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2016 Patriot District Pinewood Derby: Another Great Day of Scout Fun

The annual Patriot District Pinewood Derby – the Super Bowl of Cub Scouting – was held on Saturday, March 5, at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Fairfax Station. The event was a great success again this year, with participation from every Patriot District Pack and more than 150 Cub Scouts competing. This was the first year in recent history that each Patriot District Pack was represented. Competing Cub Scouts, all first-place winners in their Packs, in either the Speed or Show categories, competed in their respective Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, or Arrow of Light Dens. Throughout the day, in typical Patriot District tradition, Cub Scouts displayed parent-proud good sportsmanship. Joining the competitors were several hundred accompanying parents, siblings, and friends who arrived in waves to share in the fun throughout the day.

Returning again this year, Pete Griffiths, Pack 1101, provided leadership as the Patriot District Pinewood Derby Chairman. This was Pete’s sixth year running the District competition, and he not only led the preparations for the race, including managing registration and finances, but he also served as Race Director and track/timing engineer. Everyone enjoyed watching the racing instant replay via on loaner projectors (thanks, Bill Snowden!) and the racers took their turns starting each Speed heat with the newly-built starting plunger. A brief memorial was held before the race for the former “official” starting plunger that met an untimely demise at the hands of an over-eager Patriot District Wolf Cub last year(!).

Also returning this year as Masters of Ceremony were Andy Chaves (Pack 1101 Cubmaster) and Joe Margraf (Troop 1346 Scoutmaster), who and provided Cubs and parents alike their non-stop, always-stay-on-your-toes narration. Several unusual characters showed up again this year (all of which looking remarkably like Mr. Margraf), including “Lost Tiger Shark,” Mr. Scruffy-Long-Beard-Scout-Wannabe, The Monk, “Miss-placed”-Brownie-Scout, Scout-Spiderman, and many others.

Pinewood Derby 2016 Speed and Show Winners



Tigers



Wolves



Bears



Webelos



Presenting Awards



Arrow of Light

For the speed competition, each car category raced once in each of three lanes and the lowest average times were used to determine first, second, and third place winners for each of the five Dens. As is the case each year, times were amazingly close! Racers in the Webelos Den witnessed one outcome that was separated by only

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four ten-thousandths of a second (that's 0.0004)! For the Show category, cars were judged by five Boy Scouts from Troop 1346: Brandan H., Tommy R., Eric B., Lucas K., and Kavanaugh R. Cars were judged based on outstanding creativity and craftsmanship determining winners for each of the dens.

Other Boy Scouts from Troop 1346 (Ashton B. and Linus B.) helped by migrating cars from registration to the Speed Impound Lot or Show judging area and also sequencing from the finish line back to the start between races; this is a key activity and critical in keeping the event moving along. Also assisting this year were Pete Griffiths' sons, Peter and Max. who helped monitor racing software and lined-up cars for starting of each heat. Both boys are former Patriot District Pinewood Derby competitors.

Like many other Cub Scout and Boy Scout activities, the Patriot District Pinewood Derby is a major undertaking that could not succeed without the help of many capable and dedicated volunteers. Thanks to Pete Griffiths, Joe Margraf and Andy Chaves for their invaluable leadership in key roles, as already noted. And special thanks to Greg Wagner who was the official race starter again this year; Bill Dexter (Patriot District Committee) and Joe Casey for running the event registration desks; Steve Smith (Patriot District Committee) for efficient organization and management of Pit Row activities from start to finish; Scouts from 1346 who served as Judges for the Show category and in event logistics operations; Bill Snowden (Patriot District Deputy Chair) for help with setup, food, and photography; and Tim Yeager (Pack 1101) for transporting the track to/from the event. We also extend our appreciation to Pack 1101 for the use of its excellent track, precise and reliable timing hard/software, and instant replay (always a hit!). Lastly, a special thanks to everyone who participated in the setup on Friday night and those who stuck around after for takedown and clean-up late on Saturday afternoon after the roar of the race cars had subsided and the crowds were gone.

