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2017 Patriot District Pinewood Derby: The Pinnacle of Cub Scouting Fun!

The annual Patriot District Pinewood Derby – the Super Bowl of Cub Scouting – was held on Saturday, March 4, at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Fairfax Station. The event was a great success again this year, with 146 Cub Scouts from 15 Packs joining in the fun. 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, and 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 throughout the day to share in the fun and cheer on their Cub Scouts.



Returning again this year, Pete Griffiths provided leadership as the Patriot District Pinewood Derby Chairman. This was Pete's seventh year leading the District competition as Race Director and track/timing engineer. Also returning were Andy Chaves (Pack 1101 Cubmaster) and Joe Margraf (Troop 1346 Scoutmaster), who served as Masters of Ceremony and provided Cub Scouts and parents alike with their non-stop, always-stay-on-your-toes narration. Several unusual characters showed up again this year (all looking remarkably like Mr. Margraf), including The Tiger Shark, Mr. Scruffy-Long-Beard-Scout-Wannabe, Horribly Confused Scout Chef, The Derby Monk, Abraham Lincoln, and several superheroes, including Scout-Spiderman, Superman, and Scout Ironman.

For the speed competition, each car raced once in each of three lanes. 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, race times were amazingly close! Several individual heats were separated by only one thousandth of a second (that's 0.001)! Try to see THAT with the naked eye! Cub Scouts enjoyed cycling through as "starters" of each heat using the Pinewood Derby "Plunge-o-matic," a TNT-detonator-like device that triggers the start as Cubs press down on the "T" handle.



For the Show category, cars were judged by a team of five Boy Scouts from Troop 1346. Many thanks to these Scouts for their expert judging. The judges made their decisions based on outstanding creativity and car craftsmanship for each Den.

Other Boy Scouts from Troop 1346 helped with registration, sequencing cars for the start of each heat, moving cars from registration to the "Impound Lot," and also shuttling cars from the finish line back to the start between races. These are key activities critical to keeping the event moving along.

Like many other Cub 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. Special thanks are extended to Greg Wagner, who served as 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 Chair) for efficient organization and management of Pit Row activities from start to finish; Bill Snowden (Patriot District Committee) for help with food and photography; Randy Finley from Pack 1101 for transporting the track to/from the event; and the many Scouts from Troop 1346 who served as Judges for the Show category and in event logistics operations as previously mentioned. We also extend our appreciation to Pack 1101 for the use of its excellent track, precise and reliable timing hard/software, and the instant replay (always a hit!). Lastly, 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.

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The 2017 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 2018 competition will hold next March!

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/results2017>.

Pete Griffiths, Pinewood Derby Chairman



Patriot District Pinewood Derby 2017



Overall Trophy Results

Speed	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Tiger Den	Wesley I. Pack 1101	Kyle H. Pack 1345	Michael M. Pack 115
Wolf Den	Alex B. Pack 1864	Evan C. Pack 1967	Benjamin M. Pack 1344
Bear Den	Jack M. Pack 1864	Landon H. Pack 1346	Jacob P. Pack 41
Webelos Den	Porter E. Pack 1508	Matthew C. Pack 1101	Noah M. Pack 1865
AOL Den	Tommy H. Pack 41	Nathan C. Pack 1865	Owen B. Pack 1864

Show	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Tiger Den	Daniel M. Pack 1864	Peyton F. Pack 1344	Patrick C. Pack 115
Wolf Den	Nicholas N. Pack 1101	Caleb P. Pack 1345	Matthew N. Pack 1965
Bear Den	Andy S. Pack 1346	Colby K. Pack 1968	Frederick B. Pack 1965
Webelos Den	Cody W. Pack 1864	Ryan H. Pack 1346	Oliver F. Pack 1534
AOL Den	Jason Y. Pack 115	Jay J. Pack 1864	Alex M. Pack 1344

