Spring Camporee 2018: A Scout Skills Competition and Lots of Fun

The Patriot District Spring Camporee was held at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA, on April 20-22, with more than 190 Scouts and Scouters gathering to share in the weekend camaraderie and fun. Once again the event was blessed with favorable weather. Saturday brought bright sunny skies and warm temperatures, and Sunday, although an overcast day, was free of any rain. Participating Patriot District units included Scouts from Troops 50, 114, 1131, 1344, 1346, 1412, 1524, 1535, and 1966. They were joined by Scouts from Troop 150 of the Colonial District, and a girls Webelos Den from Patriot District’s Pack 873. William Wallace, OA chapter chief, served as the Camporee Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). It was a great weekend of outdoor Scouting activity for all.

Morning Has Broken: It’s a Beautiful Day

The theme for the camporee was Barbarians at the Gate: Scout Skills in Action. The main program involved a Patrol Skills Competition in which Scouts were challenged to demonstrate their proficiency in various fundamental Scout skills. The theme reflected a complex imagined scenario where a horde of barbarians had crash landed their boats on an island during a storm and required proficiency in numerous areas aligned with basic Scout skills to survive. In addition to traditional opening and closing ceremonies, religious services, and the Saturday evening campfire, other camporee activities included archery, air rifle marksmanship, dodge ball, and scaling the NCAC climbing wall. A special dessert competition was also held following dinner on Saturday evening, and on Sunday morning Scouts conducted a special service project, planting about 300 tree seedlings at selected locations around Camp Snyder.

Opening Ceremony: Troops Assembled, Honor Guard Ready, Raising the Flag

The individual stations for the Scout Skills Competition intended to demonstrate such skills were organized, set up, conducted, and scored by Scouts in the volunteering Troops. Scouts participating in the competition were organized into patrols of up to 10 Scouts, with each patrol expected to complete all of the challenges. The challenge stations Included:

- Crash Landing Challenge: Scouts were required to quickly create a stretcher out of available materials and transport an “injured” comrade 10 yards from where the injury had occurred. This challenge was led by Scouts from Troop 114.
Fire Building Challenge: Scouts were challenged to collect tinder and build a fire as quickly as possible using one of three methods: spindle and bow, flint, or a limited number (three) of matches. This challenge was led by Scouts from Troop 1346.

Tie It Up Challenge: Scouts were required to demonstrate their ability to tie several types of classic knots as described in the Boy Scout Handbook. This activity was led by Scouts from Troop 1344.

Build It Challenge: Scouts were challenged to build a fence using cut branches and square, shear, and diagonal lashings. This activity was led by Scouts from Troop 1535.

Splitting Wood Challenge: Scouts were challenged to split wood, reflecting the barbarians’ need to build up a supply to support their winter encampment. This activity was led by Scouts from Troop 150.

Cooking Pancakes Challenge: Scouts were challenged to cook and flip pancakes to feed the hungry hordes. This activity was led by Scouts from Troop 1131.

Barbarian Team Challenge: This activity was a special surprise event where Scouts were challenged to set up and traverse a rope bridge, with every Scout in the patrol required to complete the crossing. This activity was led by Scouts from Troop 50.

The competing patrols were judged on their skills demonstrated in completing each challenge, the ability to work as a team, and overall Scout spirit. The winning patrols were announced at the campfire on Saturday evening: First place, the Pheagles patrol, comprised of Scouts from Troop 150. Second place, the Gray Foxes patrol, Troop 1535. Third place, the Vipers patrol, Troop 1412.

For the dessert competition, entries were judged on taste, presentation, and originality. Judging the entries were Paul Hoffman, Don Northcutt, and John Merchant. First place was awarded to Troop 1524 for a “small but mighty” peach cobbler prepared in a Dutch oven. A pineapple upside-down cake with sweet cornbread, also prepared in a Dutch oven, earned second place honors for Troop 50. Third place was awarded to Troop 150 for its monkey bread entry, preparation details not disclosed.

Participation by the girls Den from Pack 873 marked the first time that girls had participated in a Patriot District Camporee as Scouts. One of the girls, Sophia Robertory, camped on site with her mother, Susan Robertory. Another five girls from the Den visited to participate on Saturday afternoon. In recognition of this singular event, Steve Smith presented Sophia with the first Patriot District Chairman’s Award patch. A patch was also awarded to William Wallace for his superb efforts as Camporee SPL.