The 2016 Patriot District Pinewood Derby is now a lasting memory for the all of the Cub Scouts and parents who contributed their energy and efforts to make the derby an energetic and fun event for all! We look forward to seeing the creativity and workmanship that the 2017 competition will hold!

The following table lists the overall trophy results. An entire view of all results including speed statistics can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/site/patriotdistrictpwd/home/results2016>.

Pete Griffiths, Pinewood Derby Chair



Patriot District Pinewood Derby 2016 Overall Trophy Results



| Speed | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Tiger Den | Ethan C. Pack 1101 | Adam I. Pack 1346 | Ben M. Pack 1344 |
| Wolf Den | Emilio B. Pack 1101 | Sagar K. Pack 1533 | Armaan K. Pack 1968 |
| Bear Den | Porter E. Pack 1508 | Jacob C. Pack 1101 | Liam P. Pack 1345 |
| Webelos Den | Lawrence M. Pack 115 | Owen B. Pack 1864 | James M. Pack 1968 |
| AOL Den | Liam F. Pack 1865 | Robert C. Pack 1534 | William C. Pack 50 |

| Show | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Tiger Den | Jacob P. Pack 1967 | Caleb L. Pack 873 | Matthew N. Pack 1965 |
| Wolf Den | Johnny D. Pack 1101 | Andy S. Pack 1346 | AJ C. Pack 873 |
| Bear Den | Nicholas C. Pack 1346 | Olicer F. Pack 1534 | Cody W. Pack 1864 |
| Webelos Den | Jonah H. Pack 873 | Jack P. Pack 115 | David G. Pack 1101 |
| AOL Den | Jason F. Pack 1344 | Trey V. Pack 50 | Wilson B. Pack 1345 |

*Pete Griffiths
Pinewood Derby Chairman*

Pinewood Derby 2016: Volunteers and Fans



PWD Volunteers Ready for the Big Day



Bill Dexter: Registering Cars in the Speed Category



Greg Wagner: Race Starter



PWD Chair and Race Director Pete Griffiths and Assistant



Tiger Cubs Enjoying the Racing Action



Steve Smith: Our Pit Row Master Fixer Once Again



PWD MCs: Andy Chaves and Joe Margraf



Surprise PWD Appearance by Spider Man



And a Cub Spider, too!



Getting Ready to Blast Away for the Next Race



Scout Volunteers Taking A Pizza Break



Adult Volunteers Need a Break, Too.



From the District Chairman:

Greetings to all Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Spring has sprung! The Cherry Blossoms are wreaking havoc with my allergies, so Summer must be around the corner.

That means that **Summer Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp** are on the horizon. Get your reservations in for Cub Scout Day Camp. It will be held 11-15 July at Gesher Jewish Day School in Burke.

Also, the Patriot District **Spring Camporee** is the last weekend of April, running from April 29 – May 1. Canoeing is the theme, so bring your swimsuits as we all learn how to work and play safely in the water.

The **2016 Friends of Scouting** campaign is well under way. Many FOS presentations have already been made, and many others will be completed over the next few weeks. We are well on our way to reaching our goal for FOS 2016, but if you have not yet had a chance to contribute to the campaign this year, please consider supporting Scouting by adding some of your treasure in addition to the support you provide in giving of your talent and time. Steve Smith, Bill Snowden, and Floyd Baker stand ready to assist Pack and Troop leaders in arranging for an FOS presentation. Presentations are most effective at a time when many parents will be present, as at a Pack meeting or Troop Court of Honor.

Out **Spring Awards Banquet** in May will be providing an opportunity for us to award three District Awards of Merit, six Distinguished Patriot Scouter Awards, and a host of other Atta Boy recognitions! Please plan to attend this important event, and be sure to register on line. And don't forget to nominate your deserving members for appropriate and well-deserved awards. Contact Kristin Chioma or Aasgeir Gangsaas with nominations. Mark your calendar for this May 24 event today!

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 their names can be permanently added to the distribution list. If you know Scouters in the District that is not getting Patriot Press, please send their names to Joe Osborne (joe.osborne@cox.net).

As always, **THANK YOU** for what you **do** for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your support for Patriot District's program.

