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Scouting Civic Service Scouting for Food 2017



The annual Scouting for Food community service project was conducted by more than 40 Patriot Districts Packs and Troops in early November. Thousands of food donation bags were distributed door-to-door on Saturday, November 4th, with pickup of filled bags taking place the following Saturday, November 11th. More than 1,000 people were involved in this important charitable activity, including over 750 Scouts and more than 300 adult leaders, and over 4,200 bags of food were collected. The combined efforts of Scouts and Scouters resulted in 22,499 pounds of boxed, bagged, and canned goods being donated to the Capital Area Food Bank and local church food pantries for people in need. Troop 1966, Pack 1967, and Pack 1968 netted contributions of over 1,950 pounds. Troop 1532 and Pack 115 hauled in over 2,000 pounds. Congratulations on a job well done to all who participated to the great success of this important Activities & Civic Service event.

Special thanks to Bob Boehme for his help in leading the project, to John Merchant and William Wallace for leading assisting efforts by OA Scouts, to Kristin Chioma and numerous other volunteers who worked throughout the day to help sort the donated food both before and after the Food Bank trucks arrived, and to Bill Snowden for capturing the day in pictures. And a big Thank You to Safeway for once again allowing us to use their parking lot as the collection point.

Tim Ryder, SFF Coordinator



Scouting for Food 2017



From the District Chairman

Patriot District Family,

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Season Greetings!

We are completing a very successful year in Patriot District. As a district we have surpassed all of our major goals for the year. We have exceeded our District Membership goal, our Friends of Scouting goal, our Popcorn sales goal and our Camp Card sales goal. We also had a super successful Cub Scout Day Camp, just to mention a few things. Congratulations to every scout, Scouter and all our wonderful “one event per year” volunteers.

I also think that we could not complete the year with a BIG thank you to our Sr District Executive Kyle Mollene. Kyle has his fingerprints on every single thing that happens in this District and none of us could have had a successful year with his steady hand on the helm, even though he does it in the shadows or from the sidelines. Thank you Kyle!

Enjoy the holidays, the time with family and friends because as soon as January gets here we are going to hit it even harder next year and work to exceeding new goals and achieving new heights.

We start with Friends of Scouting. Please start thinking now about FOS nights at your units.

Let’s Keep Patriot District at the top of the heap in 2018!

Thank you all and we will see you in the New Year!

Yours in Scouting,

Steve

Steve Smith, Patriot District Chairman



<https://cubscouts.org/learning-library>



From the District Commissioner

December means Christmas vacation from school and Pack and Troop holiday festivities. It's a great season of the year for our Scouts and Scouters, but it's also the time we go through the process of rechartering our units before their charter expires on December 31st. Our goal was to have all our units' recharter packages to council by the first of December and we nearly made it. We still have about 10 units whose recharters are in varying states of review, but we are the only district in the council without a unit having not even started the process. So, KUDOs to all of our unit processors for a job well done. Along with rechartering comes Journey to Excellence turn-in; if your unit hasn't already done this, we need that input as soon as possible. Turn them in to your Unit Commissioner as this is the perfect time to discuss with him/her what you've accomplished this past year and where you see your unit going in the new year. This helps us know how we can assist in delivering a terrific program to your Scouts.

We recently got some additional news on welcoming girls to the Cub Scout program. The Chief Scout Executive sent a letter to all of the Council Scout Executives offering a "soft launch" where qualified councils can invite girls to join Cub Scouting from January to May, with the official launch set for the 2018-2019 school year. We are one such council. Any Pack that wishes to venture into the future should let me know so we can work out the little details of how it will be done. Regardless, Packs should begin to have a discussion about welcoming girls into our Packs and how we should go forward. The dens will be unisex and we can have the possibility of an all-girl Pack. I know there are mixed reviews about this endeavor and your Commissioner Corps are the people who need to hear your thoughts about how our district will accommodate our new Cubs. Girls who register with a Pack prior to the summer can participate in next summer's day camp at Gesher School.