Pinewood Derby 2017 Speed and Show Winners



Tigers



Wolves



Bears



Webelos



PWD 2017 Medals



Arrow of Light

Lots of Volunteers Make for a Successful PWD



Troop 1346 Volunteers



Registration: Speed



Registration: Show



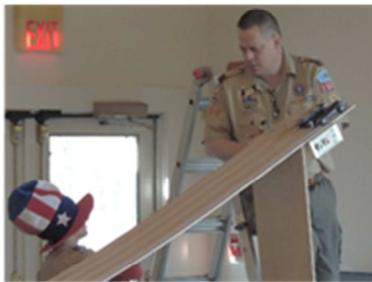
Race Director



Masters of Ceremony



Pit Row Repairman



Official Starter



Mr. America



Cleanup Crew

Pinewood Derby Day is a Busy Day



Pledge of Allegiance



Speed Check-In



Ready to Race

Pinewood Derby Day is a Busy Day (Cont.)



Cub Heat



Awards for Tigers



Show Car Judging



Scouts Love Pizza



Conflict Resolution



Scouter Pizza Break

Masters of Ceremony Fun All Day Long



Bill Snowden, Photographer



From the District Chairman:

Spring is finally here!

That means that Summer Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp are on the horizon. Please be sure and keep the “outing” in Scouting! Get your reservations in for Cub Scout Day Camp.

A responsibility of the District Committee is to raise funds for Scouting. The 2017 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 making every effort to reach our goal for FOS 2017 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. Many of you have taken the FOS brochure with the intention of making your donation at a later time; please take the time to make that donation! Mark Greer stands 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.

I always ask you to Share Scouting! Please share this Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter and 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,

Steve Smith, Patriot District Chairman





From the District Commissioner

Many of our volunteers have asked over the years why the BSA didn't come into the 21st century with its registration process. Why do we continue to use paper applications when we have the technology to fill out an application and pay online? That time came to the National Capital Area Council on April 3rd. *New* youth and adults can now register online in the beascout.org website. This process is only for *new* members. Units can opt to either use or not use it. It's the unit's choice. I'll be working with our Unit Commissioners over the next few weeks to help prepare them as your source for questions as to how this new system works. Just remember, paper applications will continue to be accepted....at least for now.

We all know that a great event involves a lot of planning. We have two terrific events coming – The Goshen 50 weekend celebration over the Memorial Holiday weekend and our Cub Day Camp which will run from July 10th -14th at Gesher Jewish Day School. A key element to planning is knowing the number of participants. Registration is now open for Goshen 50 and the Patriot Cub Day Camp, and it will help the planners immensely if you can register now and not at the last minute.

While I'm on the topic of registering for events, our Order of the Arrow Ordeal for newly elected candidates is the weekend of 21-23 April and registration for that is also now open. If your scout has been elected to become an Arrowman, please ensure he registers for this event soon!

One of the weak areas we have within our district is that many of our Den Leaders, Cubmasters, and Scoutmasters have not completed their position specific training. While it may seem trite to say every Scout deserves a trained leader, experience has shown that leaders who are trained for the position they're performing do much better at delivering the Scout program than those who are not. To that end we're trying to develop a pool of volunteers who can help train our new scouters as opposed to a few volunteers who try to do all of the training. Those who have held a position before can help the District by volunteering to become a part of our "pool of trainers" where we can ask for your help once or twice a year. We're not looking for professional trainers, just volunteer Scouters helping others. If you're interested, let your Commissioner know.

It's always a pleasure to recognize one of our Scouters who receives a Council level award. Each year at the Commissioner College a Bronze, Silver, and Gold Dean's Award is awarded to deserving Scouters who have played a role in Commissioner Education. While there are many deserving Commissioners in our council who have many years of Commissioner Service and providing continuing education to Commissioners, Patriot District's Tony Ryan, who is currently the Unit Commissioner for Troop and Crew 697, was recently awarded the Dean's Gold Award. Congratulations, Tony, for your long service to Scouting and Commissioner Service.