Yours in Scouting, Jack

Jack Campbell, District Chairman
wjcampbell1@verizon.net



A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.

~ Colin Powell (b. April 5, 1937)



From the Commissioner

When encouraging a scouter to attend training I was confronted by the direct, oft-used, and understandable “will I learn anything?” The first words out of my mouth were, “of course you will.” After thinking about it for a while I knew that the real, but not very diplomatic answer might have been, “that depends on you.”

All of us are torn among many requests of our time, our energy, our resources. How we engage with scouting has to do with how we value the benefits of Scouting to our youth and maybe even to our own growth. Those who are like the cork on the ocean surface, those who go with the flow, may not be the ones who are really interested in what happens to our kids. They are just along for the ride. Others, however, dig into the challenge of helping our youth to become tomorrow’s leaders. They look for ways to expand the possibilities as our children become balanced in strengths and wealthy enough in spirit to determine their own fate and lead in our communities and nation. These Scout leaders are the people with whom I want to share life’s journey, to work as teammates, to find meaning as we support our children, grandchildren, and quite often each other.

Yes, before going to training we all go through a kind of calculation. Will I have fun? Will I take something away from the training that merits the time I put in? Will my golf buddies be upset? Wouldn’t it be easier if I take a breather from everything I do? Each time you look at the equation, think hard about what it takes to provide a strong, sustainable program for our children and our children’s children. Training may be the single greatest determiner of the ability for a unit to endure and maintain the ability to make Scouting the best training ground the youth of today will ever see. If you aren’t sure yet, ask a Life or Eagle Scout if they wonder for a minute that their time in scouting was worth it. Can’t find that scout because he’s off leading his corner of the world, then ask their parents. I have no doubt about the answer.

Yours in Scouting and Commissioner Service,

Mike

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The boys of the rising generation are to be the men of the next, and the sole guardians of the principles we deliver over to them.

~ Thomas Jefferson (b. April 13, 1743)

Attention to all Scouters.....

18th Annual Patriot District Recognition Dinner

Tuesday, May 24th, 6:30 – 9:00 PM
St. Stephen's United Methodist Church
9203 Braddock Road, Burke VA

The Patriot District is proud to recognize its distinguished units and leaders for their outstanding service to Scouts and Scouting. Please remember to nominate those distinguished leaders.

Cost per Scouter dinner: \$20

Food choices are Steak Dinner or Vegetarian Lasagna Dinner

Gathering at 6:30 - Dinner 6:50- Awards program 7:45 -9 PM

Reservations received after Thursday, May 19 will be \$25. No guarantee for reservations after Friday May 20th. Please look for on line reservations information.

Register on-line at: <https://www.scoutingevent.com?patriotdinner16>

Help is greatly appreciated with set up and food prep. If you can help, please contact Cynthia Yellen. Simply leave a message and best time to get back to discuss details. Many thanks.

*H 703-425-6468,
C 703-731-3839
cnymsw@verizon.net*



As a special announcement from the District Executive...

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY – CHAPTER

An Act to require local school boards to provide access to school property to youth-oriented, community organizations. [H 942] Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Local school boards shall, subject to the provisions of § 22.1-131 (Caution-<http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/22.1-131>) of the Code of Virginia, provide reasonable and appropriate access to school property to youth-oriented, community organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of the USA, and their volunteers and staff, to distribute and provide instructional materials in order to encourage participation in such organizations and their activities. Any such access provided during the school day shall not conflict with instructional time. Such access may also include after-school sponsored activities such as "Back to School" events, where it can be reasonably accommodated.

