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## Pictures from the May District Court of Honor



Bill Palfey, shown here receiving his District Award of Merit, lost his battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) on August 27<sup>th</sup>. He served as a Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, and Unit Commissioner. As a Scoutmaster, he had 7 of his 30 scouts attain Eagle Scout. He attended the Philmont Training Center twice, as well as doing a nine-day trek with his Scouts from Troop 1000. He attended the 2010 and 2013 Jamborees as an Assistant Scoutmaster and was a Wood Badger (an Owl). His dedication to our Scouts and the Scouting program will be missed. God Speed, Bill.



**Randy Witter, Patriot District Award of Merit Recipient**



**Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award Recipients**



**Patriot Spirit Award Recipients**



**From the District Chairman:**

Patriot District Family,

Well, summer is over, school has started, and the new Scout year is well under way. There are so many exciting things ahead for Scouts and Scouters at all levels.

Join Scouting Nights are in full bloom all across the District. If you know someone with boys of Scouting age, encourage them to tag along and see if you can get them to join in the fun.

The summer humidity is leaving, the air is clear and fresh, and if you pay very close attention you can smell popcorn in the air. Please be sure and participate in popcorn sales; wonderful things happen if you do.

Want a chance to win a new Harley Davidson motorcycle? We are only days away from the annual Patriot District Golf Event, where you will have that chance. Be sure to sign up now. We have raffles, auctions, and games, so it will be a great event with all proceeds going to the upcoming Friends of Scouting campaign.

Other things coming up include Scouting for Food, Fall Camporee, many Fall campouts (please be sure to record your camping nights), and so much more!

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the District Committee meeting, always the fourth Tuesday of the month. We can always use more volunteers for the District Committee. Please stop by and take a look!

As always, thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your continuing support to our Patriot District Scouting program.

Yours in Scouting, Steve.

*Steve Smith, Patriot District Chairman*



**The Boy Scouts of America Announces a Change  
to Membership Fees**

The Boy Scouts of America announced at the end of August that membership fees will increase effective December 1, 2017. The basic membership fee will increase to \$33 per Scout or Scouter per year. The change will affect Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout Troops, Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Exploring Posts/Clubs. The National Capital Area Council announced earlier this year it would be raising the cost of insurance to \$6 per scout or scouter per year beginning January 1, 2018. What this means is every Scout and Scouter will pay \$39/year with the coming rechartering. A Boys' Life subscription remains at \$12/year.



### **From the District Commissioner**

As announced elsewhere in this edition of the “Press,” rechartering just got more expensive. I’m sure many of our units have not budgeted for this increase, but it is out of our control. This recharter season, each Scout and Scouter will pay \$39 to register. National has put out a Frequently Asked Question sheet and the district will give that a wide distribution shortly.

Every second Thursday of the month our district has the monthly Roundtable. We currently have 59 Packs, Troops, or Crews in our District so we should have 59 volunteers visiting that night. Unfortunately, we typically have about half or fewer than that. That always begs the question of how do we get our volunteers to attend Roundtable. The answer is we have to get them buy into the notion that attending is worth their time. Time is a precious commodity and we have many folks who give freely of it to work with our Scouts. Everyone associated with Scouting, whether a leader, committee member, or parent, gives some of their time in helping to put on a good and fun program for our Scouts. If a good and fun program is the desired outcome of the time we invest, shouldn’t we want to make it as good a program as we possibly can? That’s where our Roundtable Commissioners come in. The programs they develop for the Roundtable evening are specifically designed to help you be better prepared to deliver a great program to your Scouts. Much of the time, things presented and discussed are what the units have asked about. The whole point to Roundtable is to help you and your program. So give it a try and start attending. Parents are invited as well. Roundtable is for everyone with an interest in Scouting.

It’s time to start planning time for two coming events. A major one is the annual rechartering process which begins on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. We need our units to start using the member manager in my.scouting.org (only the Key 3 and the person designated as registration inquiry have access) to make sure all the Scouts and Scouters you believe are in your pack or troop are actually listed there. Also, all of the registered adult leaders should go to the same website and retake Youth Protection Training. This program is about to change and it will be much longer, so renew now and not worry about it for another two years.

