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Patriot District Spring Camporee “Barbarians at the Gate”

April 20 – 22, 2018
Camp Snyder
(571) 248-4904

As of March 1, 2018

The theme for the Patriot District Spring Camporee is “Barbarians at the Gate” – Scout skills in Action. The program will consist of a Patrol Skills Competition where patrols will be challenged at several stations where they will prove their proficiency on basic scout skills. Each troop will be asked to sponsor a station and the senior Scouts running the station will work with the Order of the Arrow to organize and execute the competition.

Besides the Scout skills competition, Scouts will have numerous choices to challenge themselves and have fun. They include dodge ball, marksmanship with air rifle shooting, archery, STEM activities and rock wall climbing. Additionally, a new Patriot District camporee activity will be the dessert competition where Scouts can enter their favorite dessert. This competition will be voluntary and as many team that want to can enter. Desserts will be judged for their taste, presentation and ingredients.

The camporee will have the traditional events that bring us together as a district; Opening and Closing ceremonies, Senior Patrol Leader/Scoutmaster Cracker Barrel, outdoor church services, a Saturday night campfire, and the Order of the Arrow Call-out. On Sunday morning each troop will participate in a short community service project – they will plant 15 small trees at designated areas to improve Camp Snyder. The Order of the Arrow will provide the scout leadership for the camporee and members from each troop are needed to assist them.

The camporee will be held from Friday night, April 20 till Sunday April 22, 2018. Patriot District will camp on the camporee field at Camp Snyder. The cost is eighteen dollars (\$18) per participant. There is no charge for adults that are just helping out on Saturday or Sunday and are not camping for a night. **Units must provide a tentative registration by Tuesday, April 10, 2018.** It is important that units notify Pat Ring by e-mail that they plan to attend the camporee with an estimated number of Scouts and adults attending. His e-mail is 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 out to NCAC-BSA.

The Order of the Arrow will provide the Camporee Senior Patrol Leader and the Flag Detail for the Opening and Closing ceremonies. The Camporee Senior Patrol Leader is responsible for conducting the Camporee Opening and Closing ceremonies. Also, a member will act as the Master of Ceremonies for the Saturday night campfire. This is a great opportunity for a senior Scout to display his leadership abilities. The camporee is looking for at least two Scout buglers or trumpet players. Additionally, as always, the camporee staff is in need of adult volunteers to support the different events. Volunteers should phone William Dexter, the Camporee Director at (703) 978-2632 or send an e-mail to wtdexterjr@gmail.com.

At the camporee, Patriot District will conduct a BALOO training course for Cub Scout adult leaders from Saturday morning till Sunday morning. All participants will camp overnight. The director for the BALOO training course is Justin Day. He can be reached at kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com or (540) 308-1626. **All BALOO attendees must register for the camporee at the cost of eighteen dollars (\$18).** There will be an additional fee for food and supplies payable to Justin Day.

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From the District Chairman

Scouts, Scouters and Families of Patriot District,

Well, spring has come in like a lion! I can hear the wind blowing as I write this article. I wonder how long it will last before it turns into a lamb.

I have the great pleasure of introducing our new District Executive. Ashley Felton is a recent graduate of La Salle University and is already learning the ropes. We are lucky she has been assigned to Patriot District and know she will be a big success. Please be sure and greet her at the Roundtable next week.

Congratulations to Phil Sternberg! On March 14th he will be recognized by the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) with the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA) for extraordinary professional achievement at the city, state, or regional level.

The Friends of Scouting campaign is well underway, and I know that there will be many FOS presentations over the next few weeks. Please be sure and get the word out. Unit leaders, if you have already had a presentation, please follow up for those last minute donations. Every little bit helps. Please consider supporting Scouting with your treasure as well as you what you already give in talent and time.

Patriots Districts Joe Margraf will be honored with the Silver Beaver at the Council Court of Honor which is set for Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Camp William B. Snyder. More details will be available once the details for the evening are ready.

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

Yours in Scouting

Steve Smith, Patriot District Chairman



Take time to deliberate; but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking and go in.

