hour workshops for future Philmont adult attendees at Council's Marriott Service Center on Saturday, April 9, and Sunday, April 10. The program is called PASS (Philmont Advisor Skills School). The cost is \$25, and includes a Philmont-style trail lunch, PASS materials, and a PASS patch.

You can register for either Saturday or Sunday at the following link (you would only need to attend one session):

http://www.scouting.org/Philmont/TrekPreparation/~link.aspx?_id=4E69DAC272B840E4AD46FA0DF8E8C717&_z=z

Minimum age is 18. This course is for those adults attending Philmont this coming summer, or for those contemplating attending Philmont. The course is taught by a member of the Philmont ranger staff.

This is a new course that is making its way to various Councils across the US. This class is in response to the tragedy that happened last summer. It is only going to be offered to about 10 councils this year. Don't send your adults to Philmont knowing less than they should know (that would be unfair to them, and to the crew). Attendees will be able to share their newly-gained information with their crews.

As it is unclear how often this effort will be repeated, you should not assume that this opportunity will be available again next year.



Whatever you are, be a good one

~Abraham Lincoln (b. February 12, 1809)

Hol-Ry, Northern Tier Trekkers!

To introduce myself, I'm Craig Reichow, National Capital Area Council's Northern Tier program liaison for NCAC's High Adventure Committee. My claim to fame is that I was a Wilderness Guide (now called Interpreter) at Northern Tier for six years and returned twice as an Advisor with my NCAC troop. For over 25 years, I've passed along practical tips to NCAC crew leaders on what to take, what to expect, canoe trekking in the wilderness, and (most importantly) answer your questions.

This year I've invited an NT Brigade Leader and a recent NCAC trek Advisor to join me as instructors. Our Northern Tier training includes typical trek pictures, equipment ideas, and practical tips to help your trek succeed.

WHO: Crew Chiefs and Advisors from every crew

WHAT: Northern Tier Training for NCAC Crew Leaders

WHEN/WHERE: Two nearly identical sessions. Please attend *either one*:

Primary Session: Saturday, March 12th at BSA's Camp Snyder Dining Hall. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with training from 9 AM to about 1 PM (depending on questions). We will not break for lunch, but eating is allowed.

Alternate Session 1: Sunday, April 3. Near South County High School, details to be announced. Registration will begin at 1:00 PM and we should finish by 6:00 PM.

Alternate Session 2: Saturday, April 9th at Little Falls Presbyterian Church, 6025 Little Falls Rd, Arlington, VA 22207, in the Friendship Hall. Registration will begin about noon and we should finish about 4:30 PM (depending on questions).

WHY: To help NCAC trek leaders know what to expect, and answer all of your questions

COST: None

See you there!

Yi-HA! [Yours in - High Adventure]

*Craig Reichow, NCAC Liaison to Northern Tier
703-478-0660, sctmstr@verizon.net*



2016 Philmont Trek Looking for Crew Members

Troop 1509 in Colonial district has a Philmont trek this July 16-28. (Travel dates will likely be July 14 and July 28.) We have 6 confirmed crew members, including 1 trained adult, and are looking to fill out the rest of our crew. We are in need of 2 additional trained adults, and up to 4 scouts.

Our crewmembers are current high school freshmen, and completed a 1-week trek last summer at Lenhok'sin, so they are experienced. We will re-start training in March.

Costs are typically around \$1600 total, including \$870 for Philmont due now, plus additional for airfare, hotels, and transportation.

If you have adults or scouts that are interested, please contact

David Schurr, schurr6@verizon.net

703-799-3438



LIVE SCOUTING'S ADVENTURE!

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



NCAC Unit Leader Applications

2017 National Jamboree

The National Capital Area Council is now accepting applications for 2017 National Jamboree Troop and Crew Leaders. The 2017 Jamboree will be held July 19 – 28, 2017 at the Summit Bechtel Family Reserve in West Virginia. NCAC plans to send 12 Scout Troops and two Venturing Crews to the Jamboree. The NCAC cost to attend the Jamboree is \$1,250 for both adult leader and youth participants, with the exception of young adult leaders ages 18-25 for whom there will be a reduced cost of \$762.50.

To have a successful Jamboree, the Council requires qualified and committed adult leadership. Troops require three adult leaders over the age of 21, a Scoutmaster and two Assistants, and one adult between the ages of 18-21 to serve as Third Assistant. Crews require male/female adult leaders over the age of 21. Based on interest, a Council Leader Selection Committee will review all applications for leader qualifications and experience and conduct interviews of qualified applicants in early 2016.

Adult leader applicants should register online at the 2017 National Jamboree and complete NCAC Application and Unit Leader Experience Survey (links below). NCAC Unit Leader Application and Survey must be submitted to National Capital Area Council, ATTN: 2017 National Jamboree Adult Leader Selection, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814 not later than November 30, 2015.