The other event is our Fall camporee scheduled for the weekend of 13-15 Oct. This camporee offers a unique opportunity. We will camp on the grounds of Montpelier, the plantation home of President James and Dolley Madison. All participants will see a short film in the visitor’s center and have a guided tour of the mansion. In addition to our normal camporee activities of air rifle marksmanship, archery, dodge ball, etc., there are other historical/cultural/environmental activities which can include visiting Mr. Madison’s Temple, the South Yard Slave Quarters, the archaeology site, the Gilmore farm (a Freedman’s home) and the Madison family and Montpelier slave cemeteries. The District program committee has done a terrific job of putting this camporee together, so please take advantage of it. Additional information is provided in the camporee article on page 6 of this issue.

*Dave Astle, District Commissioner*



***If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude better than the animating contest of freedom, go home from us in peace.***

*~ Samuel Adams (b. September 27, 1722)*

## Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: [www.ncacbsa.org/patriot](http://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot)

### September 2017

- 1 Second Popcorn Order Due
- 3 Patriot Press Deadline - September
- 4 Labor Day
- 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
- 21-22 Rosh Hashanah (from sundown on 20th)
- 23 BCOLS (Classroom Session)
- 26 PD Committee Meeting
- 28 Den Leader Specific Training
- 30 Yom Kippur (from sundown on 29<sup>th</sup>)



### October 2017

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Online Rechartering Window Opens</li> <li>1 Patriot Press Deadline – October</li> <li>6 Third Popcorn Order Due</li> <li>6-8 OA Chapter Fall Ordeal (Verdun)</li> <li>7-9 Wood Badge (weekend #2)</li> <li>9 Columbus Day</li> <li>10 Commissioner Meeting</li> <li>12 Roundtable</li> <li>12 OA Chapter Meeting</li> <li>13-15 Fall Camporee</li> <li>21 Third Popcorn Distribution</li> <li>21-22 BCOLS (overnight)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21-22 IOLS</li> <li>24 PD Committee Meeting</li> <li>26 Den Leader Specific Training</li> <li>27-29 V3 Hike-o-ree (4-H Center, Front Royal)</li> <li>28 Pow Wow</li> <li>28 Rocket into Scouting (NVCC Annandale)</li> <li>29 Patriot Press Deadline – November</li> </ul> |
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### November 2017

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Final popcorn Order Due</li> <li>4 Scouting for Food Bag Distribution</li> <li>4 Commissioner Basic Training (Patriot District)</li> <li>9 Roundtable</li> <li>9 OA Chapter Meeting</li> <li>11 Unit Recharter Turn-in to Unit</li> <li>Commissioner (<i>last date</i>)</li> <li>11 Life to Eagle Seminar</li> <li>11 Scouting for Food Collection</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11 Veterans Day</li> <li>14 Commissioner Meeting</li> <li>16 CPST</li> <li>18 Final Popcorn Distribution</li> <li>23 Thanksgiving</li> <li>28 PD Committee Meeting</li> </ul> |
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BCOLS	Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills	OA	Order of the Arrow
CPST	Cubmaster Position-Specific Training	SPST	Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
IOLS	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST	Venture Advisor Position-Specific Training
JSN	Join Scouting Night	VCPST	Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training
NLE	New Leader Essentials	VOA	Venturing Officers Association
NYLT	National Youth Leadership Training		

## 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, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

**Midway:** 7:30 – 8 PM

Roundtable: 8 – 9 PM

*Mike Stonkey, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner  
[mstonkey@verizon.net](mailto:mstonkey@verizon.net)*



## **Boy Scout Roundtable**

*Not just for Scoutmasters*

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

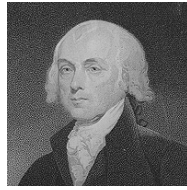
Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke

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

Topics: Online Registration, Re-chartering, Chartered Organization

*Randy Witter, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner  
703-323-5220, [Randy.Witter@gmail.com](mailto:Randy.Witter@gmail.com)*

*Steve Polchek: 703-978-1309, [sapolchek@verizon.net](mailto:sapolchek@verizon.net)*



## **Patriot District Fall Camporee**

October 13 – 15, 2017

Montpelier, Orange, Virginia

As of August 14, 2017

The theme for the Patriot District Fall 2017 Camporee is President James Madison, the United States Constitution, and Montpelier. We will camp on the grounds of Montpelier, the plantation home of President James and Dolley Madison. Montpelier is a National Trust Historic Site administered by the Montpelier Foundation. All participants will view a short film in the visitor's center and have a guided tour of the mansion.

