From the District Chairman:

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Welcome Back from Summer Camp! I hope that everyone had a great time at Summer Camp, Day Camp or High Adventure Bases!!

Thank you to our Summer Cub Day Volunteers! We could not have provided the youth with such a wonderful experience without your help! We had a lot of folks to volunteer to take time off of work to support the Climbing Wall, Arts and Crafts, and a variety of other events! Reports are in: it was a great turnout and all had fun!!! Thank you!

Fall Camporee is just around the corner. Planning is already underway.

Time to start the Scouting year and there are lots of think happening! From Back-to-School Nights to brand new Lions Dens, lots of fun to be had by all.

The Annual Patriot District Golf Tournament will be on the 18th of September, please get the word out! We would love to have lots of Scouters and Friends come and play.

I always ask you to Share Scouting! Please share this Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter or Scout Family this month. Then send the e-mail address to Robert Mason so they will be permanently on the distribution list.

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

Yours in Scouting, Steve

Steve Smith, Patriot District Chairman

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The noblest search is the search for excellence.

~ Lyndon Johnson (b. August 27, 1908)
From the District Commissioner Staff

July has passed and most of us have completed our trips to one (or more) scout camps. Even though it is ('only') August, it’s time to be thinking about, and getting ready for, the rechartering cycle.

First, Youth Protection Training. Make August your “YPT month.” Avoid any adult with expired YPT from interacting with your youth during the scouting year. If an adult’s YPT expires between now and August 2018, ask them to retake YPT now. This approach also keeps YPT from being a complication during charter renewal. (One expired YPT will stop the entire unit recharter.) You don’t want your recharter processor to be chasing YPT while trying to prepare that submission. Also, major changes are coming in Youth Protection Training. The on-line course is going to be longer, and all-inclusive, with one course applying to all program levels. Retaking it now will satisfy the requirement for the next two years.

Second, review your membership roster in https://my.scouting.org/. September should be the month for completing your membership inventory, making sure that everyone that you have in your unit is on the BSA roster. If not, get registrations submitted as soon as possible; don’t wait until rechartering. At that point, getting the forms processed is more time-consuming; again, any problem will hold up the entire recharter. And registrations submitted only with the recharter document are not effective until January. Scouts who should be on your roster can’t be advanced until they are registered.

Third, check current email addresses for all adults. BSA, NCAC and the Patriot District use those addresses to contact your leaders. Review those against your own roster to make sure they are current, and make changes in Member Manager where necessary. With Verizon dropping email service, some may have a new preferred email. Two simple ways are available to see the email addresses in BSA records. One is to select all adults in Member Manager and download a mailing list. Another is the new YPT Aging Report (YPT Status Report) that you can download from Training Manager. It’s now in a comma-delimited (.csv) format with a column showing the email address for your adults.

Have all of your advancements and other awards from the summer been put in to Internet Advancement? Keeping that up-to-date not only makes sure your scouts’ advancement information is current in the BSA database, but it’s another opportunity to catch an unregistered scout (yes, it has happened) and avoid that mad scramble just prior to an awards ceremony or court of honor.

Finally, a reminder again about the change in rechartering fees. The cost of registration for next year will be $30 per person, compared to $25 last year. The extra $5 is to help offset the council’s rising insurance costs.

Welcome back for the new program year! Come to Roundtable, as always on the second Thursday of the month, at St. Stephen’s on Braddock Road, starting at 7:30.

Lee Cass and Jae Engelbrecht
Assistant District Commissioners

Dave Astle, District Commissioner
Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncaebsa.org/patriot

August 2017

4  First Popcorn Order Due
10 Roundtable
10 JSN Training (at/prior to Roundtable)
12 Lion Program Training for Packs
   (Our Lady of Mercy, Potomac MD)
15 Commissioner Meeting
19 OA Chapter Cook-Out/Social
19 First Popcorn Distribution
22 PD Committee Meeting

September 2017

1  Second Popcorn Order Due
3  Patriot Press Deadline - September
8-10 Wood Badge (weekend #1)
12 Commissioner Meeting
14 Roundtable
14 Recharter Training (at Roundtable)
14 OA Chapter Meeting
15-17 OA Lodge Fall Fellowship (Snyder)
16 Second Popcorn Distribution
17 Road to Scouting
18 Patriot District Golf Tournament
23 BCOLS (classroom session)
26 PD Committee Meeting

October 2017

TBD Life-to-Eagle Seminar
1  Online Rechartering Window Opens
1  Patriot Press Deadline – October
6  Third Popcorn Order Due
6-8 OA Chapter Fall Ordeal
7-9 Wood Badge (weekend #2)
10 Commissioner Meeting
12 Roundtable
12 OA Chapter Meeting
13-15 Fall Camporee
21 Third Popcorn Distribution
22-23 BCOLS (overnight)
24 PD Committee Meeting
27-29 V3 Hike-o-ree (4-H Center, Front Royal)
28 Pow Wow
29 Patriot Press Deadline – November

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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, August 10, 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, August 10th, 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: 2017-2018 Roundtable Overview, August for Success, What’s New

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

Steve Polchek: 703-978-1309, sapolchek@verizon.net
Join Scouting Night (JSN)

Start planning for your Fall Join Scouting Night (JSN) events now to ensure that you have quality events and the word gets out to prospective new members. Let your unit’s fun-filled activities and the excitement of your members show on their faces to your visitors and their parents. Ensure that you let your Unit Commissioner know your JSN event date(s).