~Andrew Jackson (b. March 15, 1767)



From the District Commissioner

It's March already and the year is slipping by quickly. The Council's University of Scouting was held at Hayfield High School on February 24th and we had 43 of our scouters participating. I was hoping for a better participation from our district, but we were in the middle of the pack for level of participation. Council was hoping to have 1000 participants, but we fell short by about 50-60. Our district is now among those who have some young ladies as new members. Pack 873 elected to be an early adopter and currently have a girl den with four young ladies working on their Webelos. Congratulations to Pack 873 for being the district pathfinder with girls. If any other packs are wishing to move in that direction, please let us know. Another announcement affecting Cub Scouting is Lions are now an official part of the program and no longer a pilot program. Hopefully the fall class of Lions will include a lot of girls so we need our packs to have a conversation with your Chartered Organization if that is the direction your pack wishes to go. Hopefully everyone is aware that the new Youth Protection Training program is now online. What you may not have heard yet, however, is National has advised that everyone must take it by October 1, 2018. We would like everyone to take it in May as there is some new guidance in the course which impacts on summer camp. This will be a topic at our Roundtable.

Saturday March 10th is our annual District Pine Wood Derby. It is not necessarily for only those Cubs who advanced to the District Derby, so everyone come out to watch the kids race and see what ingenious cars many of them have designed and built. Commissioner College is also that day and you don't have to be a commissioner to participate. If you have an interest in the many facets of commissioner service, join us by registering on the NCACBSA.org website. All of our troops should be planning for our upcoming spring camporee which will be held at Camp Snyder in Haymarket VA the weekend of April 20-22. More information on that is later in this month's Patriot Press.

Did your unit sell popcorn last year? Many did and now it's time to celebrate last year's efforts. The Council is having a fun filled day at Camp Snyder on March 24th to celebrate the terrific job our scouts did throughout the council in selling popcorn. Scouts who sold over \$1000 of popcorn are guests of the Council and should be notified that they may attend the celebration for free. You do need to register for the event and a flyer for it is in this edition of the Patriot Press.

We've had several questions about the announcement of ScoutBook Lite. We only know what has been put out by National and that is it should be out sometime this year (suggested around June 1st) and it will replace internet advancement. It's reported to have additional features such as recording service hours and camping, and internet rechartering; but the features beyond advancement will likely be added after the original version is out. If your unit is already using ScoutBook, ScoutBook Lite is not for you as ScoutBook has everything the Lite version has and then some. We do know ScoutBook Lite will come to us at no cost.

Looking forward to seeing lots of participation at the Derby and the Camporee!!

Dave Astle, District Commissioner



Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.

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

NCAC Online Registration

Dear Unit Leader,

Last year the online registration system afforded our units the ability to either opt-in or opt-out of allowing online registration for their unit and that continues to be the case. A unit participating in online registration had a choice to allow payment of a registration by either credit card only, cash/check only, or either method. Just about every unit within the Patriot District allowed for either. If the registration was not paid by credit card, the Council would pay the registration from the unit account within a couple of days of accepting the registration.

Patriot's units were quite good at keeping sufficient funds in their accounts at Council to cover the cash/check option. However, the Council apparently had too many units not keeping sufficient funds in their accounts which caused an onerous workload at Council. As a result, Council **changed its payment option to credit card only effective Jan 1st**. This removes the unit's ability to choose a payment method and only a credit card can be used for an online registration. If a prospective applicant doesn't choose to use a credit card, they must complete a paper application to use the unit's account.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Dave Astle, District Commissioner



Looking for a Few Good Scout Tales

Do you have Scouts working on journalism merit badge? Or maybe you would like to share about the great work your unit is doing for the community. Tiger Days, Webelos outings, Eagle projects, and high adventure stories are all welcome. Send your successes and even trials to the editor of the Patriot Press and you likely will inspire other good actions by other Scouters and Scouts.

Patriot District would share our monthly letter with our great Packs, Troops and Crews, hopefully sparking imagination and activity. If the community is recognizing your unit, we would love to share the good news. Send your stories and pictures to joe.osborne@cox.net. Please keep the stories to about a page or less with pictures using 11 point font, first names preferred for youth. It also helps if you reduce picture size to less than 1 MB.