Boy Scouts can follow a structured merit badge program or participate in various open activities. The merit badges offered are Archaeology, American Heritage, Citizenship in the Nation, Photography, and Space Exploration. Each Scout can only take one merit badge.

Other historical/cultural/environmental activities include visiting Mr. Madison's Temple, the South Yard Slave Quarters, the archaeology site, the Gilmore Farm (a Freedman's home), and the Madison family and Montpelier Slave cemeteries. Participants can also visit the Annie DuPont formal garden, William DuPont gallery, or the Joe and Marge Grills Gallery. In addition, Montpelier has numerous hiking trails with natural and historical sights. Examples include a walk through the Montpelier demonstration forest or a tour of African American History. Units or individuals (buddy team) can pick their own hikes. On Saturday, we will set up several skill and fun activities, including rifle marksmanship with air rifles, archery, a sling shot range, catapult firing, and dodge ball.

Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts can camp on their own or partner with a Boy Scout Troop. We will have separate programs for Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts. In addition to touring the mansion, each Scout will attend a "Team Building" activity, complete advancement requirements, and play dodge ball. Cub Scouts can participate in all of the Boy Scout activities list above except for merit badge events.

At this camporee, all units are expected to participate in a two-hour service project on Sunday morning to support Montpelier. We will conduct maintenance on their trails under the leadership of Order of the Arrow Scouts. As thanks, the Montpelier Foundation is allowing us to camp on the plantation grounds, tour the mansion, and visit the other sites free of charge. As always, the camporee will have the traditional events that bring us together as a District: opening and closing ceremonies, outdoor church services, a Saturday night campfire, and a Senior Patrol Leader/Scoutmaster cracker barrel.

The camporee will be held from Friday night, October 13, until about noon on Sunday, October 15, 2017. There will be an extended program on Sunday for Troops desiring to remain till Sunday afternoon. The cost is eighteen dollars (\$18) per Scout, Webelos Scout, or adult. All Boy Scouts and Webelos/Arrow of Light Scouts must pay the registration fee. Adults only attending on Saturday and not camping can attend free of charge.

Units must provide a tentative registration by Tuesday, October 3, 2017. It is important that units notify Pat Ring by e-mail that they plan to attend the camporee and the number of Scouts that want to take each merit badge. His e-mail is [pring978camporee@gmail.com](mailto:pring978camporee@gmail.com) and his phone number is (703) 674-6178. Final camporee registration and payment will take place Friday evening on-site as units arrive. Units and individual staff members are asked to pay by check made payable to NCAC-BSA. Additionally, the camporee staff is in need of adult volunteers and assistant merit badge counselors to support the different events. Please contact the Camporee Director, Bill Dexter, if you can volunteer at [wtdexterjr@gmail.com](mailto:wtdexterjr@gmail.com) or (h) (703) 978-2632.



## Training Corner

Welcome back to another great year of Scouting. I hope it will be a successful one for everyone. One of the most important ways that we can achieve that is to ensure that our unit leaders are trained. To support this goal, the District will be offering a number of training opportunities throughout the year. Each month feature position-specific training along with selected other Council-level training sessions. In the Fall, we will be focusing on the Cub Scout program with Den Leader and Cubmaster-specific trainings. We will then focus on the Boy Scout and Venturing programs in the Spring with Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster and Venturing advisor trainings. We will also be offering IOLS and BALOO trainings at various times throughout the year.