We have two "save the dates" in coming months. The first is one of our best opportunities of the year for training in various aspects of the Scouting program. It is the Council University of Scouting, which is scheduled for February 24th at Hayfield High School. If you've never been to one, please give it a try. You will be able to register for it on the NCACBSA.org website (I don't think it's up yet) and choose from a host of courses that may interest you. Any course will help you better serve our youth. The second date is our Spring Camporee, which will be held at Camp Snyder in Hayfield during the weekend of April 20-22. Our camporees are always fun and educational, and our younger Scouts, WEBELOS, are always invited.

Enjoy the holidays!!

Dave Astle, District Commissioner

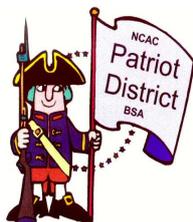


The framers of our excellent constitution, and the people who approved it with calm and sagacious deliberation, acted at the time on a sounder principle. They wisely judged that the less Government interferes with private pursuits, the better for the general prosperity.

~ Martin Van Buren (b. December 5, 1782)

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot



December 2017

- 8 Final Popcorn Payments/Prize Orders/Scholarship Forms Due
- 12 Hanukkah begins (sundown)
- 12 Commissioner/Committee Joint Mtg.
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 21 Cubmaster PST
- 25 Christmas
- 31 Patriot Press Deadline – January

January 2018

- 6 OA Lodge Banquet
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13-15 Winter NYLT (First Weekend)
- 14 ARC First Aid/CPR/AED (Session 1)
- 15 ARC First Aid/CPR/AED (Session 2)
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 22 Cubmaster PST
- 23 PD Committee Meeting
- 28 Patriot Press Deadline – February

February 2018

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Scout Sunday
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 15 Scoutmaster PST
- 17-19 Winter NYLT (2nd weekend)
- 19 Presidents' Day
- 24 University of Scouting
- 25 Patriot Press Deadline – March
- 27 PD Committee Meeting
- 28 Patriot Press Deadline – February

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		

Patriot District Scout Featured in Boy's Life!

Troop 1346 Eagle Scout Brenden Duffy was a featured "BL Headliner" in the December 2017 issue of *Boys's Life Magazine*. Brenden was recognized by *Boy's Life* for placing second in the nation at the 2017 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in the Meteorological Science category. Brenden designed and built a network for high-resolution weather tracking, and received a \$1,000 scholarship from the American Meteorological Society. Brenden is a senior at Lake Braddock Secondary, where he is a member of the Computer Science Honor Society and the Speech and Debate Team. Brenden also somehow finds the time to play travel soccer and work as a lifeguard and swim coach. He has attended BSA High Adventure programs at Philmont and Florida Sea Base. Way to go, Brenden!



Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.

~ Woodrow Wilson (b. December 28, 1856)

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, December 14th, 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



Boy Scout Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, December 14th, 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: Journey to Excellence, National Outdoor/Hornaday Awards, Commissioners

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

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



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Important Message for all Committee Chairs and Unit Leaders

It's time to get your presentation date and time slot for the 2018 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign. Please contact the District Vice-Chair for Finance, Mark Greer, to schedule your annual Family FOS presentation. Ideal times are Courts of Honor and General Pack Meetings. ***We need a date, time, and POC for every unit in the District.***

The annual FOS campaign has several components: Family, Scouter, and Community, and a successful campaign each year is absolutely critical to the financial health of the National Capital Area Council (NCAC). It helps to pay for much-needed upgrades to Goshen Scout reservation (over \$300,000 in recent years), was a big part of paying for the \$6 million needed to modernize the Lake Merriweather Dam at Goshen, pays for training costs not covered by units/participants, and helps pay the salaries of our dedicated, professional Scouters and staff, among a long list of NCAC program and operating expenses.

If you are new to Scouting, (or you simply haven't understood why we have this additional fundraising activity each year) you may wonder why it's really necessary. Let me assure you that each Scout's dues only pay a small part of the nearly \$200 annual program cost per Scout. When we look at the benefits of Scouting (the value proposition), it is tremendous. A recent Harris Study found that 83 percent of adults who were Scouts say that the values they learned in Scouting continue to be very important to them today. And when we see the return on investment among Scouting alumni, it's even more impressive: 89% of senior class presidents, 71% of football team captains, 70% of Annapolis Graduates, 72% of Rhodes Scholars, and 26 of the first 29 Astronauts were all Scouts.