NCAC Unit Leader Application: www.ncacbsa.org/?page=2017Jamboree

2017 Jamboree Registration: www.BSAJamboree.org



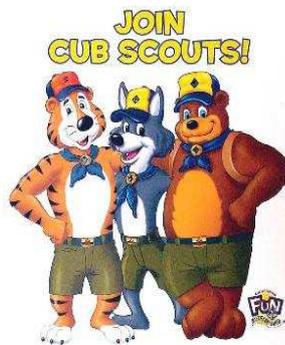
Boy Scout Troop 1131
Burke, Virginia
Scouting since 1970

Troop 1131 Fund Raiser Dinner

- When:** 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Friday, 12 February 2016
- Where** St Stephen's UMC, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA – Fellowship Hall
- Who** Scout Families, Guests and Friends
- What** Please join us for a great spaghetti dinner sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 1131 at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. The dinner raises funds for Scouts to use to help pay for the cost of activities. Please let us know how many people will attend the dinner by sending a message to the contacts below, or by signing up at a Troop Meeting.
- The dinner includes spaghetti with/or without meatballs, a salad, rolls, desert and a drink. The cost of a dinner is \$5.00 per person, or \$20.00 for a family of five -- Eat In and/or Carry Out
- Contact:** Carol Harrity-Tun, charrity@cox.net, 703-321-1404
Philip Sternberg, phil.sternberg@gmail.com, 703-960-0205
Christopher Wallace, crwallaceva@verizon.net, 571-926-3222



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 receive APPLICATIONS from new Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Venturers, Varsity Scouts, and new Adults, forward them to your Commissioners promptly 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, Membership Vice Chair

18th Annual Boy Scout Model Train Show and Merit Badge Workshop

**Saturday and Sunday
March 12 and 13, 2016
10 am - 5 pm**

Saunders middle school
13557 Spriggs road
Manassas, VA 20112

Adults \$7
Students \$3
Under 5 free

www.troop964.org

trainshow@troop964.org



TROOP 964 Merit Badge Class Registration

Earn Your Railroading Merit Badge!! (Open to All Bridged Scouts)

Where: Saunders Middle School (13557 Spriggs Rd, Dale City) I95 to exit 152/234N to right on Spriggs Rd.

Featuring:

- Largest DCC -HO Layout assembled in VA =114 modules with Z/N/S/O/G Gauge, Steam, Lego
- Layouts and Operations Lifesaver
- Great Food, Refreshments & Door Prizes
- General Show Times
- March 12 / March 13 (10am-5pm) Adults: \$7/Students/Seniors:\$3/5 and Under: Free

MB Classes are offered both days 12:30–4pm. MB Scouts must eat lunch before classes begin and be on site by 12:00.

Cost for class: \$25/Scout (includes admission & supplies)

Registration and Payment are required by MAIL prior to March 5th. If necessary, refund requests must be received by March 1st.

E-mail the form below to reserve space. We only have 80 spaces available each day, so register early:

E-mail the following information to meritbadge@troop964.org

Circle **Preferred** Date: Sat. Mar. 12th or Sun. Mar. 13th Can you make either date? _____

Scout's Name _____ Scout's Phone #: _____ Troop #: _____

REQUIRED: Scout's District Name _____ Parents E-mail address _____

Make your \$25 check payable to Troop 964 and mail it, along with a copy of the above information, to:

Blanca Rocha
5542 Spangler Lane
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS)

This course is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Explorer). This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders. All participants must have completed Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing or, Varsity or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course and be able to meet physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical

Register for the Saturday 03-19-2016 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM session at:
<https://scoutingevent.com/?bcols2016>



Baden-Powell

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, known as B-P, was born in Paddington, London on 22nd February 1857. His father died when B-P was only three years old. In 1876 he went to India as a young army officer and specialized in scouting, map-making and reconnaissance. His success soon led to his training other soldiers. Returning home in 1903 he found that he had become a national hero. He also found that the small handbook he had written for soldiers ("Aids to Scouting") was being used by youth leaders and teachers all over the country to teach observation and woodcraft.

B-P set to work rewriting "Aids to Scouting", this time for a younger audience. In 1907 he held an experimental camp on Brownsea Island in Dorset, to try out his ideas. He brought together 22 boys, some from private schools and some from working class homes, and took them camping under his leadership. This was to be considered the starting point of the Scout Movement. "Scouting for Boys" was published in 1908 in six fortnightly parts

He retired from the army in 1910, at the age of 53, on the advice of King Edward VII who suggested that he could now do more valuable service for his country within the Scout Movement. With all his enthusiasm and energy now directed to the development of Boy Scouting and Girl Guiding, he travelled to all parts of the world, to encourage growth and give inspiration. The first World Scout Jamboree took place at Olympia, London in 1920. At its closing scene B-P was unanimously acclaimed as Chief Scout of the World.

In 1938, suffering from ill-health, B-P returned to Africa, which had meant so much in his life, to live in semi-retirement at Nyeri, Kenya. Even there he found it difficult to curb his energies, and he continued to produce books and sketches. On January 8th, 1941, at 83 years of age, B-P died. He was buried in a simple grave at Nyeri within sight of Mount Kenya. His advice of "try and leave this world a little better than you found it" is as relevant –if not more- today and continues to inspire young people all over the world.

<http://scout.org/bp>

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH, 2016



2016 12-Day Expedition Openings

Ready to relive the history of the west? Why not climb a spar-pole, tour a mine, build a railroad, fire a .30-06 rifle or head for the high country and climb 12,441ft Baldy Mountain. You and your crew could do all of these things on a 2016 Philmont expedition! We have over 70 crew slots available. Email camping@philmontscouranch.org to register.

Experience Philmont through individual opportunities!

Want the Philmont experience, but don't have a crew to come with? No problem! Here at the Ranch we offer a wide variety of individual treks that range between 6 & 21 days of backcountry program and wilderness adventure.

Work at Philmont, this Summer!

A summer in the mountains! If you'll be 18 by summer 2016, now is the time to apply for a Philmont staff position. You have the opportunity to be considered for over 1,100 positions. Internships are available!

Philmont Training Center National Training Center of the Boy Scouts of America

A vacation for the whole family! Engage in one of over 80 world-class Scouting conferences while your whole family enjoys PTC's selection of age-specific program activities. When sitting down for meals throughout the week family members may recall activities such as, horseback riding, day hikes, the raft-lodge, dancing and much more!

<http://philmontscouranch.org/philmont.aspx>