STEM Corner:

Solar Eclipse 2017 – Unique BSA Patch and Event

The DC Metropolitan area of our Council will be able to witness a partial solar eclipse during the afternoon of Monday, August 21, 2017. To celebrate the viewing, NCAC is hosting a Solar Eclipse activity day at Camp Snyder from 11:00AM – 3:30PM. The peak eclipse viewing time in Haymarket, VA is expected around 2:40 PM, however we will have astronomy related activities for youth throughout the day. Register here: https://scoutingevent.com/082-eclipse

August is “YPT MONTH”

All adult volunteers whose YPT will expire before August 2018 should retake YPT now! Avoid adults with expired YPT from interacting with your youth during this Scouting year. If everyone whose YPT will expire this year completes the training in August, you won’t have to chase or remind them later. In addition, you’ll avoid the problem of chasing expiring or expired YPT during the rechartering process.

(Then, complete your membership inventory in September, submitting all new registrations or changes before the rechartering window on-line opens in October. If the unit’s YPT and roster are up-to-date, preparation of the recharter submission is a minor exercise.)
Calling all AoL Scouts and their Parents!

Learn what Boy Scouting is all about! Meet area Troops and Boy Scouts!

WHAT: Patriot District “Road to Scouting”
(Webelos to Boy Scout Transition Seminar)

WHEN: Sunday, September 17, 3:00 pm– 4:30 pm

WHERE: Redeeming Grace Church
5200 Ox Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030

WHY: Arrow of Light Scouts are almost ready to graduate from Cub Scouting. Boy Scouting is the next fantastic step on the Scouting trail. Come learn about the fun of Boy Scouting, how it’s different from Cub Scouting, and how to go about finding a Troop that is a good fit for each boy.

Questions? Contact Ken Gaul, kgaul@verizon.net, or John R. Stewart, john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil, 571-318-0549

We need YOUR Troop for “The Road to Scouting”

Help recruit your Troop’s next generation of Boy Scouts from the Patriot District’s Cub Scout Packs!

WHAT: Road to Scouting (Webelos to Boy Scout Transition)

WHEN: Sunday, September 17, 3:00 – 4:30 pm (setup begin at 2:15 pm)

WHERE: Redeeming Grace Church, 5200 Ox Rd. Fairfax, VA 22030

WHY: In the fall Webelos II/Arrow of Light Scouts begin the process of searching for Troops to join. This is a chance for your Troop to get early exposure to area Webelos, advertise your upcoming recruiting events, and give our Webelos a sense of the adventure that awaits them in Boy Scouting! Bring a display of what you do! Bring written materials to hand out! Bring an activity. BRING BOY SCOUTS TO TALK TO WEBELOS!

Reserve your space? Questions?

CONTACT: John Stewart, john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil, Ken Gaul, kgaul@verizon.net
Believe it or not, even as we still have one more month of summer, popcorn season is already upon us. Please see the notes below:

1) Many units have already attended Council provided popcorn training, enabling you to earn an extra 3% profit on all popcorn sales. If you haven’t attended a session, there are a few left:

   Saturday, 19 Aug       9-11am       Marriott Scout Center
   9190 Rockville Pike
   Bethesda, MD   20814

   Saturday, 9 Sep       9-11am       Marriott Scout Center
   9190 Rockville Pike
   Bethesda, MD   20814

2) All units should bookmark the NCAC popcorn web page (https://www.ncacbsa.org/activities/events/popcorn/) and refer to it often. If for some reason, it’s not possible to attend training, please review the NCAC 2017 Popcorn briefing available at that web site.

3) Store front sales. We are in the process of coordinating with 8 local stores and by about 4 August we will have a sign-up genius available for units to sign up for slots. Be sure you’ve ordered your popcorn for that!

4) The four pickup dates for Patriot District are: 8/19, 9/16, 10/21 and 11/18. The pick-up point is Two Marines Moving (6021 Farrington Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304) must pick-up before 1130.

5) Please be sure every unit has someone registered on the Trails End ordering site. Details can be found at the website listed above. Remember, you can order popcorn (and earn money) all year long, but prizes and awards are limited to the fall ordering period.

6) Please direct all questions to our hard-working District Executive, Kyle Molldene at Kyle.Molldene@scouting.org and cc: me, Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net.