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Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

April 2016

- 3 Patriot Press Deadline – April
- 8-10 OA Lodge Spring Fellowship (Snyder)
- 9 SPST (formerly BSLST)
- 9 COR training
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 16 CPST, SPST, VCPST, VAPST, plus Den Leader, COR, and Pack and Venture Committee Chairs training
- 16-17 BCOLS (overnight)
- 22-30 Passover (eve-to-eve)
- 24 Early Bird registration deadline/Goshen
- 28 PD Committee Meeting
- 29-1 May Spring Camporee
- 29-1 May Wood Badge (weekend #1)



May 2016

- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – May
- 8 Mother's Day
- 9 JSN training & distribution of materials
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Program Launch & Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 20-22 OA Conclave (Goshen)
- 24 District Awards Dinner
- 29 Goshen payments due
- 29 Patriot Press Deadline – June
- 30 Memorial Day

June 2016

- TBD OA Chapter Banquet
- 3-5 OA Ordeal (Snyder)
- 3-5 Wood badge (weekend #2)
- 7 1st day of Ramadan (through July 6)
- 9 Roundtable
- 11 CPST (complete session)
- 11-13 Shavuot (eve-to-eve)
- 12 CPST (complete session)
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 19 Father's Day
- 19-24 NYLT (IMPEESA)
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

Legend

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|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|--|
| 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 ROUNTABLE!



**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.

When: Thursday, April 14, 2016

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

Midway: 7:30pm – 8 pm

Roundtable: 8pm – 9pm

*Brian Behlke, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
bbehlke@hotmail.com, 662-812-3496*



Boy Scout Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, April 14, 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: JASMs, Games with a Purpose, Best/Worst Campouts, Mining in Society 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



The theme for the Patriot District Spring Camporee is canoeing. In addition, 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, a challenging trip that includes rapids and an easy gentle water experience. Webelos can only participate in the gentle water canoeing. Units that are canoeing must administer the BSA swim test to any individual, Scout or adult, who will be on the water. Each unit must also have a current “Safety a Float” adult present for water activities. Troops will be canoeing as a unit water event, not a district water event.

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 time period and preclude Scouts from canoeing. The first is Cinematography. 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, is 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 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 have 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. In addition, 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 morning, May 1, 2016. The cost is twenty dollars (\$20) per participant. There is no charge for adults that are just helping out on Saturday or Sunday and are not camping for the weekend. Registration for the camporee is open from **February 4 until April 11, 2016**. It is important that units notify Joe Casey by e-mail or phone by that April 11 date if 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. Unit checks should be made out to NCAC-BSA.

There is an additional charge of twenty-five (\$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) 371-5085 or info@playva.com, JoEllen Santulli. Units that are canoeing must notify Virginia Outdoor Center by

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March 15, 2016 and provide a \$100 deposit. Final numbers and payment are due by April 15, 2016. To pay, send a check to Virginia Outdoor Center at 3219 Fall Hill Avenue, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401. The final count needs to include how many participants weigh less than 100 pounds and how many canoes and kayaks you are renting. Only older Scouts and adults with previous paddle experience should rent a kayak.

If it is warm enough, Scouts can tube on the river. Tubing reservations need to be made with Steve Miller (540) 735-4182 canoeecamp@earthlink.net at Rappahannock River Campground.

Troop 114 will 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 this 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.

*William Dexter, Camporee Directory
(703) 978-2632, wtdexterjr@gmail.com*



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, April 15.

- Unit Point of Contact: Name, mailing address, email address, home and cell phone numbers, and unit type and number
- The estimated number of Scouts (under age 18) and the estimated number of adult 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.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL
PATRIOT & GEORGE MASON DISTRICTS



Leader Position Specific Training

Join us on Saturday, April 16th from 8:30am to 1:00pm for a time of fun, comradery, and learning.

Patriot District and George Mason District are joining teams to offer **all** Scouters training in their specific positions. Not only does this training help you, the leader, bring a greater quality program to your youth, it enables you to wear the “TRAINED” patch.



Class Offerings:

Den Leader Position Specific Training

Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster Position Specific Training

Scoutmaster (and Assistant Scoutmaster) Position Specific Training

Varsity Coach Position Specific Training

Venturing Advisor Position Specific Training

Pack Committee Challenge

Team Committee Challenge

Crew Committee Challenge

Chartered Organization Representative Training

To be held at: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
4911 Ox Road
Fairfax VA 22030

Cost is \$5 — Register at NCACBSA.ORG/PATRIOT by Tuesday, April 12, 2016. For more information, please contact your District Training Chair.



Popcorn Corner

It is not too early to begin planning your unit’s popcorn fund raising activities as part of your unit’s program launch for the 2016/2017 year. Sales will officially begin on August 1 and end on December 31. Come by the popcorn table every month at the Roundtable midway from 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm to receive information and assistance.