So please take this opportunity to sit down at a computer right now and send an email to Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net to schedule your presentation.



Training Corner

12/21 Cubmaster

1/22/18 Cubmaster

2/15/18 Scoutmaster

3/22/18 Scoutmaster

4/26/18 Scoutmaster

5/24/18 Venturing

Patriot Training

As we finish up the rechartering season and move into the new charter year of 2018, this is a great time to focus on training, especially for those leaders moving into new positions in your unit. The District continues to offer monthly in-person trainings. December and January are focused on Cubmaster Position Specific Training (CPST), and then the next few months will focus on Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Training (SPST). Additionally, the district will offer a special chartered organization representative (COR) training in late January or early February. If you are interested in attending an in-person training session, please sign-up at the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aa8a92aaaf58-patriot>

However, if you are unable to attend in-person training, don't forget that BSA now offers a number of the trainings online that you can take at your convenience. Courses include Den Leader, COR, Cubmaster, and Pack Committee at the Cub Scout level, along with Scoutmaster/ASM, Troop Committee, COR and Merit Badge Counselor at the Boy Scout level. There are also a number of supplemental trainings such as Safe Swim and Hazardous Weather, as well as trainings related to other programs offered by BSA. The trainings are often broken down into segments so you can do one or two at a time if you only have limited time. The best part is that the online trainings can be accessed through <https://my.scouting.org> or you can also download the app on iOS or Android.

Recently, there have been some questions regarding BALOO training. The syllabus was changed in the Fall and the course now requires an overnight camping experience. Because of this and some other changes in the syllabus, training teams are having to reassess when and how to offer the training. Patriot District is looking at offering it in the April 2018 timeframe. If I hear of any other offerings, I will be sure to get the word out to the District membership.

Finally, don't forget that University of Scouting is coming up on February 24th. I have heard that registration will open in the first part of January. Additionally, registration for the Spring 2018 Wood Badge course is now open. If you have ever thought about taking the course, this is a great opportunity. I know the course director and a number of staff, and it should be a fantastic course.

As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions regarding training.

Justin Day, 540-308-1626
Email: patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com



Patriot District Day Camp

The 2018 instance of the Patriot district day camp is scheduled for the week of July 9 – 13, 2018. It will again be held at Geshar Jewish Day School and again offer many of the Scouts' favorite activities. We are currently completing the program for the camp, but we already know that we will again need lots of help from both adult and Boy Scout volunteers. Please keep us in mind when making your summer plans.

Additionally, Niko Brown, the camp director, is currently doing Pack visits to tell Scouts about camp. If you are interested in having Niko come out and visit your Pack, please sign up with at least two date options at the following sign up genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aa8a92aaaf58-2018>

We will be distributing more information about volunteer positions and paperwork instructions in the coming months, but please feel free to reach out to Niko Brown or Justin Day with any questions.

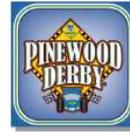


*The Great Spirit...put in your heart certain wishes and plans, in my heart he put other and different desires.
Each man is good in his sight. It is not necessary for Eagles to be Crows.*

~ Chief Sitting Bull (d. 15 December 1890)



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Patriot District Pinewood Derby

I hope everyone is having a good start to the new Cub Scout year!

**** There are no changes from last year ****

An almost-short reminder: Cubs must compete the cars that won their respective competitions at the Pack level. The idea is that all Cubs are coming to race cars that have already won in Pack competitions. The District Derby is not supposed to be the place where a car races for the first time! I am pointing this out because we have had several occasions in the last few years where cars have been registered and either found to not meet the rule specifications at registration and been disqualified, or NOT found at registration and we discover mid-racing that there's a car that hasn't met the requirements to compete. In the latter case, a parent was upset because an "illegal" (their word) car placed and her son's "legal" car didn't. Again, the goal is to ensure that ALL of the Cubs start the District Derby with the same cars, meeting the same requirements, to ensure that the competition is level and fair. That's my objective.

All participants MUST be pre-registered prior to race day. Each Pack will submit pre-registration for their entire Pack via email to the Patriot District Pinewood Derby Race Director. Good luck on your individual Pack Pinewood Derbies!