   Thanx!!

Mark Greer
Patriot, Vice-Chair for Finance

Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt

~ Herbert Hoover (b. August 10, 1874)
Is your Cub Scout Pack ready for Lions, a Scouting program for kindergarten-age boys? Do you need training on the Lion Program? Come and join us and learn what it is all about.

This is training for all National Capital Area Council Packs

When: Saturday, August 12, 2017
Time: 9:30 am
Where: Our Lady of Mercy Church
9200 Kentsdale Drive
Potomac, MD 20854

Space is limited so we will not be able to accommodate walk-in.
Reserve your place now by emailing your name, your pack number and District to:
Danielle Ballantine at dmballantine@gmail.com or Bill Mayo at William.g.mayo@gmail.com by August 10, 2017

Training at Other Districts

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Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the basis of man's desire to understand.
~Neil Armstrong, Eagle Scout (b. 05 August 1930)
Venturing Hike-o-Ree 2017

The 28th Annual V3 (Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held October 27-29, 2017, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration is limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Scout units including Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Varsity Teams, Boy Scout Troops, and Girl Scout Troops.

Units are encouraged to form trail crews consisting of no more than twelve members, including at least two adults. Participation minimum age for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is 13 years old as of January 1, 2018.

Registration on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS begins on September 1, 2017, on the BSA National Capital Area Council website.

An initial unit deposit is required to reserve a particular hike not later than October 6, 2017. After you register for a hike and pay your deposit, you will be sent a confirmation email with the leader’s package and detailed information about the hike you have selected.

The cost of the Hike-o-ree is $18.00 ($20.00 for extra extra large shirts) per participant.

For more information and to register: https://scoutingevent.com/082-Hikeoree2017
VFW: Scholarships for Scout-aged Youth

In achieving the mission and vision of the VFW, the VFW is the Chartering Organization to more than 1,000 Packs, Troops and Crews nationwide. Several, annual scholarship awards recognize outstanding youth and adults.

VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program

http://bsaseabase.org/home/media/relationships/vfwwoodbadgescholarship.aspx

Through a cooperative effort with the Boy Scouts of America, the VFW national headquarters offers Wood Badge scholarships to assist selected chapter members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities.

The following youth opportunities must be submitted through a local VFW Post: (Use the links to get full details about, obtain an application, and in some cases review previous winning entries.)

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<td>Any grade 9-12 student</td>
<td><a href="http://www.vfw.org/VOD/">http://www.vfw.org/VOD/</a> The premier youth scholarship program of the VFW. It gives students a chance to extol the virtues of democracy and experiment with the technologies of radio broadcasting. The first-place winner receives a $30,000 scholarship</td>
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Except for the Wood Badge adult scholarship, VFW membership by a parent is NOT required for youth application to a scholarship program.

You can post pictures to: https://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict
Patriot District is Hosting Joint Scouting Night Training August 10th 2017 at 7:00pm (30 mins before Roundtable)

We will be discussing how to optimize recruiting tactics and providing materials to ensure your successful JSN season.

We are asking that at least one member of each unit attend.

Who: All Patriot District Cub Packs
What: Fall JSN Recruiting Training
When: August 10th 7:00pm
Where: St. Stephens UMC
Why: Every pack needs more youth!

Please provide to the membership chair John Stewart and District Executive Kyle Moldene your units Joint Scouting night date no later than August 10th. The district needs each unit’s information before the JSN training to provide the best service.

District Membership Chair: John Stewart (john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil)
District Executive: Kyle Moldene (kyle.moldene@scouting.org)
8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING TO SUPPORT SCOUTING

4 Person Scramble Benefiting the
Boy Scouts of Northern VA
Prince William Golf Course
14631 Vint Hill Rd.
Nokesville, VA 20181
www.NCACBSA.org/PatriotGolf

Monday
September 18, 2017
Registration 8:00 AM
Shotgun Start 9:00 AM
- Various contests and challenges
- First and second place foursome
- Prizes and raffles
- Silent auction

The Honorable
David Bulova
Honorary Event Co-Chair
Virginia Delegate for the 27th District

The Honorable
Pat Herrity
Honorary Event Co-Chair
Fairfax County Supervisor, Springfield District

Hole In One Contest
New for 2017. Claim your chance at winning one of 4 prizes, including a Harley Davidson Sportster™ or a vacation package for Las Vegas® or a French Lick Golf Package or a Treetops Resort Package for 2.

Raffle/Silent Auction/Goodie Bag Donations
We welcome any gift certificates, discount coupons, partial auction items or other fun items. Receive recognition as the donor for your donated item.

Please register your foursome by going to:
NCACBSA.ORG/PATRIOTGOLF
Registration closes September 14, 2017
or mail or email:
Kylie Mollineda - 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814
Tel: 301-214-9132 | Kylie.Mollineda@Scouting.org

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