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From the District Chairman:

Scouts, Scouters and Families of Patriot District,

Wow! It's March and Spring is already here; I wonder how long it will last. Is Mother Nature just toying with us?

The Friends of Scouting campaign is well underway, and I know that there will be many FOS presentations over the next few weeks likely to be made when you have a Blue and Gold or Court of Honor. Please consider supporting Scouting with your treasure as well as you what you already give in talent and time.

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 their e-mail address to Robert Mason so they will be permanently on the distribution list.

On April 18th, the Council Court of Honor will convene to recognize the new class of Silver Beavers. Please register and congratulate Patriot District's newest Silver Beavers Robert Cohn, Richard Priest and Abdul "Rashid" Abdullah.

Lots of exciting things coming up this spring... Camporee, Day Camp and the District Court of Honor are just a few of the things we have to look forward to.

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

Yours in Scouting

Steve Smith, Patriot District Chairman



Calling all Bug Hunters!

Your master hunters will be available Thursday, March 2nd, and Tuesday, March 14th, to answer any questions you might have related to upcoming adventures at Patriot District Day Camp. They will be meeting with potential hunters in the cafeteria of Fairview Elementary School on those days from 7 - 9pm. Fairview is located at the corner of Burke Centre Parkway and Route 123. Pack coordinators, parents, and leaders are all welcome to stop by and ask any questions that they need help with.

Yours in Bug Scouting,

Niko Brown - Camp Director

Justin Day - Program Director



From the District Commissioner

The rechartering process is now complete and all of our units are appropriately chartered until Dec 31st. Now that it is complete, all of our units' registered youth and adults are listed in the Member Manager of the my.Scouting.org website. Each unit should check those listed on the website against the membership you hold to make certain they are the same. Sometimes errors occur and someone who should have been registered isn't. Let's make sure all of our Scouts and leaders are registered.

With the Blue and Gold Banquets now in full swing, we have several Cubs earning their Arrow of Light. Don't wait to enter that achievement into the internet advancement. If a Cub joins a troop and becomes registered as a Scout before his Arrow of Light is recorded in internet advancement, his achievement will go unrecorded forever.

And speaking of the transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, I am a huge advocate of Den Chiefs and I don't see many in our district. The den chief is a key means of building relationships between the pack and troop, crew or team. Den Chiefs regularly reminds the boys about Boy Scouts in a positive way as he leads activities and shares their enthusiasm for Scouting with the Cub Scouts. Their presence adds another important asset: they can tell them all about Boy Scouting, with its outdoor activities, trips, summer camp, and opportunities for advancement. When the Cub earns his Arrow of Light and it's time for them to move up to a Boy Scout troop, a Den Chief's positive example and encouragement can help them decide to make that transition. For Cubmasters and Scoutmasters, please consider a better utilization of this position of responsibility for an older Scout.

Commissioner College for our council is being held in Woodbridge this year on March 11. It's similar to the University of Scouting but on a smaller scale and with offered courses more geared to the Commissioner role. That said, the college is not ONLY for Commissioners. Anyone can participate, and I encourage any Scouter to attend. Information about the college can be found at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/commissioners/commissioner-training/commissioner-college/>.

If we have any Scouts in the district who might have often thought about becoming a modern day Lewis and Clark, Admiral Richard Byrd, or Jacques Cousteau, they may be interested in the newest merit badge – Exploration. It has just become available and looks to be an interesting and fun merit badge. Is that Indiana Jones' hat on the badge?

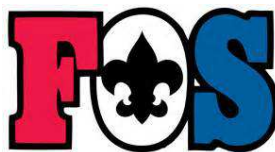
I'm sure everyone is aware that there was a recent change in the Boy Scouts membership policy. For anyone having questions about that change, I direct you to the National Capital Area Council home page website (NCACBSA.org). There are two links there toward the bottom of the page that discuss the change.

*Dave Astle
District Commissioner*



It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.

~ Frederick Douglas (b. February, 1808)



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

We are in full swing on the 2017 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. If you have not already scheduled your presentation - *you're late*. Please contact Mark Greer as soon as possible. Courts of Honor are ideal occasions for Troops to schedule their presentation, while Blue and God Banquets are good events for Pack presentations.