Pete Griffiths, PWD Chair
PinewoodDerby.Patriot@gmail.com



Old Dominion District Klondike Derby

Old Dominion District Klondike Derby Registration is Open. It will be held at the Harpers Ferry KOA in West Virginia on January 26-28, 2018. Please join me in running activity stations and generally assisting the Troops and Crews at the **Klondike Derby from January 26-28, 2018**. *Nota bene:* This is NOT a Cub Scout event.

Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-oddklondike18>

Questions/comments/concerns, please contact Mike Nepi, 703-915-8560

Powhatan Outdoor Ethics Orientation

Powhatan District is sponsoring an Outdoor Ethics orientation for NCAC Scouts and leaders January 17 at the Oakton Library. This 1½ hour Outdoor Ethics orientation is an overview of the key aspects of BSA's Outdoor Ethics program.

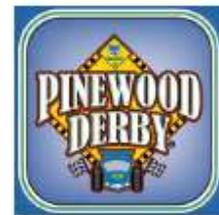
The course is suitable for Scouters and mature Scouts. The instructors hope as many units as possible will send at least 2 Scouts and 1 Scouter.

Completion allows participants to lead an Outdoor-Ethics or Leave-No-Trace activity to help Cub & Boy Scouts and their leaders earn the new NCAC Cub Scout Outdoor Ethics badge (arriving Dec 2017) and the BSA Outdoor Ethics Awareness award.

The course is perfect for your unit's Outdoor Ethics Guide (formerly LNT Guide) or Scouts who plan to take that leadership role. This orientation is free. For additional details and registration go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4caea72fa57-outdoor1>



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Patriot District Pinewood Derby -- Registration Form

Pack Number:	
Pack Point of Contact:	
Email:	
Cell Phone:	

Speed Category Entries: *Please write legibly!!*

Rank/Den	Cub Scout F irst Name	Cub Scout L ast Name
Tiger		
Wolf		
Bear		
Webelos		
Arrow of Light		

Show Category Entries: *Please write legibly!!*

Rank/Den	Cub Scout F irst Name	Cub Scout L ast Name
Tiger		
Wolf		
Bear		
Webelos		
Arrow of Light		

Notes:

Registration Fees are \$10.00 per Cub Scout. Pre-payment is required.

Please send payments to:

Patriot District Pinewood Derby
 c/o Pete Griffiths
 5931 Oakland Park Drive
 Burke, VA 22015

Race Director Contact Information:

Cell: (571) 424-0022
 PinewoodDerby.Patriot@gmail.com
 ** Please use text messaging on race day **

All registration fees for all competitors from a given Pack should be PAID by a SINGLE CHECK PAYABLE TO "BSA-NCAC". Please note the Pack number in the memo line.

Entries must be submitted by email to PinewoodDerby.Patriot@gmail.com **no later than Fri, 23 Feb 2018.**

Scoutbook Youth Advancement

Calling all unit leaders—the Scoutbook Youth Advancement sync is officially underway! Scoutbook now automatically syncs with BSA national advancement database.

The BSA’s official web app is <https://www.scoutbook.com/> All Scouting units with active Scoutbook subscriptions have recently been invited to complete the Scoutbook Youth Advancement Sync with ScoutNet. The Scoutbook Unit Admins have been notified and given instructions on how to activate this sync by December 31, 2017.

This sync will allow units to approve advancement in Scoutbook, which can then automatically sync with the BSA national database. **Scoutbook users will no longer need to access Internet Advancement to track and report their unit advancement.**

Once you approve advancement records within Scoutbook, that info gets recorded by the BSA and your local council. This means you can print everything from Scoutbook and take that information to your local Scout Shop to purchase the advancement recognition items you need.

How to sync Scoutbook with the advancement database

To get started, you’ll need to complete the one-time Scoutbook youth advancement sync. Note that this process must be performed by a currently registered key 3 member of your unit. You should complete this process **by Dec. 31, 2017.**

Starting Jan. 1, 2018, units with active Scoutbook subscriptions will only be able to approve advancements for Scouts who are in the advancement sync. If you have not activated your unit and/or Scouts within your unit, you will not be able to approve advancements for that Scout or Scouts.