Sign ups for the position specific training sessions can be found at:  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AA8A92AAAF58-patriot>

Finally, Please see below for upcoming training opportunities:

### September 2017

- 8-10 Fall Wood Badge Course Weekend #1
- 9 Colonial District Scoutmaster Specific
- 12 Sully District Scoutmaster Specific
- 15-17 Sully District IOLS
- 16 Piedmont District BALOO
- 16 Powhatan District Cub Scout leader training (all courses offered)
- 28 Patriot District Den Leader Specific
- 30 Aquia District Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster training

### October 2017

- 7-9 Fall Wood Badge Course Weekend #2
- 7 Colonial, White Oak District Scoutmaster Specific
- 7 Aquia District Cub Scout Leader
- 21-22 Goose Creek IOLS
- 21-22 Patriot District IOLS
- 26 Patriot District Den Leader Specific
- 28 Pow Wow

If you have any questions about trainings, please contact me.

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*Humanity has won its battle. Liberty now has a country.*

*~ Marquis de Lafayette (b. September 6th, 1757)*



The NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting, in conjunction with the Patriot District, will offer Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) training next month. This course is designed to allow observant Jewish Scouters to participate, but it is open to Scouters of all faiths. The training starts Saturday evening after sundown and ends Sunday afternoon, on the weekend of October 21-22, 2017.

**Participants** need to register for the course by sending the registration fee and the information requested below. The **fee** is **\$40.00** per participant, which covers camping at Camp Snyder, course supplies, and two meals. IOLS attendees will camp as a Troop in two patrols. Attendance is limited to 16 people. Information about patrol equipment and individual equipment, as well as the course schedule, will be sent to those who register.

**IOLS** is required to qualify as a “fully trained” Scout leader, and completing this course satisfies a prerequisite for attending **Wood Badge**, the highest level training for Scout leaders. Participants will learn about and practice hands-on skills like camp set-up , cooking, woods tools, knots and lashing, campfire programs, map & compass skills, hiking & packing, leaf identification, and leave-no-trace activities. Most importantly, participants will learn how the Scout led Troop and the patrol method work in the outdoor program, necessary outdoor leadership skills in a Boy Scout Troop. The goal is that participants will know about the basic Boy Scout outdoor skills needed to fulfill rank requirements through First Class.

**To register:**

Send your check for \$40.00 made out to “**Jewish Committee on Scouting**,” with “IOLS” on the memo line, to Philip Sternberg, P.O. Box 4052, Alexandria, VA 22303. Registration deadline is **October 4, 2017**.

Send an email message to [phil.sternberg@gmail.com](mailto:phil.sternberg@gmail.com) with your full name, mailing address, home and cell phone numbers, primary email address, and unit type (e.g., Troop, Crew, Pack), unit number, your Scouting position, and your personal BSA ID number (on your BSA membership card).



Online registration is now available for Sully District's:

**Scoutmaster Position Specific Training (SPST)  
and  
Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Training (IOLS)**

When and where:

Classroom Portion:

Tuesday 9/12 from 7-9 pm at **St Andrews Lutheran Church** in Centreville.  
The address is 14640 Soucy Pl. Centreville Va. 20120.

Outdoor Portion:

The weekend of 9/15-17: Training begins at 6:00 pm on 9/15 and extends until 9/17 around noon.  
The location is **Camp Snyder** in Haymarket.

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-14808>

*For questions contact: **Mike Sorah**  
[msorah@cox.net](mailto:msorah@cox.net), 703-9001-8310*



**The Lion Year is Starting Off with a ROAR!**

Hope you are all having a great Scouting month!

You should have received a "Lion Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)", and a "Lion 2017-2018 What's New" presentation just received from our Council Lion Champion.

A quick look at the two hot off the press files will provide you with all you need to know and what is new for Lions in the 2017-2018 program year. Some highlights are:

- Greater Pack participation!
- MORE Options for Pinewood Derby (including full integration)!
- T-Shirt is still the uniform but they now have the option to get the official blue uniform shirt!
- Lion FAMILIES can now participate in Fundraising!
- DON'T FORGET- ALL LION GUIDES NEED TO BE REGISTERED AS LION GUIDES.