We derive a lot of benefits from FOS and our Council. Please take a moment to schedule your presentation and encourage your families to contribute. If you have any questions, please ask me! This is our turn to help - please be generous.

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



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

22 APR 2017

Holy Spirit School

As adult volunteer Scout leaders, it is incumbent upon us to know how to recognize and respond to the signs of mental illness. This knowledge can be the difference between life and death. We are partnering with the Fairfax County Health Department to offer a training course in Youth Mental Health First Aid to help prevent teen suicide. This same training is mandatory for every Fairfax County School teacher, administrator, and staff member to complete. We have the same instructors. Coffee and snacks will be available and there will be a lunch break, but lunch is not provided, so be prepared to either bring your lunch or buy it.

8am-5pm

National Certification

Cost \$30

5121 Woodland Way, Annandale,
VA 22003

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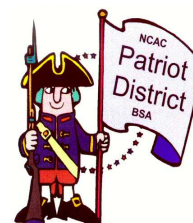
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Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

March 2017

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



April 2017

- 2 Patriot Press Deadline – April
- 8 SPST (formerly BSLST)
- 10 COR training
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Early Bird registration deadline/Goshen
- 21-23 OA Chapter Spring Ordeal
- 25 PD Committee Meeting
- 29-30 Wilderness/Remote First Aid (Big Mac)
- 29-30 BCOLS (overnight)
- 29-1 May Wood Badge (weekend #1)
- 30 Patriot Press Deadline – May

May 2017

- 8 JSN training & distribution of materials
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Program Launch & Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 19-21 OA Conclave (Goshen)
- 23 District Awards Dinner
- 27 Ramadan begins
- 26-29 Spring Camporee (NCAC event)
- 28 Patriot Press Deadline – June
- 29 Goshen payments due

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



Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.

~Ronald Reagan (b. February 6, 1911)

CUB SCOUT ROUNDTABLE!



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

The Purpose of the Roundtable:

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

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

When: Thursday, March 9th, 2017

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

Midway: 7:30 – 8 PM

Roundtable: 8 – 9 PM

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



Boy Scout Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, March 9th, 2017

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

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

Topics: Scouter Code of Conduct, Guide to Safe Scouting, Webelos-to-Scout Transition

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

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

Patriot District Training

Current District Youth Protection Training (YPT) percentage: 94.6

Current District Trained Leader percentage: 39.8

Upcoming Trainings:

Leader Specific Training: The District is going to be offering Leader specific training on a rotating basis during the Spring months. All trainings will be held at Fairview Elementary school located at the corner of Burke Centre Parkway and Rt. 123. The trainings will run from 7pm – 9pm on the following dates:

March 23: Cubmaster and Venturing Leader

April 27: Den Leader and Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster

May 25: Cubmaster and Venturing leader

If you are interested in attending any of the leader specific trainings, please contact Justin Day, Patriot District Training Chair, at patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com. The Leader Specific trainings will be \$5 to help cover the cost of materials.

The District continues to need volunteers to help with conducting trainings. Please contact Justin if you are willing to serve in this vital area.

Wood Badge Spring 2017: Registration is now open for the Spring session of NCAC's Wood Badge training. The course will be held on April 28-30 and June 2-4 (must attend both weekends). The cost for the course is \$300. Wood Badge is Scouting's advanced leader training. More information and registration can be found at: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>



Patriot District Day Camp

Calling all day campers! Registration for the 2017 Patriot District Day Camp is now open. This year, the Patriot District Day Camp will again be held at Geshur Jewish Day School located on Mattie May Ct. off Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax. The camp will run from July 10 – 14. Planned activities will include BB shooting, archery, slingshots, sports, Scout crafts, and – back by popular demand – the climbing wall. The theme for this year is bug hunters. Early bird pricing is \$190 per Scout. The camp directors will be holding two question and answer sessions for parents, coordinators, and interested staff at Fairview elementary school on March 2 and March 14 from 7 pm to 9 pm. If you have any questions regarding day camp, would like to schedule the camp directors to come out and talk to your pack, or are interested in volunteering as a member of the staff, please contact either Niko Brown, nikobrown@gmail.com, or Justin Day, kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com.