Barbarians at the Gate: Scout Challenges
Other Fun Camporee Activities

- Splitting Wood Challenge
- Cooking Pancakes
- Barbarian Team Challenge
- Scouts Love Pancakes
- Archery
- Air Rifle Marksmanship
- Dodgeball
- Scaling the Climbing Wall
The success of the Spring 2018 camporee reflects the planning and work of many Patriot District Scouters. Heartfelt thanks are extended to all. Overall planning for the event, including budget preparation and logistics, was led by Bill Dexter, District Vice Chair for Program. Kevin Reed, who recently joined the Patriot District Committee, served as Program Director and led planning efforts for the Scout Skills Competition. Administrative details were handled by Pat Ring, Kelly O’Malley, and Lee Cass. Don Northcutt served as “grubmaster” for camporee headquarters. Commissioners on duty throughout the weekend were Lee Cass, Jae Engelbrecht, Paul Hoffman, Ken Gaul, and Jack Oliva. Rashid Abdullah was on duty as Snyder Campmaster for the weekend, assisted by Izzuddin Abdullah, who also served as assistant SPL. Archery instruction and shooting was led by Mike Stonkey. Air rifle marksmanship instruction and firing was under the direction of Ken Gaul and Kelly O’Malley. Climbing wall activity was supervised by John Merchant and John Cavan. Religious services on Saturday evening were led by Gary Klinger (Protestant), Howard Kaye (Jewish), and Ahmed Mashaal (Muslim). Bill Snowden served as camporee reporter and photographer. A special thank you is extended to our District Executive, Ashley Felton, for her support in providing the sound system used at opening ceremonies and at the campfire.

Bill Snowden, Patriot District Committee
Reporter/Photographer
From the District Chairman

Spring is finally here!

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

I would like to congratulate Bill Dexter and his committee for a fabulous Spring Camporee. Everything went well and every Scout I saw had a huge smile on their faces. We also had a very important Patriot District first at the Camporee. We had our very first female Cub Scouts in attendance for the day on Saturday! Congratulations to some of our newest Scouts from Pack 873!

I would also like to congratulate Joe Margraf, our newest Silver Beaver Award winner. Joe’s fantastic history of supporting Scouting made him an extremely qualified candidate for this highest award given by the National Capital Area Council. Please be sure and shake his hand when you see him.

We are making every effort to reach our goal for FOS 2018. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute to the campaign this year, please consider supporting Scouting by adding some of your treasure in addition to the support you provide in giving of your talent and time. Many of you have taken the FOS brochure with the intention of making your donation at a later time; please take the time now to make that donation!

I always ask you to Share Scouting! Please share this Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter and Scout Family this month. Then send the e-mail address to Robert Mason so their names can be permanently added to the distribution list. If you know Scouters in the District who are not getting the Patriot Press, please send their names to Joe Osborne (joe.osborne@cox.net).

As always, THANK YOU for what you do for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your support for Patriot District’s program.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve Smith, Patriot District Chairman

In my early days, I was eager to learn and to do things, and therefore I learned quickly. Each man is good in the sight of the Great Spirit

Chief Sitting Bull (B. 1831)
From the District Commissioner

To start, congratulations to the District camporee staff for the excellent spring camporee program at Camp Snyder over the weekend of April 20-22. Even the weather was wonderful, and a good time was had by all.

The May Roundtable will feature our annual Program Launch. The District Committee will have presentations and information on the various program plans for the coming year, including events and training. We will also distribute the Patriot District calendar for the year. Be sure to send at least one representative from your unit.

Looking ahead at other concerns –

As noted in last month’s Patriot Press and discussed in the article that follow, May is Youth Protection Training month in the Patriot District. The revised version of the training came out on February 1st, and includes significant changes in the information offered, as well as new requirements for your unit’s activities. Urge all registered adults to take the new training before the summer’s activities begin, and suggest that other parents take it as well to learn about the BSA program for youth protection. Youth Protection Training for both your registered adults and other parents helps with the goal of keeping our scouts safe.

Spring is the season for many changes in our units.

Submit registration forms for the boys joining troops, particularly watching for those Webelos Scouts crossing over from packs, as soon as possible. Scouts are not eligible for advancement as Scouts until they are registered in a troop. Boys new to Scouting can register on-line, but transfers must be done with a paper application.

Ensure that the new members of packs are promptly registered, either through the online registration process, or by paper application. Again, they are not members of Scouting or your pack until they are registered.