Note that as a unit activates the sync, the unit can un-approve Scouts who have not yet been registered (entered into ScoutNet or My.Scouting) and continue the sync for the rest of the unit. Once registration is complete for the outstanding Scouts, the unit can then approve them and they will then be included.

User’s guide <https://www.scoutbook.com/mobile/forums/using-scoutbook/127993/how-to-activate-your-unit-for-the-advancement-sync/?Page=1> .

Scout Shop staff should know that the Advancement Report from Scoutbook and the Advancement Report from Internet Advancement are both certified and should be accepted. The bottom of the Advancement Report from Scoutbook looks like this:

3.	Zachary Test	0101/17	Scouting BSA	21.		
4.	Zachary Test	0303/17	Stand Up Paddleboarding	22.		
5.	Zachary Test	0303/17	Tyler' Clip	23.		
6.	Zachary Test	0404/17	World Conservation Award #2216 (Boy Scout)	24.		
7.	Zachary Test	11/23/16	Eagle Palm Pin #12 (Silver)	25.		
14.				32.		
15.				Youth interviewed who are not advancing		
16.						

Total different youth 3 Qualified for 7 awards



If you have any questions about the Scoutbook Youth Advancement Sync or if your Scouting unit has not received the sync instructions, please email Scoutbooksync@gmail.com.



Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Adult Volunteer Scout Leaders

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

As we are all painfully aware, mental health issues including depression, feelings of helplessness and loneliness, being bullied and thoughts of suicide are no stranger to the youth we support. As adult volunteer Scout leaders it is incumbent upon us to know how to recognize and respond to the signs of mental illness and duress. This knowledge can literally be the difference between life and death. Several years ago Fairfax County schools had a string of devastating teen suicides...and some of the boys we lost were from our local troops. In response, we are now partnering with the Fairfax County Health Department to offer a training course in Youth Mental Health First Aid to help prevent teen suicide. This is the same training that is mandatory for every Fairfax County School System teacher, administrator and staff member to complete. The same instructors from the Fairfax County Government's Health & Wellness Department that teach them have agreed to provide that training to us and to also customize it to the specific needs of Scouting.

We're excited to report that we are trying to schedule the third class for our district. Any interested Scouters please contact Mark Greer (mfgreer@verizon.net) to express their interest. We are trying to ensure we have enough potential attendees to fill a class. The exact date will depend on the availability of our instructors.

Every unit should have a goal of having at least one trained leader. The cost for the training is \$30 per person and covers all course materials and instruction. Space is limited and we are accepting no more than 30 participants for this class. Upon completion of the course, all participants will receive a Youth Mental Health First Aid certificate of completion and a NCAC sanctioned patch demonstrating achievement.



Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Learn Leadership, Problem Solving, Scout Skills

Be a Summer Camp Counselor At Goshen or Camp Snyder

The best job in your life; you will make lifelong friends.

For more info and applications see the following web sites:

- www.gotogoshen.org
- www.gotosnyder.org

Can only make it one week? Consider helping with your district or area Day Camp

Unit leaders: please encourage your older youth to consider staffing summer camps. Applications and lots more information available on the web sites above; Interviews scheduled for Jan 6 and 13.



District/Division Award of Merit

The District/Division Award of Merit is awarded by a District for service to youth in the District.

A nominee must be a registered Scouter.

A nominee must have rendered noteworthy service to youth in Scouting, outside of Scouting, or both. The nature and value of "noteworthy service to youth" may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.

Consideration is given to the nominee's Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.

There is a form on ncacbsa.org.

Please submit your nominations to chioma@msn.com by December 15.



You may not have any extra talent, but maybe you are just paying more attention to what you are doing

~ Alan Sheppard (b. November 18, 1923)



2019 World Scout Jamboree

Registration for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve is live. This means prospective youth participants, adult volunteers and staffers — known in World Scout Jamboree parlance as the International Service Team (IST) — can register to join the adventure.