Registration information can be found at: www.gotodaycamp.org



Den Chief Training

Saturday March 18, 2017, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Scotts Run LDS Church
1325 Scotts Run Rd
McLean, Virginia 22102

Do you have Boy Scouts in your troop interested in serving as a Den Chief?

Would you like to find out more about using a Den Chief in your pack or den program?

The course (C31) instructs Scouts on the Den Chief leadership position and the necessary skills to lead and befriend Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos/Arrow of Light Scouts.

The course motivates through fun, learning skills, playing games and activities that help Scouts understand their role in the weekly den meetings. Some Scouts who become Den Chiefs were never Cub Scouts and this course helps them understand that program.

Fee: \$20 per Scout – register and pay online. The registration fee includes: Den Chief Handbook, Extensive Handouts, Trained Strip, and Lunch. Register on-line at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-11549>

Contact: Roger Claff, reclaff@aol.com



Patriot District Court of Honor

Date: Tuesday evening, 23 May 2017

Please save the date and join us for the annual adult recognition and awards.

This year we are having our just desserts. Just Deserts!

We hope to see you all there to celebrate the appreciation, commitment and fellowship we all have for our Scouting community here in the Patriot District.

Please take some time to identify those adult Scouters who have given so much to our own Scouting community, to celebrate those who have served, are serving, and will continue to serve our Patriot District Boy Scout Community.

If you would like to lend a helping hand in the event, Please send Cynthia Yellen a text, voice or email to all of the following as I want to get your message...**there are never too many reminders!!!** If you don't hear from me I did not get your message....

703-731-3839

cnymsw@verizon.net

cnymsw@gmail.com

voice mail or text are great....

main email at home AND

I can read this on my phone at home or in a box with a fox!



A man, as a general rule, owes very little to what he is born with – a man is what he makes of himself.

~ Alexander Graham Bell (b. March 03, 1847)



NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting

First Aid Merit Badge Class

- When:** Sunday, 7 May 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Who:** The class is for Boy 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. Open to Scouts of all faiths.
- Register:** Send Mr. Sternberg an email message to sign-up for the class no later than 27 March 2016. (see below)
- Where:** The class will be conducted in the VFW Post #8469 building, 5703 Vogue Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039
- Prepare:** Review Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class first aid requirements. Read the First Aid merit badge requirements on-line at: <http://www.scouting.org/meritbadges.aspx>.
- Bring:** Bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks. Also bring a notepad and pencil. Put together a Personal First Aid Kit and bring it to class.
- Cost:** Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) for first Scout in a family
Nine Dollars (\$9.00) for each additional Scout in a family. The fee covers first aid supplies.
Make checks payable to “Boy Scout Troop 1131,” with “JCoS First Aid MB” on the memo line.
- Contact:** Mr. Philip Sternberg <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>, 703-960-0205 (cell)



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<https://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict>





Shalom, Salam and Peace to all Scouts and Scouters

For the first time ever, Venturing Crew 114, chartered by the Islamic Center of Northern Virginia, Fairfax, Virginia, is proudly organizing an Interfaith event that will help Scouts and Scouters to understand the mutual similarity between the Abrahamic faiths and also give an opportunity to combat hunger by packaging meals for those in need.

This event is called “For Harmony We Strive.” It is inspired by the Messengers of Peace mission, a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young men and women in more than 220 countries and territories to work toward peace. The initiative lets Scouts from around the world share what they’ve done and inspire fellow Scouts to undertake similar efforts in their own communities. The initiative is inspired by the World Scout Committee, administered by the World Scout Bureau, and driven by youth volunteers worldwide.

The agenda for the event will include:

- A tour to three Abrahamic places of worship
- A speech with question and answer session by three religious leaders of respective houses of worship
- Packaging meals at the Stop Hunger Now warehouse.

The success of this event relies on volunteer participation and donations, so please register and donate today using the link below:

<http://crew114.muslimscouting.org/2017/02/03/stop-hunger-now-registration/>

This event is organized with the support of the NCAC VOA and the partnership of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS), Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation, the Christian Fellowship Church, and Stop Hunger Now, all located in close proximity to one other in Ashburn, Virginia.