Dave Astle
District Commissioner

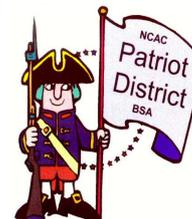


*The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions
that I wish it to be always kept alive.*

~ Thomas Jefferson (b. April 13, 1743)

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot



April 2017

- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Early Bird registration deadline/Goshen
- 21-23 OA Chapter Spring Ordeal
- 27 SPST/ASPST/Den Leader Training
- 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

- 6 Climbmater Training (Camp Snyder)
- 8 JSN training & distribution of materials
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Program Launch & Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Mother’s Day
- 19-21 OA Conclave (Goshen)
- 23 District Awards Dinner
- 25 CPST Venturing Leader Training
- 26-29 Spring Camporee (NCAC event)
- 28 Patriot Press Deadline – June
- 29 Goshen payments due

June 2017

- TBD OA Tree House Camping
- 2-3 IOLS (Camp Snyder)
- 3-5 Wood badge (weekend #2)
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 18 Father’s Day
- 27 PD Committee Meeting

Legend

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

CUB SCOUT ROUNTABLE!



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

The Purpose of the Roundtable:

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

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

When: Thursday, April 13, 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, April 13, 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: UltraLite Backpacking, Youth Leadership Development, New Application Procedures

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

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



Troop and Venturing Leaders,

For Thursday's joint Boy Scout/Venturing roundtable, we have modified our agenda to include a discussion and orientation to the new online application program. We highly recommend each unit and crew have a representative in attendance to ensure you are properly informed on this new process. If you want new applicants to use the system, there are setups you need to complete to activate the program for your unit.

We will also discuss the new Boy Scout online training and the issues units need to consider now that tour permits are no longer required. We will introduce you to the planning resources at <http://bsatap.org>

We hope you will join us to ensure your units and crews are up to speed on the latest and greatest Boy Scout and Venturing news.

Roundtable

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Update From the Lion Den!

The Patriot District Celebrates Lions Becoming Tigers



Please make sure all Lion families know we want them back next year to enjoy the benefits of Cub Scouting. Scouting is a lifelong process, not a one-time try it and done mentality like other activities. Units should help Lion families understand what's next, and why it's important. We would encourage units to explain that Scouting builds character, and the longer a youth is involved in Scouting, the greater the benefit...and of course, it provides more time for fun, too!

In addition, plan for an easy transition to Tigers. Consider something like this for parents:

- ✓ **Celebrate** their success this year as a Lion.
- ✓ **Get ready for Tigers**. Know the Tiger Leader, when and where you will meet. Make a trip to the Scout Shop to deck out your almost first grader in their new Tiger gear. It's a really fun time, enjoy getting ready for your son's next step.
- ✓ Start discussing what **recruitment efforts** your youth and family want to do to continue to include more new friends into their Den. Many people decide to use one of the summertime Scouting activities as a fun recruitment event. Whatever you decide have fun, and we congratulate you on a successful Lion Pilot year! Tigers here we come!

Changes for Lion Program for the 2017-2018 school year:

We listened to you and have changed several elements to make the Lion Pilot better. Even with these changes, It is still considered a national Pilot and evaluation will continue throughout the next school year.

- **Registration age wording change**—to make sure the Lion pilot is more consistent with the joining wording of other Scouting program areas, and to clarify things, we have changed the joining requirements for the Lion Pilot to say: *To join: A boy who is 5 years old or the year before first grade.*
- **Pinewood Derby (PWD)—appropriate alternatives** - An area of interest to many units is Lion participation in Pinewood Derby (PWD). Previously, as stated in the Lion Pilot FAQs, it is stated that Lions should not participate in PWD. The reasoning behind this was that the building of the car is not 5-year-old age appropriate and sets up the bad precedent of adults building cars with little to no participation by Lion youth. Many Packs and Districts have strict rules around their boys building the cars themselves. We know the field loves PWD and wants the Lions to join in the fun, so we are offering an alternative for you to consider.

Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, we'd like to suggest two alternatives to the traditional PWD. Option 1 is to include Lion youth in your traditional PWD, but have youth use the wedge car available via the Scout Shop. Option 2 is to offer a Veggie Car Derby.

Option 1 - Wedge Car. This solution provides all the benefits: inclusion, fun, no pre-building necessary, and age appropriateness. The Lion youth just attaches the wheels and decorates. Now, they are good to race!

Option 2 - Veggie Car Derby. It is designed to be a fun activity to integrate with your Pack or unit, and is kid-tested and kid-approved!