I will also be using the NCAC BSA Patriot web page and email for communications. I am asking units to provide me with your unit’s POC, i.e., Popcorn Kernel, to develop an email distribution list.

Questions can be emailed to me at patriotpopcorn2016@verizon.net .

*Patrick Ring, Patriot Popcorn Kernel
703-674-6178*



First Aid Merit Badge Class

- When:** Sunday, 5 Jun 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Who:** The class is for Scouts who would like to complete the First Aid merit badge, (Eagle required), and for Scouts who need to complete First Aid requirements for Tenderfoot through First Class.
- Register:** Send Mr. Sternberg an email message to sign-up for the class no later than 15 May 2016. (see below).
Note - At least one parent or other adult must attend the class to assist and to insure we have complied with the Youth Protection Guidelines.
- Where:** The class will be in a community room at Mr. Sternberg's home, 5902 Mount Eagle Drive, Alexandria, VA. Driving Directions:
Take I-495/I-95 (beltway) toward Alexandria
Take Exit 176A, Richmond Highway south toward Fort Belvoir
Go through two traffic lights, Fort Hunt Road and Huntington Road
Turn right onto Mount Eagle Drive (looks like a service road).
Turn right into the Montebello Condominium. Get a visitor pass at the gatehouse, and continue to the right up the hill to building 2 (5902).
There's plenty of parking in front of the building. Call Mr. Sternberg, 703-960-0205, for entry into the building.
- Prepare:** Review Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class first aid requirements. Read the First Aid merit badge pamphlet.
- Bring** Bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks. Also bring a notepad and pencil.
- Cost:** Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for first aid supplies and room rental fee.
Make checks payable to "Boy Scout Troop 1131."
- Contact:** Mr. Philip Sternberg <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>, 703-960-0205



Virginia Scout Store

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

The Virginia Scout Store now requires the Internet advancement report either via paper or electronically. You will not be able to purchase rank without it. Any questions call the Council at 301-530-9360.

Store location: 5234 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA, in the Ravensworth Shopping Center just before the beltway on Braddock Road. Phone: 703-321-4836

Store Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 7 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

VA Central/VA West BALOO (Host: George Mason District)

Course Description: BALOO is an outdoor skills training program for the Cub Scout Leader or Parent – no camping experience required. BALOO training teaches Cub Scout Leaders and Parents the essential organizing, planning, campcraft and outdoor safety skills that enable a Pack to go camping as a Scouting group. BALOO training program topics include activity planning, program ideas, campfire planning, equipment, cooking and sanitation, safety and first aid. BSA policy requires at least one leader with BALOO training on all Cub Scout Pack campouts.

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016, 8:00 a.m. (registration) – 3:30 p.m.

Location: The City Gates Church (formerly Barcroft Bible Church)
9401 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031

Cost: \$20.00 per participant (*includes handouts, Cub Scout breakfast, and Foil-Meal Lunch*).

Register: Send check payable to “NCAC-BSA” to BALOO Registrar:
Roy DeLauder, 4504 Overcup Ct, Fairfax, VA 22032

Please include your name, BSA ID, phone number, email address, home address, district, unit number, and unit position.

Questions: Contact Julia Farr via e-mail farr.scouts@gmail.com or via phone (c) 703-965-7013.

Bring: Pen and notepad, and camp chair (optional).

Uniform: Wear your “Class A” uniform (preferred)

Class Size is Limited and Advanced Registration Required by April 25 (No Walk Ons)

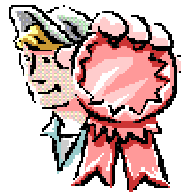


OA UPDATES

Beginning in April OA Chapter meetings will be held at the same place as Round Table. They will begin at 7 pm at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church on Braddock Rd. Combining with Round Table should help the TOARs get information to their troop leadership.

Registration for the **Section NE-6A Conclave** is also open at ne6a.org/conclave/. Register now and help Amangamek-Wipit maintain its lead among the other two lodges for the lodge with the most attendees! This is the largest annual event that you are able to attend, and will have some great activities.