For further information, please contact: <mailto:crew114@muslimscouting.org>. God bless and thank you very much. As a special note, Rabbi Peter Hyman, the National Chair for the Messengers of Peace, is planning to attend the event. We hope to receive overwhelming support for this effort.

For more info go to: <http://crew114.muslimscouting.org/stop-hunger-now-registration/>



Contact us: crew114@Muslimscouting.org

You may also want to check out our Council's MOP Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DCMessengersOfPeace>.



One man with courage makes a majority.

~Andrew Jackson (b. March 15, 1767)

GOSHEN@50

The National Capital Area Council is organizing a special Spring Camporee 2017 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Goshen Scout Reservation, which opened in the summer of 1967. The event will be held on Memorial Day weekend.

There are three registration categories:

Unit Weekend Camping: Webelos, Boy Scout, Varsity, Venturing, Sea Scout, and Exploring youth; Adult Leaders; and individual Alumni. \$35.00 per participant

Family Weekend Camping: Cub Scouts and family members, Webelos family members, Scout family members, and Alumni and family members. \$20.00 per participant

Day Pass: Cub Scouts and families, Webelos and families, Scouts and families, Alumni and families, and any other individuals who only wish to spend the day and not camp overnight. \$15.00 per participant

REGISTER TODAY:

WWW.NCACBSA.ORG/GOSHEN50



Goshen Scout Reservation
340 Millard Burke Memorial Highway
Goshen, Virginia 22439

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www.facebook.com/Goshen50



#GOSHEN50

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2017



National Capital Area Council

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Webelos, Boy Scouts, and other Older Scouts should register and camp with their units, even if their families register separately to attend and stay at Camp Klondike. Cub Scouts should register as part of a family.



The West Point Society of Washington DC

Save the Date

Friday, April 7, 2017

West Point LEADS Workshops



Keynote Speaker

LTG Robert L. Caslen, Jr.
Superintendent, U.S. Military
Academy, West Point, NY

LEADS: Leadership Ethics and Diversity in STEM

Columbia Heights Educational Campus

3101 16th Street, NW

Washington DC, 20010

7:30 AM- 3:30 PM

for 6 through 10 Grade Students



Guest Speaker

Cadet Christian E. Nattiel
West Point Class for 2017
Rhodes Scholar

The West Point Society of the District of Columbia, the West Point Diversity Office, the West Point Center for Leadership and Diversity in STEM, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Army Research Laboratory, the Society of American Military Engineers, and others will conduct a Leadership Ethics and STEM workshop for middle and high school students and their escort-educators on Friday, April 7, 2017.

West Point and ROTC Cadets facilitate leadership ethics and STEM activities. The goal is to expose students to the ethical and technology skills they will need to become effective leaders in a technology-driven world.

The workshop will consist of hands-on, large and small group STEM activities proctored by West Point staff members and STEM professionals. The escort-educators will have their own workshop, which will feature lively discussions and interaction with local VIPs and prominent professionals.

The United States Military Academy at West Point, NY is the nation's oldest engineering school and the premier leadership institution in the Nation.

Prepare to nominate students for the workshop with outstanding academic and leadership potential. Positions for this first-come-first-served event will fill up quickly.

Please indicate your school's intent to participate via e-mail (joanledebur@cox.net) and 2017wplwdmv@gmail.com now with subject line: "West Point LEADS DMV."

Joan Ledebur will assist with registration and questions. Interested students can email Ms. Ledebur. Their school can be notified of interested students.

LEADS Workshop Registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-point-leads-workshop-2017-washington-dc-registration-30371470887>

LEADS Workshop Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGVnIWsx0vQ>

West Point Diversity Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11juLHhVLwA>

Help the Patriot District “Celebrate Fairfax”



The annual Celebrate Fairfax festival is coming to the Fairfax County Government Center on June 9th through the 11th. The Patriot District is planning on submitting an application to host a booth to display the Scouting Program to everyone attending the event, but especially visitors of Scouting age. Please have your Pack, Troop, Post, Crew, and Team develop ideas for potential participation or taste oriented demonstrations (monkey bridge, Dutch oven cooking, boil an egg in a paper cup, etc.) and send those ideas to John Stewart (email below) as soon as you can, but not later than March 29th.