A flyer explaining the Veggie Car Derby concept is currently available online at www.scouting.org/lion. A template with instructions on how to run a Veggie Car Derby will be posted by May. We hope this helps your Lion youth and families feel more included and experience age-appropriate fun.

New merchandise:

New Lion merchandise was requested by the field and is now available. See www.scouting.org/lion for the flyer. Feel free to share this with your units.

Lion transition:

Remember the Lion program **begins** with the school year in **August-September** and goes through May. In May, Lion youth transition to Tigers and participate in their first Day Camp this Summer.

Safety and other activities outside of the Lion program material:

During development of the program an enterprise risk management review was conducted. By design, Lions are excluded from activities such as the shooting sports, climbing, camping, aquatics, and many of the activities that are considered appropriate for Cub Scouts in a Den or Pack environment. Please stick to the program guide for the boundaries of the Lion Pilot and let's not put our participants at risk.

As always please refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting for age appropriate activities. Lion youth are not included in the Guide to Safe Scouting at this time (it's a pilot). If a Lion Scout is including in a family with other Cub Scout siblings, their participation in Pack Family camping with an older sibling and parents is not prohibited. As always, thoughtful selection of a Lion Guide who knows and follows the program as designed is a key to success.

Thank you to the Packs participating in the Lion Pilot this year. Your hard work and efforts made this happen! The survey from National is coming out soon to your registered Lion Guides (Position code LL). Each Pack with Lions should have an experienced Cub Leader registered or dual registered in this position.

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

April 2017 Training Updates

Happy Spring to everyone! As we begin the recruitment of our new Cub Scouts and Cub Scout leaders, it is important to remember that every scout deserves a trained leader. As you can see below, we only have about 40% of our registered adults who have completed the training for their registered position.

Patriot District Trained Leaders: 594 (40 %)

Patriot District Leaders Not Trained: 882 (60%)

If you are part of the 60% who have not completed the training, please consider taking some time to complete the training associated with your position. Training is offered both in online and in person formats. The online training is broken down into “bite-size” modules that typically take no more than 10 minutes to review. In-person training is offered by our District and also across the area. You are welcome to attend any in-person training session; it does not have to be within our District. If you like to take one of the online courses, they can be located by logging into your account on my.scouting.org. The District will be offering the following in-person trainings:

April 27th: Scoutmaster/Asst Scoutmaster and Den Leader Specific (7-9pm @ Fairview elementary)

May 6th: NCAC Climbmater training (12 – 3 @ Camp Snyder)

May 25th: Cubmaster and Venturing Leader Specific (7-9pm @ Fairview elementary)

June 2-3: Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) (Camp Snyder)

For Webelos Leaders, if you attend IOLS, it will also count as training for OWLS.

Additionally, the George Mason district will be offering BALOO training on April 22nd. If you are interested in registering for the BALOO training, please go to: scoutingevent.com/082-12741

Finally, we are looking for experienced Scouters to join the training teams for the upcoming Scouting year. You will only be asked to lead a couple of classes during the year but will help continue to shape the leadership of the District. As always, if you are interested in attending a session, volunteering to join the training team, or have any questions, please reach out to me at patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com

Yours in Scouting,

Justin Day



Patriot District Day Camp: July 10-14

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 held two question and answer sessions for parents, coordinators, and interested staff at Fairview elementary school in March. If you were unable to attend one of those session, or 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



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

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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

Sponsored by Patriot District

Contact

Mark Greer
to Register

mfgreer@verizon.net

703-300-4876



Eagle Scout Application

The Eagle Scout Rank Application is updated annually so Scouts (and Scouters) need to make sure they are using the most current version. This form is completed when all requirements for the rank of Eagle (except the board of review) have been completed. The NCAC Eagle Scout Procedures Guide provides detailed instructions for completing the application, having it reviewed and initialed by the District Eagle Representative, and then sent to the council service center for verification.

Eagle Scout Information is posted at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/advancement/eagle-scout-information/>



Minute Man Sam And His Uncle Need You!!

Patriot District is in need of a Popcorn Kernel. Who wouldn't want a cool title like that?? AS the Patriot District Popcorn Kernel you serve as the Point of Contact between the Patriot units and the NCAC Popcorn Team, which is led by the NCAC Popcorn Kernel. Your mission includes verifying unit orders in September, October, November, and December.