The quadrennial event, held at the BSA's high-adventure base in West Virginia and co-hosted with Scouts Canada and Asociación de Scouts de México, will be the first World Scout Jamboree in the United States in more than half a century. This historic event will be held July 22 to Aug. 2, 2019.

The World Scout Jamboree (hereafter WSJ) will welcome 50,000 Scouts and leaders from 169 different countries. They'll gather to meet friends from around the world, develop mutual understanding and sharpen their leadership skills. They'll do all that at the BSA's newest high-adventure destination, where a playground of world-class adventure venues awaits.

This means you might climb next to a Croatian, skateboard with a South African or paddleboard with a Paraguayan.

Use this link: <https://wsj2019.us/apply>

Eagle Palms



All current Boy Scouts — even those who completed their Eagle Scout board of review before August 1, 2017 — are now entitled to receive Eagle Palms for merit badges earned before their Eagle board of review.

Previously, only those Scouts with an Eagle board of review date on or after August 1, 2017, were eligible for these Eagle Palms. Now all current Eagle Scouts can receive Palms for additional merit badges earned before their board.

This is a revision to the change announced at <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/07/10/changes-to-eagle-palms/> on July 10, 2017. The move comes in response to passionate feedback from volunteers and was approved by the BSA’s National Executive Board

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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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NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) equips 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 leadership techniques in a risk free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.



6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE
TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD
CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

NYLT is for Scouts who are likely to take on leadership positions in their Troop, Crew, Ship or home unit.

REQUIREMENTS

- 14 years or older (13 with permission)
- First Class Rank
- Scoutmaster approval
- Completed ILST*
- BSA Med Form: Parts A, B & C

NYLT is an *intense course* for *mature Scouts* who want to become *better leaders*. Scouts must be *respectful* of each other and their actions must be consistent with the *Scout Oath and Law*.

* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), or Ships (ILSS)

COURSE DATES

- ① 13-15 January & 17-19 February
Camp Snyder, VA
(Must complete both weekends)
- ② 17-22 June 2018
Cheltenham, MD
- ③ 24-29 June 2018
Cheltenham, MD
- ④ 29 July-3 August 2018
Camp Snyder, VA
- ⑤ 5-10 August 2018
Camp Snyder, VA



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

www.ncacbsa.org/nylt

**BSA Venturing Crew 80 is Once Again Offering an
Amateur Radio License Course**

WANT TO BE AN AMATEUR (HAM) RADIO OPERATOR?

Scouts can earn the BSA Radio Merit Badge

Qualify for a Technician Class Amateur Radio License from the FCC

No Morse Code Required - Open to the Public

Sponsors: BSA VENTURING CREW 80 and MOUNT VERNON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

When: Saturdays in January and February 2018 - a 2 hour orientation and materials distribution plus three seven hour classes, including the FCC license exam:

- January 13 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (Orientation and Study Materials Distribution)
- January 20 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Instruction)
- January 27 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Instruction)
- February 3 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (Instruction, Review for Exam)
- February 10 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (FCC Exam)

Where: First Christian Church, 2723 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302

Cost: \$50 (Cost of Materials - textbook and CD-ROM - Yours to keep).

Age: No Limit (parental accompaniment recommended under age 14)

Instruction Method: Reading assignments and personal and video instruction and computer-based practice exam question review. You keep the textbook and CD-ROM.

Course Description: Everything you need to know to get an Amateur Radio Operator Technician Class license: Fundamentals of electricity, electronic circuit theory, electronic components, radio theory and electromagnetic wave propagation, antennas, feed lines, amateur radio operating procedures, practices, equipment, FCC rules and regulations.

How to Sign Up: Pre-register anytime, but no later than January 5, 2018:

By email to k4bsa@verizon.net or by phone at 703-820-2534 (H) between 6-9 PM. Provide Name, Address, Phone Number and Email address. The registration fee (cash or check) will be due at the first session on January 13, 2018. Scouts and Venturers passing the FCC Technician licensing exam will meet the requirements for the BSA radio merit badge and can have their blue card signed by the course instructor. CERT members are also encouraged to attend.