For all units, use the membership tools available in my.scouting to make sure that the members on your internal roster match those in the BSA records.

Finally, a number of units will be having changes at the top, the Institution Head/Executive Officer. Submission of a form is needed to record that change, but it’s not the adult application form. Contact your unit commissioner for assistance. Also, there will be changes among the committee chairs and unit leaders (Cubmasters, Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors). Turn in registration forms for those new leaders as quickly as possible so that they can be added to the information distribution lists for the District and the Council.

Lee Cass, Assistant District Commissioner

In reading the lives of great men, I found that the first victory they won was over themselves… self-discipline with all of them came first.

~ Harry S. Truman (b. May 8, 1884)
# Patriot District Events

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

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They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary.  
But when shall we be stronger?  

~ Patrick Henry (b. May 29, 1736)
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: May 10th, 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, May 10th, 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: Scouting Heritage MB, Annual Planning, YPT (What’s New)

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

Asst. Boy Scout RT Commissioners: Steve Polchek, Joe Margraf
Minute Man Sam And His Uncle Need You!!

Patriot District is in need of a Popcorn Kernel. Who wouldn’t want a cool title like that?? You get to be the Point of Contact between the Patriot units and the NCAC Popcorn Team, which is led by the NCAC Popcorn Kernel. This includes verifying unit orders in September, October, November, and December.

You also support the unit kernels by (1) answering their questions, which if necessary you can pass along to the Council Popcorn Kernel for an answer, and (2) arranging for show and sales at various local stores, and (3) creating an online signup process for the Patriot units. We’ve used sign-up genius in the past. Other responsibilities include promoting the popcorn initiative throughout the District, for example, setting up a popcorn table at the monthly Roundtables from 7:30 pm -8:00 pm.

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

There is no formal training to be a popcorn kernel. But you don’t have to do this on your own!! You learn from information provided at the Council Popcorn Kickoffs, asking the Council Popcorn Kernel, asking the prior Popcorn Kernel, and the online manual. Our District Executive, Ashley Felton, and a previous Kernel (Pat Ring) will assist and be on hand to assist and sub for the Patriot Kernel on an ad hoc basis.

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

May Is Patriot District YPT Month

BSA is committed to providing a safe, secure environment for youth and adults. On February 1st, BSA came out with a greatly enhanced version of Youth Protection Training. All registered adults are required to take the new version by October 1st, and no leaders will be rechartered for 2019 without having taken the new version. This is true even if the previously-taken version of YPT is still “current.”

To simplify YPT management, Patriot District Key 3 have designated May as YPT Month. Since every adult must retake the new YPT, everyone should take the training in May. Everyone will be complying with the mandatory 1 October date, and units will not have to chase YPTs during Charter renewal. In May 2019, only those who transferred into the unit will need to retake YPT. In May 2020, we’ll all retake YPT again to meet the every 2-year rule.

New this year, any adult attending a scout activity of more than 72 hours (such as summer camp), must be officially registered and have taken Youth Protection Training. So, join our May training.

Protecting our youth is everyone’s responsibility. Parents, you do not need to be officially registered to take YPT. Help keep us all safe!

Pass the word in April! Patriot will be 100% YPT trained in May!

Log in to your training account at https://my.scouting.org/ to take the updated YPT course.
Looking an Event Organizer for this Fall’s O-Fish-cial Hooked on Scouting Event

Yes, come one, come all to one or more of the Council’s soon to be announced Hooked on Scouting events to be held at a lake or other fishing hole near us. This Fall our recruiting theme is Hooked on Scouting so we want to get organized for new visitors, Dens, Families, Packs, Patrols, Troops to get “caught” by what Scouting has to offer our boys and girls.

NCAC will host five Hooked on Scouting Events. We are looking for an event organizer for the NCAC Virginia Central Service Area to lead coordination efforts (determine location, date, agenda) of our area’s Hooked on Scouting event. It is another excellent way for a family to spend some time together while participating in a Scouting event.

Troops, Crews, and Posts can help staff the event as well as interested Leaders and parents. As the event particulars become known you are encouraged to use these events as potential outings for your unit to participate in with newly recruited members and/or families that just want to check out what Scouting is all about. We would love to have any semi-avid or avid anglers from our greater Scouting Family help at these events this fall. If you are an angler of any experience level feel free to contact John Stewart at john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil to express your interest so we best utilize your talents.

Recruiting is not a once a year EVENT, It CAN BE an every meeting EVENT.