You also support the unit kernels by (1) answering their questions, which you can pass along to the Council Popcorn Kernel for an answer, and (2) arranging for show and sales at various local stores and creating an online signup process for the Patriot units. We've used sign-up genius in the past. Other responsibilities include promoting the popcorn initiative throughout the District – for example, setting up a popcorn table at the monthly Roundtables from 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm on the second Thursday of each month.

Other Patriot District volunteers will help you distribute the orders to units at the pickup location. There will be four pickup dates in the middle of the following months: September, October, November, and December. It involves three hours of service to Scouting on a Saturday morning. You also get to provide a brief popcorn update for the monthly Patriot Press.

There is no formal training to be our Popcorn Kernel. **But you don't have to do this on your own!!** You learn from information provided at the Council Popcorn Kickoffs, asking the Council Popcorn Kernel, asking the prior Popcorn Kernel, and from the online manual. Our District Executive, Kyle Molldene, and last year's Kernel (Pat Ring) will assist and be on hand to assist and sub for the Patriot Kernel on an ad hoc basis.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact the Vice Chair for Finance, Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net or 703-300-4876.



I leave comparisons to history, claiming only that I have acted in every instance from a conscientious desire to do what was right, constitutional, within the law, and for the very best interests of the whole people.

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

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Wood Badge



WOOD BADGE is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all scouters, particularly Cub leaders, Scoutmasters and assistants, Varsity team leaders, Venturing crew advisors, committee chairs and other unit, district, council and professional adults in leadership positions



<i>Spring Course (N6-82-17-1)</i>	<i>Fall Course (N6-82-17-2)</i>
April 7	September 8 - 10, 2017 October 7-9, 2017
SOLD OUT	
*** HTTP://WWW.NCACBSA.ORG/WOOD-BADGE ***	

Help Wanted

Scoutmasters: Do you have qualified Scouts who might be interested in serving as a camp counselor at Camp Snyder this summer? If so, please make them aware of this July/August opportunity. This might also be of interest to former Scouts or Scouters.



HELP WANTED SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

**Spend Your Summers @ Camp Snyder Leading
Camp Activities and Having Fun!
And Make Money, To!!!**

Seeking friendly, outgoing, fun-loving, and responsible Scouts age 15 and up to be program-wide Camp Counselors, and Scouts age 18 and up to lead our Fort, Big Dig, Ship, Nature, and Handicraft program areas. We are also looking for individuals age 21 and up to direct BB and Archery ranges, and Waterfront and Pool activities, as well as a Camp Commissioner and Summer Program Director.

Summer Camp Counselors Wanted

Work with Cub Scouts
Lead Fun Activities
Gain Valuable Experience
Make Lifelong Friends
Bi-Weekly Pay + Room & Board

Training Begins
Week of July 2

Camp Ends
August 18th

Apply Now @

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Haymarket, VA 20160

571-248-4904

www.GoToSnyder.org

If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters.

~ Colin Powell (b. April 5, 1937)

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 getting our just deserts. Just Desserts! [Yes, that entire line is correct...]

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!



The National Park Service and the Boy Scouts of America just celebrated the renewal of their longstanding partnership during a ceremony at the Boy Scout Commemorative Tribute Memorial in Washington, DC.

A centerpiece of the partnership is the Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger Program (www.nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms/scout-ranger.htm). The program provides the framework for parks and local councils to work together to provide experiences for Scouts on public lands. It encourages Scouts to participate in educational and volunteer service projects in national parks to earn certificates and badges.

Acting National Park Service Director Michael T. Reynolds and Boy Scouts of America Chief Scout Executive Michael Surbaugh emphasized a shared goal to engage youth in the great outdoors.

“The National Park Service and the Boy Scouts of America have had a natural friendship for 100 years,” said Reynolds. “Scouts hike, camp, and participate in other adventures in national parks where they learn not only outdoor skills but also life skills, respect for the environment, and the ethical use of natural resources. This partnership has created generations of conservation stewards and today we renew the commitment to carry this partnership into the future.”