Lion Guides are able to be dual registered (e.g., Assistant Cubmaster AND Lion Guide) using paper application forms. Use the Position Code "LL" for your Lion Guides when registering or dual registering folks to fill these positions. Each Lion Den should have a Lion Guide to advise and assist the Parents/Adult Partners using the "shared leadership" concept.

Thanks for all you do for America's future through Scouting. If you have any Lion questions feel free to send them to me at your earliest convenience at [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil).

Yours on the Lion trail,

*John R. Stewart, Vice Chair for Membership and District Lion Coordinator  
Patriot District, NCAC, BSA*



## 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 Scout 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](mailto:kgaul@verizon.net), or

John R. Stewart, [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil), 571-318-0549



## Hurricane Harvey Update - How You Can Help Our Scouting Family Affected by the Hurricane



**When disaster strikes, the Scouting community rallies together to help those in need!**

This week, Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh shared ways that Scouting families can help those affected by historic flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. Go to this site to find out how you can help: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/08/29/how-to-help-our-scouting-family-affected-by-hurricane-harvey/>



### 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 Scout 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 Scout 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 Scouts, advertise your upcoming recruiting events, and give our Webelos Scouts 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 Scout!**

Reserve your space? Questions?

**CONTACT:** John Stewart, [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil), Ken Gaul, [kgaul@verizon.net](mailto:kgaul@verizon.net)

Troops signed up so far include Troop 697, Troop 1346, Troop 1412, Troop 1533, and Troop 1865. We want all of our Patriot District Troops to have an opportunity to show a display and talk about their Troops to the participating Webelos Scouts and their parents.



### Bass Pro Celebrates Scouting Month

For the eighth consecutive year, Bass Pro Shops are hosting Boy Scouts of America Month at all U.S. locations this September! During the month of September, Bass Pro Shops will promote Boy Scouts of America, offer merit badge classes, and provide opportunities to raise funds for Scouting projects.

Bass Pro Shops will offer customers the opportunity to donate to the Boy Scouts of America by rounding up their purchase total to the nearest dollar. At the end of the promotion, 50% of the money collected will be donated to the Boy Scouts of America National Council and 50 percent will be given to designated local councils. In addition, Bass Pro Shops will make a contribution for each donation made.

For more information visit <http://www.basspro.com/boyscouts>.

**Update Your BeAScout Pin Today So Future Scouting Families Can Find You!**



How do most families find out about Scouting?

Most families today find out about Scouting through online resources. Parents want and expect to learn more about local Scouting through BSA websites. The website units can use to reach prospective Scouting families is <https://beascout.scouting.org/>.

When moms and dads visit BeAScout.org, they can enter their ZIP code to find all the Scout units near them. This is where your unit comes in. It's time to update your unit's listing on <https://beascout.scouting.org/> so they can find you!

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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](mailto:joe.osborne@cox.net).

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## Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills

### DON'T BE THIS GUY



### GET BCOLS TRAINED!

This course was developed by a group of Scouters in 1993; it has been continually updated to meet current techniques and technology. It is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, or Explorer). **This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders.** All participants must have completed Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing or, Varsity or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course and be able to meet current physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

The target audience is leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedown will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure. **If you are participating in an NCAC-sponsored High Adventure Trek, you must also take the course offered by the NCAC High Adventure Committee.**

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills is offered by the Council Training Committee as an optional follow-on to the basic course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS). Its goal is to provide adult leaders with an overview of such topics as:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working With Older Youth • Leadership Skills • Team Development • Leave No Trace • Water Treatment •</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stove Maintenance • Risk Management • Equipment Maintenance • Crew Equipment Needs &amp; Selection •</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Equipment Needs &amp; Selection • Terrain Awareness &amp; Land Navigation • Menu Planning &amp; Clean-up •</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hygiene &amp; Health • Resources • On the Trail Tips • Wilderness First Aid Overview •</li> </ul>

**Part 1:** Addresses ways to effectively work with older youth and covers the detailed preparation and planning that must be done before you go out, including risk management. Summarizes the personal and crew equipment used for lightweight camping. Plans are also made for the weekend overnight session. (Part 1 is the EXPLAIN & DEMONSTRATE part of EDGE.)