I have enclosed pictures from days long ago with Troop 1345 at the Burke Centre Festival and Earth Day cleanup to spur ideas. We would love to hear about your winter activities.



You can post pictures to: <https://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict>



Liberty may be endangered by the abuse of liberty, but also by the abuse of power.

~James Madison (b. March 16, 1751)

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

March 2018

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 District Pinewood Derby
- 10 Commissioner College
- 10 BCOLS (classroom)
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 27 PD Committee Meeting
- 30 Passover Begins (sundown)
- 31 SPST



April 2018

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – April
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Goshen Early Bird Payment Deadline
- 13-15 OA Lodge Spring Fellowship
- 20-22 Spring Camporee (Camp Snyder)
- 21-22 BCOLS (Overnight)
- 21-22 BALOO
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 26-28 Wood Badge (Weekend #1)
- 27-28 IOLS (Session #1)
- 27-29 OA Spring Ordeal
- 28-29 IOLS (Session #2)
- 28 Life to Eagle Seminar
- 29 Patriot Press Deadline – May
- 29-30 ARC Wilderness and Remote First Aid

May 2018

- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable & Program Launch
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Mother's Day
- 15 Ramadan Begins (sundown)
- 18 Goshen Regular Registration Deadline
- 18-20 OA Section Conclave
- 22 District Court of Honor
- 28 Memorial Day
- 31-June 2 Wood Badge (Weekend #2)

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: March 8, 2018

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, March 8, 2018

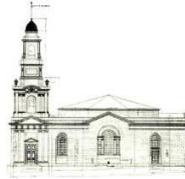
Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke

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

Topics: Adult Awards and Recognition, Scoutbook, Mental Health

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

Asst. Boy Scout RT Commissioners: Steve Polchek, Joe Margraf



March Patriot District Training Opportunities

February 24th saw the 2018 edition of NCAC's University of Scouting. There were over 900 Scouters in attendance from all over the area, including over 30 from Patriot. The tentative date for the 2019 edition is February 23rd, 2019.

With Spring approaching, the district is going to be offering a number of training opportunities in the coming months:

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training (SPST): SPST will be offered on March 31st from 8am to 12 noon. The training will be held at the Commons community center in Burke. This is a great opportunity for new assistant scoutmasters to come and learn how the Boy Scout program works from a couple of experienced Patriot district scouters.

Sign up now: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aa8a92aaaf58-patriot>

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO): BALOO will be offered April 21-22 (note this is a new date). Participants will arrive in the morning of Saturday April 21 and depart mid-day on Sunday April 22. This will be the first offering of the new BALOO syllabus that requires both an overnight camping experience and the completion of online modules before the class. Signups for the class will be in conjunction with the district's Camporee signup, coming soon. Remember that packs need at least one (preferably more) BALOO certified person at every pack campout.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS): There will be two sessions of IOLS offered back to back the last weekend of April. The first session will run from the evening of April 27 to the late afternoon of April 28 and the second session will run from the evening of April 28 to the late afternoon of April 29. Attendance is only required at one of the sessions to complete the training. IOLS is required along with SPST to be considered trained for the scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster positions.

Sign ups for both BALOO and IOLS will be online soon. Finally, thank you to the units that have already reached out to me about bringing training to them. If you would like to arrange training for your unit, please send me an email with details on what training you would like and potential dates and we'll try to arrange for a trainer to come out to your unit.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions regarding BSA training.

Yours in Scouting,

Justin



*From now on we'll live in a world where man has walked on the Moon.
It's not a miracle, we just decided to go.*

~James Lovell, Eagle Scout (b. March 25, 1928)



Patriot District Membership Notes

Try to encourage new to Scouting families to use the online registration available.

Identify your new leaders for next year as soon as possible and get them trained.

Your Unit Commissioner (UC) is good resource for a wealth of information.

Round Table is a once a month opportunity to meet with other Pack and Den Leaders to share successes and what could be done better. It is a wonderful way to stay up to date on Cub Scouting trends.