We also need your support for the spring ordeal. It will be held June 3-5 at Camp Snyder. It is a great way to show your support for the new candidates in your troop. Seeing a friendly face makes the ordeal a better experience and introduction to the OA for incoming candidates.



District Awards Dinner

As noted page 6, the annual Patriot District dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. Information regarding attending is in the attached flyer. Each year, we honor and recognize adults who have made a noteworthy contribution to our youth. We have two awards Distinguished Patriot Service Award and Patriot Spirit Award (PSA). The nomination forms for each award are provided at the end of this issue of the Patriot Press below. Please consider nominating someone for your unit for the PSA. Every unit is allowed to present one of these awards. It is important that we recognize the adults who have been giving that something extra to their units.



Duty to God for Boy Scouts

“Duty to God” has been a part of the Boy Scouts of America from the start. The first BSA *Handbook for Boys*, published in 1911, says “no boy can grow into the best kind of citizenship without recognizing his obligation to God.”

What’s new is that beginning Jan. 1, 2016, every rank from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout (plus Eagle Scout palms) will include a “duty to God” requirement.

It’s important to know what that means — and what it doesn’t.

The new requirements *do* ask Scouts to reflect on their own belief. They *don’t* ask the Scout leader to have a two-way conversation about religion, to proselytize or to evaluate whether the Scout’s duty to God meets the Scout leader’s personal standard.

Look at the verb in the requirement: “**Tell** how you have done your duty to God.” Not demonstrate, discuss, show or prove.

This is a **monologue** by the Scout. Not a **dialogue** between a Scout and his leader.

The requirement is complete once the Scout has described how he has done his duty to God. With young Scouts, this could be a very brief statement. As Scouts get older and their beliefs mature, this “telling” will evolve.

The troop leader is there to listen, not to evaluate a Scout’s expression against any standard. In many troops, the Scout leader and one or more of his Scouts will have different religious beliefs, and that’s perfectly fine. In fact, it’s healthy.



**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

Leadership & Training Awards



Den Leader's Training Award - One year of tenure and other requirements. It includes the following. Can be earned three times.

- **Tiger Cub Den Leader Award**
- **Cub Scout Den Leader Award**
- **Webelos Den Leader**



Scouter's Training Award - Basic Training and other requirements. Various requirements depending on the program

- **Pack Trainer Award**
- **Cub Scouter Award**
- Boy Scout Training Award
- District Training Award



Scouter's Key - Various requirements depending on the program. Commissioners, Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors, and others.

- Cubmaster Key
- Scoutmaster Key
- Coach Key
- Adviser Key



Unit Leader's Award of Merit - Earned by Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Varsity Team Coaches, and Venturing Crew Advisors meeting the requirements. It requires 18 months or more in the position along with nomination from the committee or youth.



Check Out NCAC's New Website!

In January the National Capital Area Council moved to a new website 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 website, the event registration engine has also changed. You will find the calendar and registering for events have been streamlined. We are currently in the process 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 invite you to check out the new NCAC site at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/Patriot/>.

We also invite 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 post it to our District Facebook Page.



A government that does not trust its law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms is itself unworthy of trust.

~ James Madison (b. March 16, 1751)

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, and 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 only preferred for youth. It also helps if you reduce picture size to less than 1 MB.

The Patriot Press, Patriot District
National Capital Area Council

The Patriot Press is the monthly newsletter of the Patriot District, NCAC, Boy Scouts of America. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the official policies of the National Capital Area Council or the Boy Scouts of America. This newsletter is provided eleven times each year (not in July) and posted at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotPress>

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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Every human being, of whatever origin, of whatever station, deserves respect. We must each respect others even as we respect ourselves.

~ Ulysses S. Grant (b. April 27, 1822)



Leave No Trace Trainer Classes, April 2016

What is the purpose of this class? The **Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout** programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train **adults and youth aged 14+** for service to their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Trainers. Every Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have at least one Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics Trainer. A Boy Scout must complete this course before he can serve in the Troop Leave No Trace Trainer position.

Who should attend? Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Boy Scouts aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

What will I learn? This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills.