We are planning on coordinating for the NCAC’s climbing tower to be part of our District booth for this event as well. Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Crew and Varsity Team members are all wanted to serve at the booth to demonstrate and show off the “fun” of Scouting. Units are asked to send contact info for their volunteers to staff the booth and any specific time slots they want to serve to John Stewart at john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil.

The events hours are Friday, June 9th, 12 noon – 2 pm for county employees “sneak peak” and then from 6 pm-12 am; Saturday, June 10th, 10 am -12 am; Sunday, June 11th, 11 am-7 pm. If our booth is approved by the event organizers, our goal will be to close our booth a few hours prior to the festival closing time each day in support of youth and adult volunteers.

This can be an excellent way to get community families exposure to Scouting and potentially to join us! Don’t forget to send in your booth ideas by March 29th and to submit unit POCs for booth volunteers.

*John Stewart, John.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil
Vice Chair for Membership and District Lion Coordinator*

The Patriot Press, Patriot District
National Capital Area Council

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

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NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting MERIT BADGE FAIR

Sunday, April 23, 2017
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

The Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy
13300 Arctic Avenue, Rockville, MD 20853

The National Capital Area Council Jewish Committee on Scouting invites Boy Scouts of all faiths to participate in a Merit Badge Fair. Merit Badge Fair Information

Registration: A list of participating merit badge counselors is on the next page of this flyer. Register by sending an email message to Philip Sternberg, <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>, with the following information:

- Scout's name and e-mail address
Parent's Name and email address
Phone Number (home and cell)
Rank, Unit Type (troop/crew) and Unit Number, and District
Merit Badge first choice and second choice (if first choice is unavailable)

Send this information as soon as possible, as enrollment for each merit badge class is limited. Scouts and their parents will be notified by return email with the merit badge they have been assigned to take, and merit badge counselors will contact Scouts and their parents with information about prerequisites and any other information Scouts will need to know about their merit badge class.

Scouts need to bring a Boy Scout merit badge blue card signed by their Scoutmasters to give to their counselor. Scouts who register for Citizenship in the Community, Nation or World (1:30 pm–3:30 pm) may also register for either Fingerprinting or Genealogy (3:30 pm–5:30 pm)

Fees: The cost of the Merit Badge Fair is \$18.00 per Scout (\$9.00 for additional Scouts in the same family). This fee pays for, supplies, a patch, and refreshments. Payment is due at check-in.

Please do not bring your own food or drinks to the Fair; refreshments will be provided.

Questions: Contact Philip Sternberg, <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>, or 703-960-0205 (cell).

Merit Badge Counselor List

Table with 4 columns: Merit Badge, Counselor, Contact Information, and Time. Lists various merit badge categories and their respective counselors and contact details.

NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting: CUB SCOUT PINWOOD DERBY



Sunday, April 23, 2017

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**The Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy
13300 Arctic Avenue, Rockville, MD 20853**

We will conduct a traditional Cub Scout Pinewood Derby simultaneously with the Boy Scout Merit Badge Fair in a separate room at the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy. The NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting will partner with the NCAC Muslim Committee on Scouting to run this special Pinewood Derby event. Scouts of ALL FAITHS are welcome.

Cub Scouts and AOL Scouts with their parents will check in upon arrival to have their Pinewood Derby cars to have them weighed and to be assigned to a race. Cub Scouts and AOL scouts may come as a Den or a Pack, but each individual Cub Scout must be registered in advance. Payment for a group may be made as long as the individuals in the group are listed.

Registration: Register by sending an email message to Philip Sternberg, <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>, with the following information:

- Scout's name and e-mail address
- Parent's Name and email address
- Phone Number (home and cell)
- Rank, Age, Pack Number, Den Number/Name, and District
- Den or Pack Leader Point of Contact information: Name, Position, email and phone.

Fees: The cost of the Pinewood Derby is \$18.00 per Scout (\$9.00 for additional Scouts in the same family). This fee pays for supplies, a patch, and refreshments. Payment is due at check-in. Please do not bring your own food or drinks to the Pinewood Derby; refreshments will be provided.

Questions: Contact Philip Sternberg, <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>, or 703-960-0205 (cell).