Questions? Please call or e-mail the following:

Demi Pulas K4BSA 703-820-2534 or k4bsa@verizon.net

More details at <http://w3bsa.org/Course07.htm>



*People have forgotten how to tell a story. Stories don't have a middle or an end any more.
They usually have a beginning that never stops beginning*

~Steven Spielberg, Eagle Scout (b. December 18, 1946)



American Red Cross

First Aid-CPR-AED Certification Class

When: Two class sessions:

Session #1 - 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Sunday, January 14, 2018

Session #2 - 6:30pm to 9:30 pm Monday, January 15, 2018

Who: Leaders and Scouts, e.g., Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, etc. Others may sign up to participate on a space-available basis. Class size is limited. Class dates and times reflect the needs of Jewish Scouts and Scouters.

Where: VFW Post 8469, 5703 Vogue Rd, Fairfax Station, VA 22039

What: Participants will earn the American Red Cross *First Aid-CPR-AED* certification. Scouts attending High Adventure programs must have First Aid and CPR certified members in their group; it's a good idea to have several people certified, including youth members.

Register: Please send your contact information as soon as possible to:
Philip Sternberg, phil.sternberg@gmail.com

- Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, home and cell phone numbers, BSA unit type and number, and BSA Personal ID number (from membership card).

Bring: For Session #1, bring personal lunch and beverages. We will have a working lunch, and we will have drinks and refreshments available in the morning. For Session #2, eat before you arrive, or bring food with you.

Cost: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) covers American Red Cross fees and classroom training materials. Make checks out to "Jewish Committee on Scouting," and write "ARC First Aid Training" on the memo line. Payment due by Friday, 22 December 2017.

Send checks to Philip Sternberg, P.O. Box 4052, Alexandria, VA 22303.

Those with a financial need, please contact Philip Sternberg <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>.

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NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting

MERIT BADGE FAIR

Sunday, January 7, 2018

2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Gesher Jewish Day School

4800 Mattie Moore Ct, Fairfax, VA 22030

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

To Register: Email the *registration form* on the next page: <registration@ncacjcos.org>

Send us your *registration form* as soon as possible 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, and with the contact information for the merit badge counselor. Counselors will let Scouts know about prerequisites and how to prepare for their merit badge class.

Merit Badges: *Aviation, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Chemistry, Communication, Electricity, Family Life, Fingerprinting, Genealogy, Nuclear Science, Personal Management, Photography, Public Speaking, Space Exploration*

On the registration form, you can also ask for a merit badge of *your choice*, and we will try to offer it. Bring a Boy Scout merit badge *blue card* signed by unit leader to give to their counselor.

Fees: The cost of the Merit Badge Fair is \$15.00 per Scout (\$10.00 for additional Scouts in the same family). This fee pays for, facility use fee, merit badge supplies, a special patch, and refreshments. Payment is due upon arrival. Make checks out to "Jewish Committee," include "Merit Badge Fair" on memo line. Scouts with financial need should indicate this in their email.

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

Questions: Philip Sternberg <registration@ncacjcos.org>, or 703-960-0205 (cell).



**NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting
Merit Badge Fair - Registration Form**

(Participants of all faiths welcome)

Where: Geshher Jewish Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Ct, Fairfax, VA 22030

When: Sunday, January 7, 2018, 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 per Scout (\$10.00 for additional Scouts in the same family). This fee pays for the facility use fee, merit badge supplies, a special patch, and refreshments. Payment is due at check-in upon arrival, Make checks out to "Jewish Committee," and put "Merit Badge Fair" on memo line. Scouts with financial need should let us know.

Registration Information:

- Merit Badge (First Choice): _____
- Merit Badge (Second Choice): _____
- Merit Badge (Other): _____
- JCoS Committee Member: _____
- Request Financial Assistance: _____

Contact Information:

Scout's Name: _____
 Scout's Age: _____ Rank in Scouting: _____ Grade in School: _____
 Unit Type (Pack, Troop, etc.): _____ Unit Number: _____
 Unit Location (city, state): _____ District: _____
 Parent's Name: _____
 Unit Leader's Name: _____
 Scouts' Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Scouts' E-Mail Address: _____
 Parents' E-Mail Address: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Do not bring food or drinks into the event. If you have specific dietary requirements, please let us know:

Email this form to registration@ncacjcos.org



NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting

Tu B'Shevat Celebration - Jewish Arbor Day

Plant Seedlings, Enjoy Tree Food, Conservation-Forestry

When: Sunday, January 28, 2018, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Who: Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturing Scouts, Girl Scouts

All faiths welcome. Register early, space is limited.