This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers. Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required.

NCAC Outdoor Ethics web page: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/outdoor-ethics/>

Class locations, dates, and contacts:

Maryland Class

Where: Izaak Walton League Rockville Chapter, Germantown MD

When: Friday April 8 (5:00 pm) through Sunday April 10, 2016 (10:00 am) (Sunday friendly may be possible for students; please contact Paul to discuss)

Class director: Paul Schimke, paul@schimke.org, 301 906 0069 (cell)

Registration page: <https://scoutingevent.com/?LNTTrainer>

Enrollment closes Sunday 3/27/2016

Virginia Class

Where and when: Falls Church, Friday evening April 8, 2016 AND Sky Meadows SP, April 16 (9:00am) through April 17 (10:00am)

Class Director: Victor Bienek, vbienek@gmail.com, 703 855 8428 (cell)

Registration page: <https://scoutingevent.com/?LNTTrainerApr2016>

Enrollment closes Wednesday 3/27/2016

Expedition GALACTIC TREK! "Day Camp 2016

Has your Pack registered for one of our OUTSTANDING DISTRICT DAY CAMPS?

If not don't hesitate to REGISTER your UNIT before the price goes up after April 15th.

To get started go to www.GoToDayCamp.org

Here are the prices for DAY CAMP

Before April 15, 2016: \$190.00

Before May 20, 2016: \$210.00

After May 20, 2016: \$230.00

All NEW Tiger registrations will be charged \$190!!!



Boy Scout Troop 1131
Burke, Virginia
Scouting since 1970

Troop 1131 Spaghetti Dinner

When: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Friday, 8 April 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 Scouting 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 options include (1) spaghetti with/or without meatballs or (2) spaghetti with shrimp, salad, rolls, desert and a drink. The cost for dinner is \$7.00 per person, or \$25.00 for a family of five -- Eat In and/or Carry Out

Contact: Carol Harranty-Tun, charranty@cox.net, 703-321-1404

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

Christopher Wallace, crwallaceva@verizon.net, 571-926-3222





Merit Badges

The Boy Scouts of America announces a new informational resource entitled “Counselor’s Compass.” This publication, to be issued as an e-newsletter, will support merit badge counselors in four ways:

- **Things to do.** What new counselors should do prior to counseling a merit badge.
- **Steps for Success.** Helpful tips for both new and experienced counselors as they work with Scouts, such as the importance of using the latest pamphlet and requirements.
- **Glad You Asked.** Articles that address commonly asked questions sent to merit.badge@scouting.org.

News You Can Use. Merit badge fun facts and information on new badges. Subscribing to *Counselor’s Compass* is similar to subscribing to *Advancement News*: Send a message to merit.badge@scouting.org, with “SUBSCRIBE” in the subject line. Indicate your name, email address, and council in the message text. The *Compass* may also be accessed online at: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-937_Dec2014.pdf



B-P Bits

Mafeking made B-P the boys' hero, and it was not surprising that many wrote to him for advice and help. He took a great deal of trouble to answer these letters. Here is part of his reply to one from a Boys' Club in London:

"You should not be content with sitting down to defend yourselves against evil habits, but should also be active in doing good. By 'doing good' I mean making yourselves useful and doing small kindness' to other people - whether they are friends or strangers.

It is not a difficult matter, and the best way to set about it is to make up your mind to do at least one 'good turn' to somebody every day, and you will soon get into the habit of doing good turns always.

It does not matter how small the 'good turn' may be - even if it is only to help an old woman across the street, or to say a good word for somebody who is being badly spoke of. The great thing is to do something."