Statistics show that units who conduct Spring Join Scouting events have bigger successes in the Fall at their Join Scouting events than those that don’t. Try to connect with your potential target audience now before everyone disappears for the summer. Your well-planned Den meetings and outings, Pack Meetings, Patrol meetings and outings, Troop meetings and camp outs are all opportunities to attract new members and help them get the Scouting “hook” firmly set so that they will want to keep coming back from more. Sometimes life gets in the way of the original meetings plan, that is OK. Meeting Plan B may be just what everyone needed to have just that bit of spontaneity to have that much more fun while learning.

Thanks to all of you Youth and Adult Leaders who deliver the Scouting Program each week to America’s future leaders. Currently the Scouting Program reaches roughly about 20% of the potential youth out there. What a difference it could make if we could reach just a few more boys and girls and expose them to the character, ethical, and moral development that Scouting has to offer. If you know of a school, neighborhood, or locale in the great Patriot District that appears to be under/not served by a Scouting unit please contact john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil. Also, if you have any contacts in those areas those could be used by John and our District Executive, Ashley Felton, to see if we can open a door for a new unit. Again, thanks for all you do for our Youth.
Patriot District

19th Annual Recognition Event

Tuesday, May 22, 2018; 6:30 – 8:30 PM

We will recognize and honor our Unit and District volunteers at the 19th Annual District Recognition Event on Tuesday, May 22 at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Rd, Burke, VA 22015. We are planning a great evening of food, fellowship and recognition of Patriot District’s outstanding volunteers.

Come out and help us honor the volunteers that make Patriot a Gold district. We will be awarding the District Award of Merit, the Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award and the Patriot Spirit award.

There will be a gathering time from 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm. The program will start at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Questions contact Kristin Chioma, chioma@msn.com

Help the Patriot District “Celebrate Fairfax” in 2018

Need Climbing Wall Trained Leaders

The annual Celebrate Fairfax festival is coming to the Fairfax County Government Center on June 8th through the 10th. The Patriot District is planning on hosting a booth to display the Scouting Program to all of the visitors to Celebrate Fairfax, especially the visitors of Scouting age. Please let your Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, and Venturers know about the booth the Patriot District will have at the Celebrate Fairfax event.

We are planning on using the NCAC’s climbing tower for this event as well as any of our Youth Members and Adult Leaders to serve at the booth to demonstrate and show off the “fun” of Scouting. We would love to have a unit or two contribute a model camp site, and/or be prepared to provide some short Cub Scout or Boy Scout oriented training to visitors and or any registered youth so Scouts can experience some of the fun while learning outside. We would love to have a full schedule of personnel manning the climbing wall and the rest of our Patriot District booth, please contact John Stewart at john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil to sign up for your desired time(s)/day(s).

This can be an excellent way to get community families exposure to Scouting and potentially to join us.

Climbing Tower Training

We are attempting to schedule a climbing tower training event most likely at Camp Snyder towards the end of May. This training supports a couple of our goals: 1) to have a well-staffed Celebrate Fairfax event showing how Scouting is fun while learning, and 2) to get Climbing Wall trained Leaders in our District units so that this activity can be used as part of a Join Scouting event or unit activity. Please contact John Stewart at john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil if you or someone you know wants to get Climbing Wall training.
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 needs 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 making Pack visits to tell Scouts about the camp. If you are interested in having Niko come out and visit your Pack, please sign up and provide 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.

Niko Brown:  (703) 231-8781 nikobrown@gmail.com
Justin Day:  (540) 308-1626 kappahacksaw@yahoo.com

Family Camp at Goshen -- Memorial Day Weekend

Come on down and enjoy some family fun at Goshen Scout Reservation over the long weekend. We will have the waterfront, shooting range, COPE course, and handicraft areas open. All are welcome, not just registered Scouts. Closing Campfire is on Sunday night so have some fun skits, songs, and cheers prepared!