“Some of the best Scouting adventures and moments take place at National Park Service parks, monuments and sites,” said Surbaugh. “These special places inspire youth with the wonder of nature and build an appreciation for the outdoors and our nation’s history. That’s why it’s important that the Boy Scouts of America support and partner with the National Park Service as they work to protect and preserve our nation’s natural spaces, a service that is of great value to me, Scouts and volunteers nationwide.”

Each year, Scouts spend more than 60,000 hours on volunteer projects to restore or enhance national parks throughout the country.



NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting

First Aid Merit Badge Class

(Updated 5 April 2017)

- 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:** To sign-up for the class, please send Mr. Sternberg an email message using the address below as soon as possible.
- 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:** Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for first Scout in a family
Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each additional Scout in a family.
Scouts with financial need may request a waiver of fees.
The fee covers first aid supplies. Pay at Check-in.
- Contact:** Mr. Philip Sternberg, phil.sternberg@gmail.com (preferred), 703-960-0205 (cell)



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.





Origins of the Patrol System

from ScoutmasterCG, <https://scoutmastercg.com/leadership-power-and-service/>

The Patrol System was published by the General Council Boy Scouts of Canada in 1960.

The principles of the Patrol System were first introduced by the Founder, Baden-Powell, when he was with the British Army in India. The system he devised enabled soldiers to operate in small groups and use their own initiative within the overall plan of campaign ... the Patrol System became one of the basic elements of Scouting.

The Patrol System not only gave a real adventure aspect to the program and responsibility to boys themselves, but it also blended perfectly with the natural desire in boys to form into gangs in their neighborhoods and schools. It was these very gangs which met in the streets who spontaneously formed themselves into Patrols and started Scouting.

Today's patrols are arranged by mutual choice by Scouts who may live a fair distance from each other and the only way they can get together is by being driven to the meeting place. This has a significant influence on when and where patrols can meet and the involvement of adults in these meetings. Note too that, when Scouting began, that patrols led to troops. Troops are a handy way of organizing patrols, but patrols and the concerns of patrols comes first.

What was it then which so appealed to boys and accounted for the phenomenal growth of the Movement? It was a combination of the appeal of real adventure offered by the program, coupled with the challenge it offered to the "Gang" to plan its own activities and to be responsible to itself for discipline, without interference from adults.

Scouts lives are more scheduled and managed today than in the past. Our concerns for their safety and the appropriateness of their activities has led us to often undue interference. The troop and its adult leadership needs to back off a bit and give the patrol a fair amount of autonomy.

The Patrol and the Patrol Leader carry a responsibility to plan and conduct the activities and to take care of discipline within the Patrol. Your Patrol must know the fun of planning and executing its own adventures, it must make its own decisions and learn to profit by its own mistakes.

Thus, collectively, the Patrols are responsible for Troop standards and behavior. Responsibility for this falls squarely on the shoulders of you, the Patrol Leader, although each member of the Patrol must play his part.

When the first Scout patrols were formed, there was no such thing as a Scoutmaster, but boys soon found they needed help and advice from someone older in order to carry out the more adventurous activities. It is important that your Patrol makes its own plans and works out its own problems; turning only to the Troop Scouters for advice, new ideas and guidance: someone who can do things for you which are beyond the Patrol's powers.

Understanding how and why the patrol system originated helps us define our role as Scouters: "someone who can do things beyond the patrol's powers".



NYLT Training

NYLT (formerly known as Impeesa) is the National Capital Area Council's presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. 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.

While it remains the responsibility of the unit leaders to train their 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!

In order to attend the course, participants must certify that they have met (or will have by June 1st) the following qualifications to attend NYLT:

- Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts.
- Completed Unit Leader Training.
- Be at least 13 years of age (with the Course Directors approval). Youth 12 years of age and younger are not eligible to attend.
- Have home Unit Leader approval.

Summer 2017 Course Dates

American Legion Youth Camp, Cheltenham, MD (3 separate courses are available)

18 - 23 June 2017

25 - 30 June 2017

1 - 5 August 2017 (Sunday Friendly)

Early Bird cost for the Course will be \$225 until 1 June 2017 then the cost is \$270.