**American Trucking Associations (ATA)
Truck Transportation and Traffic Safety Merit Badge Evening**

Tuesday May 17, 2016

Woodson High School Cafeteria A F104
9525 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22031

Viewing of vehicles and discussion time with drivers **4:00-6:00PM**
Registration time **5:00-5:50PM**
Merit Badge Sessions Begin at **6:00 PM**



Annandale BSA Troop 1532 is hosting this event in coordination with the [American Trucking Associations \(ATA\)](http://www.trucking.org/Pages/Home.aspx) (<http://www.trucking.org/Pages/Home.aspx>) and [Fairfax County Police Department \(FCPD\)](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/) (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/>). ATA and FCPD will be covering the following Merit Badges:

The Fairfax County Police Department is committed to keeping the citizens who live in, work in and visit Fairfax County, safe on our roadways. We intend to accomplish this through continuous communication and education. Please visit any of the following links to learn more. If you need information that you do not find there, please call our Public Information Office at (703) 246-2253, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tentative Schedule:

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| 4:00-6:00PM | Tour of ATA Truck, FCPD Police Cruiser, and FC Fire Truck: |
| 5:00-5:50PM | Registration: |
| 6:00PM-7:30PM | Truck Transportation Merit Badge |
| 7:30PM-9:00PM | Traffic Safety Merit Badge: |

Admission:

1. Two properly completed Blue Cards (include requirements (by number) on reverse). Leave name and Address of counselor blank – that item will be completed during that evening.
2. Each Scout **MUST READ THE MERIT BADGE BOOK (or WORKBOOK from above meritbadge.org sites above) BEFORE COMING TO THE SESSION AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS/ EXPLAIN/ DO WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS CALL FOR.**
3. **THIS IS A UNIFORMED EVENT:** Shirts tucked in.
4. Scouts should bring: paper, pencil, pen, and merit badge book or workbook.

Prerequisites:

1. Truck Transportation requirements: http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Truck_Transportation
2. Traffic Safety requirements: http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Traffic_Safety

Scouts should bring: paper, pencil, pen, drinking cup, and merit badge book or workbook.

Cost: \$15 per Scout (Snacks and drinks will be made available)

Registration: REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 200 SCOUTS

The registration **DEADLINE is May 13th, 2016.**

Registration will be accepted by ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY via Eventbrite (\$1.82 fee) at:

<http://troop1532-trucktrans-trafficsafety-meritbadge.eventbrite.com>

Payment: Please make checks payable to: [Troop 1532](#)

Please mail checks to: **Peter Padovani, 3604 Druid Ln, Annandale, VA 22003**

BSA: [Truck Transportation Merit Badge.Org: http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Truck_Transportation](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Truck_Transportation)

American Trucking Association <http://www.trucking.org/Pages/Home.aspx>

BSA: [Traffic Safety Merit Badge.Org: http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Traffic_Safety](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Traffic_Safety)

Fairfax County Police Department - Traffic Safety: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/traffic/>



STEM-University Adult training in STEM!!

Date: Sunday, June 18 1-4 PM

Where: Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA

Who: Leaders and Parents

Learn about STEM in Scouting!

Have fun with hands-on activities that YOU can bring home to your Cub Scout, Boy Scout, & Venturing units! Get trained as a Nova Counselor or Supernova Mentor!



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" that 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

N6-82-16-2 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

Nomination for Patriot Spirit Award



To The District Awards Committee:

The following named individual has distinguished himself/herself by singularly outstanding service and is this unit's selection for award of the Patriot Spirit Award.

Name: _____ Unit: _____
Address: _____

Currently registered in Scouting as _____

Noteworthy service upon which this selection is made (optional):

Nomination for

Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award

To The District Awards Committee:

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration for the Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award:

Name:

Unit:

Currently registered in Scouting as:

The nominee has earned the following:

Den Leader's Training Award or Den Leader Award

Scouter's Religious Award

Silver Beaver

Den Leader Coach's Training Award or Den Leader Coach Award

Order of the Arrow

Cubmaster Award

Wood Badge

Cub Scouter Award

Exploring/Venturing Award

Webelos Den Leader Award

Commissioner Service Award

Scouter's Training Award

Other (specify):

Scouter's Key

The noteworthy service upon which this nomination is based follows:

(Furnish as much information as possible regarding the nominee's service to youth in and out of scouting and his or her service at the pack, troop, district, or higher level. Include positions held, dates of service, training, awards received, and any other pertinent information. Use additional paper, if necessary.)

See Attached

Horizontal lines for providing service details.

Date of Nomination

Name of person making nomination / phone

Position in Scouting