Where: George Mason University Jewish (Chabad) House. 4601 Roberts Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

What: Celebrate the annual Jewish Holiday of Tu B'Shevat. Scouts will get Tree Seedlings in 2" pots to decorate and take home for planting when the weather is warmer. Learn about Conservation and Forestry. And enjoy a Tu B'Shevat Seder ... with food from trees like nuts and fruits.

Register: Email the registration information to: <registration@ncacjos.org>

Cost: The event will cost \$18.00/per participant-pay at the door. Make checks payable to "Jewish Committee," and put "Tu B'Shevat" on the memo line. Scouts with a financial need should let us know.

Questions: Philip Sternberg <registration@ncacjos.org>, or 703-960-0205 (cell).

Directions: Take I-495 (beltway) to exit 54A, Braddock Road, west, about 5 miles. Turn right onto Roberts Road. The GMU Chabad House is the first building on the right.

Registration Information:

- Registration options: Cub Scout Program, Boy Scout Program, Venturing Program, JCoS Committee Member, Other, Request Financial Assistance.

Contact Information:

Form fields for contact information: Scout's Name, Age, Rank, Grade, Unit Type, Location, District, Parent's Name, Unit Leader's Name, Mailing Address, City, State, Zip, E-Mail Address, Cell Phone, Home Phone.

Do not bring food or drinks into the event. If you have specific dietary requirements, please let us know:

Email this form to <registration@ncacjos.org>

2018 Seabase Scuba Aventure – Troop 1865

Boy Scout Troop 1865 is sending a crew to Seabase for a Scuba Adventure and we have 2 open slots if anyone else would like to join.

We are doing Scuba Adventure C from March 25 to April 1. We will be making our travel reservations soon, so will be determining our departure and return dates/times.

Anyone who wishes to participate must be dive certified before going on the trip.

If you have questions or are you interested in going? Contact Chris Baker at chris_baker19@verizon.net

Denise Steene, Troop 1865 Committee Chair



2018 Northern Tier Expedition – Troop 1131

- When:** Dates at Norther Tier
July 16, 2018 through July 28, 2018
Cross Country Road Trip Dates
Outbound (subject to change): July 10, 2018 – July 16, 2018
Return: July 28, 2018 – August 1, 2018
Flying Dates: TBD
- Where:** Northern Tier High Adventure, Ely, MN
<http://www.ntier.org>
- Who:** Scouts age 13 and/or completed 8th grade and achieved the Rank of First Class. We have two crew slots, but could ask for a third. Each Crew is limited to between 6 and 8 people. Each crew must have at least two and adults (18+) and each crew must have at least one adult over 21. Members over age 18 and under 21 will need to register in the Venture Crew 1131.
- What:** Northern Tier is the ultimate Canoeing Scouting High Adventure. Each crew will canoe between 100 – 150 miles in the boundary waters of the U.S. and Canada, and during their trek they will participate in many leadership scenarios. Crews select the trek they want.

The road trip includes sightseeing and visiting historic places along the route. We'll sleep in military facilities and churches while traveling. Those who can't make the road trip can fly out to meet their crew at Northern Tier.
- Cost:** Estimated \$1600 (cost may increase due to airfare/transportation costs - \$1,235.00 for Northern Tier, \$365.00 for transportation/lodging/some meals, and for Crew Gear and T-Shirts)

First Payment, \$75.00, due February 1, 2017
Second Payment, \$580.00, due September 15, 2017
Third Payment, \$580.00, due March 15, 2018
Final Payment, \$365.00, due July 1, 2018

Fees are non-refundable unless a Scout has a substitute
- Contact:** Dan Peck, 571-358-4389, dan@junyu.org



*Upon suffering beyond suffering, the Red Nation shall rise again and it shall be a blessing for a sick world.
A world filled with broken promises, selfishness and separations. A world longing for light again.*

~ Crazy Horse (b. December 4, 1840)