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COUNSELING



Sunday, April 23, 2017

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**The Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy
13300 Arctic Avenue, Rockville, MD 20853**

Attention: Jewish Cub Scouts and Jewish Webelos/AOL Scouts are invited to work on the Aleph Religious Emblem. Boy Scouts are invited to work on the Ner Tamid Religious Emblem.

JCoS Policy

Jewish Cub Scouts, Grades 3-5, may work on the Aleph Religious Emblem

Jewish Boy Scouts Grades 7-8, may work on the Ner Tamid Religious Emblem

For both religious emblems, Scouts should download their Workbook by going to: <http://www.jewishscouting.org/emblems-awards/>

How to Prepare: Bring your completed or partially completed workbook to our Religious Emblems Counselors. Then meet with our counselors and either get credit for completing the requirements or discuss what next steps are necessary to complete the requirements. Parents need to accompany Cub Scouts and AOL Scouts.

If a Scout completes the requirements for the Aleph Emblem or Ner Tamid Emblem our counselors will explain how the certificate and medal may be obtained.

Fees: None - There is no cost to attend Religious Emblems Counseling. Please do not bring your own food or drinks to the Religious Emblems Counseling; refreshments will be provided free to scouts working on a religious emblem.

Explore the US Virgin Islands

Join Troop 1533 at Camp Howard M. Wall
St. Croix, USVI | July 23–29, 2017



Come check out camp and see if you want to bring your troop in the future!



Major Activities:

- A Jeep Tour of St. Croix
- Snorkeling experience at Buck Island National Reef
- Guided kayaking tour of Salt River Bay, the second landing of Christopher Columbus!

Other Possible Activities

- Trips to Historic Christiansted and Frederiksted for touring
- Experience the baby sea turtle hatch at Sandy Point
- Tour the Very Long Base Array radio telescope
- Snorkel off the beautiful beaches of Cane Bay

COSTS:

- \$700 Camp + Transportation and incidentals

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be 1st Class or above (no minimum age requirement)

Troop 1533 is heading to **Camp Wall** located in the US Virgin Islands. The troop has openings for provisional Scouts and Adults for our High Adventure alternative. You do not need a passport to travel to the US Virgin Islands.

Located on the South shore of St. Croix, Camp Howard M. Wall provides outdoor adventure for Scouts. Camp Wall is owned and operated by **National Capital Area Council**, Boy Scouts of America and provides a great opportunity to learn about another culture while enjoying some of your favorite Scout activities!

Camp Information: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/CampWall>

Contact: John Prette, Troop 1533 Committee Chair (jprette@gmail.com / 703-407-7198) to sign-up or for more information. Limited slots available so reach out fast!



PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER



Philmont Training Center
2017 Commissioner Week
June 1 – June 17

All commissioners can take:

Advanced Leadership Skills for Commissioners

There are courses for:

Unit Commissioners
Roundtable Commissioners
District Commissioners
Council Commissioners

YOUR FACULTY

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ADVANCED LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR COMMISSIONERS

Please join us for the “Advanced Leadership for Commissioners” Conference during Commissioner Week, (June 11 – June 17 at the Philmont Training Center). While at Philmont, you will further develop your professional skills, especially your leadership of other Commissioners and Scouters; meet National Commissioner Charles Dahlquist and other national level leaders; and address the hottest topics in Commissioner service. Bring your family to participate in the custom programs at the ranch. Watch your email for more information or register now at <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc.aspx>.

The Leadership Skills we will focus on include:

- Understanding and aiding change
- Creating aspirations
- Building relationships
- Mentoring
- Leadership on the low COPE course

Commissioner Week features include:

Joint sessions to address topics common to all commissioners Networking with other commissioners from across the country

The Philmont experience includes:

Family programs for all ages while you attend your conference. Optional activities include:

- Hiking
- Fishing
- Nature watching
- Crafts
- Museums

If you have not been to the Philmont Training Center, you should book it now. It is a once in a lifetime experience (except for the many people who so enjoy the experience they come back).

Learn more about the conferences at the Philmont Training Center by pasting this link into your browser:
<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/filestore/philmont/pdf/PTC8PGO.pdf>



Wherever the real power in a Government lies, there is the danger of oppression.

~James Madison (b. March 16, 1751)