Get your Cub Scouts ready for Cub Day Camp. It is a blast, and a lot of fun, too!

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



Lions Becoming a Full Part of Cub Scouts



Result of 15 February 2018, National Executive Board

As its pilot phase comes to a successful close, the Lion program, which is designed for Kindergarten-age youth, will transition into an official part of Cub Scouting in the fall of 2018. Lion will join Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos as an official rank in Cub Scouting.

The BSA's volunteer-led National Executive Board voted earlier this week to make Lions a permanent part of Cub Scouts. The Bryan on Scouting blog has shared extensive details about what will (and won't) change in the Lion program. As the Lion program becomes an official part of Cub Scouts, it means that any Cub Scout unit around the country can begin recruiting new Lions and their families starting this fall. To find out more information about Lions, be sure to read the post on Bryan on Scouting.

Additionally, for more information on a Lion program near you, look for future updates to www.beascout.org as well as changes to the Lion information page on Scouting.org (which will be updated with new information in the weeks ahead). In the meantime, any Lion-related questions can be addressed by the BSA Member Care team at 972-580-2489 or MyScouting@Scouting.org.

FAQs on Lions Becoming Part of Cub Scouting

Statement Regarding the Integration of the Lion program into the Cub Scout program:

Recognizing the success of the national Lion pilot program, the Boy Scouts of America's Board of Directors have approved integrating Lions into the Cub Scout program empowering chartered partners with packs to offer the experience to Kindergarten-age children nationwide.

Integrating the national Lion pilot into the Cub Scout program enables chartered partners, along with the adult leadership in the pack, to offer the program to Kindergarten-age children, which families have requested and appreciated in markets where the pilot was offered to date.

Q: Why did the BSA make this decision?

To achieve our mission, we create innovative programs and evolve existing ones that respond to the needs of today's families and deliver them through dedicated community partners and volunteers across the nation.

Integrating the national Lion pilot into the Cub Scout program enables units to offer the program to Kindergarten-age children, which families have requested and appreciated in markets where the pilot was offered to date.

Q: When does the integration of Lion into the Cub Scout program take effect?

The decision to integrate Lions into the Cub Scout program will take effect for the 2018-19 program year.

Q: What does this mean for my unit?

The decision means that units no longer need to be pre-approved by the council to offer Lions. Moving forward, Lions will be part of the Cub Scout program, just like the other ranks that unit offer.

Q: When will the new Lion materials be available?

In addition to the t-shirt and hat that are now available, the new Lion materials, including the Lion Adventure Loops, neckerchief and slide, will be available in late summer for the fall recruitment season.

Q: Will Lion Guides now be called Den Leaders?

Yes, the name of adult leader was changed to align with the rest of the Cub Scout program; however, den leaders still facilitate and engage the families to each take turns in leading a den meeting and outing.

Q: Will the Lion uniform change so that they wear the blue Cub Scout uniform shirt?

No. The Lions uniform will be the Lion t-shirt, hat, and belt, with a neckerchief and slide optional after the completion of the 'Gizmos and Gadgets' adventure.

Q: Do Lions now earn Bobcat first before they work on their rank?

No. Lions work on their Lion first. When they become a Tiger they then begin to work on their Bobcat.

Q: What will the Lions be able to earn in the program?

Throughout their experience, Lions can earn adventure loops, the neckerchief and the Lion rank patch, which is to be worn on the front upper left-hand side of the t-shirt. When Lions cross over into Tigers they may wear the patch on the bottom of the left-hand side pocket.

Q: Can Lions do overnight camping?

Lions can participate in family camping with their pack.



Patriot District Day Camp

The Patriot District day camp event for 2018 is scheduled for the week of July 9 – 13. It will again be held at Gesher 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.



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 an NCAC sanctioned patch demonstrating achievement.

Dates for Upcoming Membership Activities

These Dates and Locations are provided for Unit Planning Purposes



Spring Recruiting

Plan **Now** for your Unit Spring Join Scouting activities. Get other to join in on the learning and the fun.