To register go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-NCACNYLT>

STEM-University

DATE: Saturday, June 10 1-4 PM

Where: Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA

Who: Youth, Leaders and Parents

For Youth:

- NCAC's 1st "Einstein" Science Fair (for all Supernova projects)
- Council Supernova Recognition
- Sally's STEM Shack activities

For Leaders and Parents:

- Learn about STEM in Scouts!
- Get trained as a Nova Counselor or Supernova Mentor

For more information and registration: <http://ncacbsa.org/stem>



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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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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 (May 26-29).

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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MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND 2017



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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.



**NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting
MERIT BADGE FAIR (Updated 5 April 2017)**

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.

To Register: Take a look at the 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 \$10.00 per scout (\$5.00 for additional scouts in the same family). Scouts with financial need may request a waiver of fees. This fee pays for supplies, a patch, and refreshments. Payment is due at check-in.

Note: 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

<u>Merit Badge</u>	<u>Counselor</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>	
Citizenship in the Community	Steve Lamar	lamarsteve@gmail.com	(1:30 pm–3:30 pm)
Citizenship in the Nation	Robert Book	rbook@pobox.com	(1:30 pm–3:30 pm)
Citizenship in the World	Bob Watts	bob@watts.org	(1:30 pm–3:30 pm)
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Fingerprinting	Graeme Boyett	boyettgr@gmail.com	(1:30- 3:30 pm and 3:30-5:30 pm)
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Personal Management	TBD		
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**NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting
CUB SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY**

(Updated 5 April 2017)

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, have their Pinewood Derby cars weighed, and 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 all of 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 \$10.00 per scout (\$5.00 for additional Scouts in the same family). Scouts with financial need may request a waiver of fees. This fee pays for, supplies, a patch, and refreshments. Payment is due at check-in. Note: 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).

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Are your Scouts ready for the time of their lives? BSA's high adventure bases offer Scouts a chance to put their skills to the test, learn new ones, and make lasting memories, all in an exhilarating and extraordinary environment. Check out what's going on at our four high adventure bases around the country.

Individual Programs Still Available for 2017 at Northern Tier

Can't come with a crew? Check out the opportunities still available for individuals in 2017:

- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)
- Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey
- Lone Voyageur



Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS) Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch

Participants register individually for this guided 21-day trek of a lifetime, which leads youth (co-ed, ages 16-20) through remote wilderness areas to staffed program activities. Staff-led lessons focus on the ecology of the Rocky Mountains.



Explore Sea Base in 2018

Find your sea legs! Register today for epic adventures in the Florida Keys, Bahamas, and U.S. Virgin Islands. Fall, winter, spring, and summer dates available.

PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER



Philmont Training Center
2017 Commissioner Week
June 11 – June 17

All commissioners can take:

Advanced Leadership Skills for Commissioners

There are courses for:

Unit Commissioners
Roundtable Commissioners
District Commissioners
Council Commissioners

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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>



2017 National Jamboree
July 19-28, 2017
Summit Bechtel Reserve
Glen Jean, West Virginia

Aquatics Scuba Staff Opportunities

We need YOU to help staff the Jamboree aquatics activities! Activities will include Scuba, Water Reality (obstacle) Course, Kayaking, Standup Paddleboarding, and Team SUP.

- Are you trained or have experience in any of these activities, or are just interested in helping? (On the job training will be provided!)
- Are you scuba certified, a scuba Instructor or a BSA Aquatics Instructor, BSA Lifeguard, ARC WSI?
- Do you want to make a difference in the lives of young people?

The 2017 National Jamboree needs YOU to be a part of its Aquatics Staff. There are no more rewarding and enjoyable jobs at the National Jamboree than at the various aquatics activities.

If you are interested you can obtain more information and apply for Jamboree Staff online at:

<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers/>

Sign up soon so you will be considered for your first choice of positions. Contact the following if you have questions:

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<https://www.facebook.com/michael.meenehan/videos/1088099497879285/>

Matt Tarnow, Jamboree Aquatics Staff Coordinator matthewtarnow@qwestoffice.net

Start the adventure today—Sign up now



Our goal is to present over 20,000 safe and fun introductory scuba experiences over 10 days with little to no waiting for the participants