Registration is at: https://scoutingevent.com/082-goshenfc or go to www.NCAC-BSA.org/Calendar and scroll to May 26

Camp Staff Opportunities for Senior Scouts

Between Goshen and Snyder, the Council hires over 100 young men and women to staff the Cub and Webelos programs at Camp Snyder, and the two Webelos Camps, the three Boy Scout Camps and one High Adventure Camp at Goshen. If you have avid campers in your Troop who are age 14 and above, encourage them to apply to be a counselor at Goshen or Snyder. Several positions are still open in both the Cub and Boy Scout programs at our two resident camps. Counselors opportunities exist in Aquatics, Scout Craft, Nature, Field Sports, Handicraft, STEM, and First Year Camper programs. The leadership training and experience will be valuable for the rest of their lives, not to mention the fun, fond memories, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

More information can be found at www.gotogoshen.org/Staff or www.gotosnyder.org/Staff

Day Camp Staff Opportunities for Scouts and Adults

Patriot Day Camp is being held at Gesher Day School off of Shirley Gate Rd. July 9 - 13. Scouts and Scouters are encouraged to volunteer for staff. Help is needed on the BB, archery, and slingshot ranges, the climbing wall, the sports area, the STEM activities, and in other areas. Scouts can earn service hours or credit for Discounts to attend NCAC Camps. Training is provided. Scoutmasters can refer interested Scouts to the Day Camp Director.
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STEM

STEM Corner:

The National BSA STEM Committee has published two new Nova Awards for Cub Scouts! Follow the links below for the requirements:


Contact STEM@NCACBSA.org with any question.

Mark your Calendar:

In conjunction with the Program Launch, Patriot District will have a STEM display at Roundtable on May 10th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM at Saint Stephen’s United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke. There are STEM programs to display and hands-on demonstrations and experiments for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Venturers. Scouts will have opportunities to work on requirements for Nova and Supernova Awards. If you have STEM activities to display or demonstrate to the Scouts please contact Sokhom Kith, STEM Coordinator at skith123@gmail.com.

The Patriot Press
Patriot District
National Capital Area Council

The Patriot Press is the monthly newsletter of the Patriot District, NCAC, Boy Scouts of America. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the official policies of the National Capital Area Council or the Boy Scouts of America. This newsletter is provided eleven times each year (not in July) and posted at http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotPress

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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Troop 1346 Builds New Trail with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC)

On Saturday, 31 March 2018, five Boy Scouts and three adults from Troop 1346 (Burke, VA) worked with members of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC) to complete most of an important trail segment replacing a highly eroded and dangerous part of the Bull Run - Occoquan Trail near the Bull Run Marina. The Scouts completed over 7 hours of conservation trail work and the PATC leader (Robert Fina) also gave the Scouts interesting instruction on proper trail maintenance and building. Mr. Fina commented that the Scouts worked very hard and got about twice as much done as originally planned. Four Boy Scouts also completed their remaining trail work hours for the "50-Miler Awards" that they started at Philmont. They will be receiving those awards at a future ceremony.
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 experience.

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

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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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National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed for youth members of the Boy Scouts of America to learn and practice leadership skills to help them succeed in Scouting, in their careers, in their place of new worship, in their family, and in their personal lives.

NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the ideals of Scouting. Courses are delivered by a highly-qualified group of youth and adult trainers in a troop setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Participants engage in a wide-range of games, challenges, exercises, and adventures to develop their skills, attitudes, and confidence. Through these activities, participants gain exposure to the same leadership techniques taught to today’s corporate executives. NYLT participants learn many valuable skills including how to:

- Create a vision of success
- Set goals and make plans
- Listen and solve problems
- Make ethical decisions and resolve conflicts
- Teach and lead others effectively
- Put the needs of others first

All of these skills are applicable to every part of life and will follow the participants into adulthood, enabling them to be the most effective leaders—and followers—in any setting.

NYLT is not like summer camp and is not designed for rank advancement or earning merit badges. NYLT is an intense and challenging hands-on program that parallels Wood Badge training for adults. It is essential that NYLT participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this advanced training. In order to get the maximum benefit from this unique experience, participants must exhibit emotional maturity, a positive attitude, proficiency in basic camping and outdoor cooking skills, and ambition to serve in leadership roles.

Participants must meet the following requirements before the start of the NYLT course:

- Registered youth member of a troop, crew, ship or post
- Current BSA Health and Medical Record form parts A, B, and C
- 14 years of age or older, or 13 years of age with Course Director’s prior approval
- Have at least one year of camping and outdoor cooking experience
- Completed Intro to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), or Ships (ILSS)
- Attained First Class rank if registered in Boy Scouts
- Approval from Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Skipper, or Post Advisor
- Commit to attending the entire six-day course

All NYLT courses in the National Capital Area Council are presented as either a continuous six-day program in the summer or as two three-day weekends in the winter. Below is a list of upcoming NYLT courses.

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To register for NYLT visit myNYLT.org. Follow online for additional news and information about NYLT. Follow online for additional news and information about NYLT.