Recruiting new Tiger Leaders

Plan on surveying your current Lion Adult Partners to identify and recruit your new Tiger Den Leaders between now and June.



Join Scouting Night (JSN) Training

7-7:30PM before August Roundtable, Thursday 9Aug2018

Great video to help prep for this is located at

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/membership/membership-committee-meetings/>



Celebrate Fairfax

June 8-10—Planning on COPE Climbing Wall and More

County Government Center ~ 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035

Sat: 9:30 AM-5 PM & Sun: 11 AM-5 PM



Burke Centre Festival (Burke Fest)

September 8 & 9—District Membership Booth adjacent to Troop 1345 Conservancy Festival Grounds ~ 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke, VA 22015 Sat: 9:30 AM-5 PM & Sun: 11 AM-5 PM



Road to Scouting (R2S) 2018

WEBELOS Scout II AOL Scouts and their parents—Sunday 16 Sept 2018

Redeeming Grace Church, 5200 Ox Road (Route 123), Fairfax, VA

This is a great opportunity for these soon-to-be Boy Scouts and their parents to come and visit with members of the Boy Scout Troops of the Patriot District. Event starts at 3 PM for the WEB II AOL Scouts and their parents and is set to end by 4:30 PM.

Participating Troops start set-up at 2:15 PM.



Position Specific Training for Adult Leaders

Give the best Cub Scouting Program to your Den and Pack members by getting Trained for your position—contact our Training Chair Justin listed in this issue of the Patriot Press.

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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.

Key District Contacts

Table with 3 columns: Name, Title, and Email Address. Includes contacts for Ashley Felton, Steve Smith, Dave Astle, Bill Dexter, John Stewart, Mark Greer, Robert Mason, Justin Day, Kristin Chioma, and Robert Cohn.



The NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting
American Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid
Certification Course

When: Session One - 1:00 - 6:00 p.m., Sunday, 29 April 2018
George Mason University Jewish Student Center, 4601 Roberts Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

Session Two - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Monday, 30 April 2018
St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA 22015

Who: Adult leaders and Scouts/Venturers (14+) attending BSA High Adventure Bases this year. Others may sign up on a space-available basis. Class size is limited; all participants must have and bring their current First Aid and CPR certification.

What: Participants will earn the American Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid (When Help is Delayed) certification. To register, a participant must have current First Aid/CPR certification. BSA High Adventure Bases require crews to have at least two certified CPR and WFA members: however, it is a good idea to have more people certified.

Please eat lunch/dinner before you arrive. Do not bring food to the Jewish Center. We'll have light refreshments and drinks.

Bring: For Session one, bring camping gear in a backpack. Pack as you would for a high adventure trip. You will use your personal gear in wilderness emergency scenarios.

Register: Send the following information to phil.sternberg@gmail.com: Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, home and cell phone numbers, BSA unit type and number, and BSA Personal ID number (on your membership card).

Cost: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) covers the cost of American Red Cross fees and classroom training materials. Checks should be made out to "Jewish Committee." Write "Wilderness First Aid Training" on the memo line. Send checks to Philip Sternberg, P.O. Box 4052, Alexandria, VA 22303. Sign up as soon as possible. Scouts/Scouters with a financial need should let us know.

Questions: Email Philip Sternberg, phil.sternberg@gmail.com, 703-960-0205 (cell)



Health & Safety - Poison Ivy



Poison ivy is not your friend. All parts of the plant (leaves, stems, roots, berries) contain a toxic oil that binds to your skin, or your coat, shoes, dog fur, or anything it comes in contact with. It causes a nasty rash and blisters that can be spread all over your body by scratching, and can last for weeks. The toxic oil can be washed off with soap and water immediately after contact, but if it stays in contact with your skin for more than a few minutes it becomes chemically bound and cannot be washed off. There are several products on the market that are more effective for removing the oil than regular soap, if used promptly. If you get it on your clothing, boots, gloves, etc. it will stay there for a long time – a year or more – so you can "catch the itch" long after you have been in the woods. Some people seem to be "immune" to its ill effects, but beware – anyone can

become sensitized, even if you have not been sensitive before. The best strategy is to learn to recognize this plant in all its various forms, and at all times of year, and AVOID IT!



**NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**
9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

**Saturday, March 24th
10am—2pm**

THERE IS NO RAIN DATE FOR THIS EVENT

**POPCORN
SELLERS
CELEBRATION!**

Food & Drinks
Video Game Truck
STEM
Climbing Wall
Gaga Ball
Miniature Golf
BB Guns
"Ice" Skating
Archery
Carnival Games



\$10
Additional Family Pass
www.ncacabsa.org/popcorncelebration
One child birth to age 5 admitted free per registered adult

Camp William B. Snyder
6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA
For Overnight Camping Opportunities, Contact Camp.Snyder@scouting.org

Powder Horn 2018

The High Adventure Skills Resources Management Course

August 24 – 26 (a three-day course)

Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD

NCAC Powder Horn Course Director: Nick Maliszewskyj maliszewskyj@gmail.com

Presented by the National Capital Area Council, BSA

What is Powder Horn? Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting’s adult leaders to exciting program possibilities using a variety of resources for their unit. It helps leaders to provide a robust outdoor program that meets the health and safety requirements as well as the rules and regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs. The goal for participants is to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with contacts and resources needed to implement them. It is important to understand that Powder Horn is not a personal development course or a team building experience. It is not a certification course. Its purpose is to educate the youth and adult Scouting leaders about specific high-adventure skills, to connect them to resources to deliver those skills, and to get them excited about delivering those skills in an exciting, challenging way to youth.

Who can attend Powder Horn? All registered adult leaders are welcome. All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Adults must have completed Leader Specific Training for their registered position, as well as the on-line courses: Youth Protection, Hazardous Weather, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, and Climb on Safely. Youth participants (14 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed their unit leadership training, National Youth Leadership Training is recommended. All participants must submit Annual Health & Medical Record meeting physical requirements for a backcountry

What will we do? Powder Horn is organized around the BSA’s High Adventure elements. Topics may include:

Archery	Emergency Preparedness	Rifle
Astronomy	Fly Fishing	Sailing
Canoe	GPS - Geocaching	Scuba
Caving	Hunting	Search and Rescue
Communications	Kayaking	Stem
Conservation	Leadership Lessons on Film	Wilderness Survival
COPE Challenge Course	Mountain Biking	Winter Sports
Ecology	Pistol	Youth Development

What is the Course Size? The course is limited to 40 participants (32 adult and 8 youth).

Adult registrations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis to fill the 32 adult participant positions; when those slots are filled, adult applicants will be placed on a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Due to the limited number of youth participants, we are not able to accept youth registration on a first come-first served basis. We must be able to provide a balanced youth participation, and consideration will be given to those youth applications received by April 14. Youth will be notified via email regarding whether their registration has been accepted or wait-listed. Thank you for your consideration and understanding as we need to service all aspects of the Council and its youth participants.

How Do I Register? Registration opens Tuesday, March 1, 2018. The fee is **\$250.00**. The fee will include a \$75 deposit. This deposit will only be refunded if you cancel this application before June 13, 2018 **AND** there is someone on the waiting list willing to take your place. Register at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/powderhorn> by July 13, 2018. You will need to register with your BSA Identification Number.

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Spring Edition –

Articles Due
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May/Jun/Jul 2018

Friday, March 23, 2018
Friday, April 6, 2018
Wednesday, April 13, 2018
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018
Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Summer Edition –

Articles Due
Ad Agreement Forms Due
Ad Artwork Due
TO PRINT
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Aug/Sep/Oct 2018

Friday, June 22, 2018
Friday, July 6, 2018
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018
Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Fall Edition –

Articles Due
Ad Agreement Forms Due
Ad Artwork Due
TO PRINT
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Nov/Dec 2018 & Jan 2019

Friday, September 21, 2018
Friday, October 5, 2018
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018
Thursday, November 1, 2018

Winter Edition –

Articles Due
Ad Agreement Forms Due
Ad Artwork Due
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Feb/Mar/Apr 2019

Friday, December 7, 2018
Friday, January 4, 2019
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
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Friday, February 1, 2019