**Part 2:** Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, wilderness first aid issues, expedition health and hygiene, team building. (Part 2 is the GUIDE part of EDGE.)

**Part 3:** While not required, we strongly *suggest participation* in the Hike-o-ree which will allow BCOLS trained leaders to apply the BCOLS training with their youth at a real-world event. (Part 3 is the ENABLE part of EDGE.)

**The 2017 Hike-o-ree is scheduled for October 27-29 at the 4-H Center in Front Royal, Virginia.**

<b>FALL 2017 -- VIRGINIA</b>
<b>Classroom: Sat. 9/23 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at</b> Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22308
<b>Overnite: Sat. 10/21, 7:30 AM thru Sun. 10/22, 1:30 PM</b> Camp William B Snyder 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA

Register via the NCAC web-site — BCOLS can be found on the Training menu

**Class size limited to 48. Fee is \$45.00**

**FOR INFORMATION: Dominick Caridi: [DscScouting@aol.com](mailto:DscScouting@aol.com) / 703-625-4196**



### 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

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.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/VFWWoodBadgeScholarship.aspx>

**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.)

Program	Eligibility	Description	Due Date
Voice of Democracy	Any grade 9-12 student	<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.	Nov 1
Patriot's Pen	Any grade 6-8 student	<a href="http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/">http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/</a> Challenges entrants to reflect on American history and their own experiences based on a patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives \$5,000.	Nov 1

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>

## Rocket into Scouting Launch Days Are Coming Soon!



### 3... 2... 1... LAUNCH!

Start your school year with a **BLAST!** Every new Scout who registers by October 31 will receive a free model rocket! This will help both their Scouting career and a lifelong love of STEM "take off". Launch Day events are being planned at multiple sites around our Council; find the one that's most convenient for your family. <https://www.ncacbsa.org/blog/2017/08/05/rocket-into-scouting/>

Our Rocket Into Scouting Launch Day for the Virginia Central Service Area is scheduled for 1pm-4pm on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the Annandale Campus of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) located at 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003. It will also feature other fun events, such as rocket-building stations, agility courses, punt/pass/kick challenges, fish-casting practice, scavenger hunts, and more!

Each NEW Scout will receive a free launch engine and additional engines can be purchased (\$3) as desired. There is a \$5 registration fee for each participant (youth and adults); this helps us offset the cost of the event and materials. The entire family and current Scouts are welcome and additional rockets kits can be purchased online (\$8) and built at the event.

Online applications are available through <https://beascout.scouting.org>

*The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done*

*~ Arnold Palmer (b. 10 September 1929)*

National Capital Area Council, BSA | Patriot & George Mason Districts

# 8<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://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 37th 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.

\*Pictures may not depict actual prizes.

- \$5,000 - Tournament Underwriter**  
Includes tournament naming rights, two foursomes, company name and logo on tournament banner, company banner on one hole and in printed materials, recognition at luncheon.
- \$2,000 - Tournament Sponsor**  
Includes two foursomes, company name and logo on tournament banner, company banner on one hole and in printed materials, recognition at luncheon.
- \$1,000 - Cart Sponsor**  
Includes one foursome company name and logo in tournament printed materials, recognition at luncheon.
- \$500 - Prize Sponsor**  
Name recognition at one of the prize competitions: Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin or First Place Foursome.
- \$400 - Foursome | \$200 - Twosome | \$100 - Single**  
Includes golf, carts, lunch and door prizes.
- \$200 - Hole Sponsor**  
Company name and logo on tee sign and in printed materials.

### 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Me for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (make payable to Boy Scouts of America, memo GP17)  
 AMEX/VISA/MC/Discover for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CID# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golfers: (if club pro, please indicate for insurance purposes)  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_  
 Designate your District  Patriot  George Mason

**Please register your foursome by going to:**  
**NCACBSA.ORG/PATRIOTGOLF**  
 Registration closes September 14, 2017  
**or mail or email:**

**Kyle Molldene** – 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814  
**Tel:** 301-214-9192 | [Kyle.Molldene@Scouting.org](mailto:Kyle.Molldene@Scouting.org)

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