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Scouting Civic Service: Scouting for Food 2018

The annual Scouting for Food community service project was conducted by more than 40 Patriot District Packs and Troops. Instead of plastic bags being distributed in neighborhoods as has been done in prior years, stickers announcing the pickup date and instructions were distributed door-to-door on Saturday, November 3rd, with pickup of donated food taking place the following Saturday, November 10th. More than 1,000 people were involved in this important charitable activity, including over 750 Scouts and more than 300 adult leaders and other volunteers. The combined efforts of Scouts and Scouters resulted in 23,804 pounds of boxed, bagged, and canned goods being donated to the Capital Area Food Bank and local church food pantries for people in need. Congratulations on a job well done to all who participated to the great success of this important Activities & Civic Service event!



















Special thanks to Robert Cohn and John Merchant for leading assisting efforts by OA Scouts, to Bill Snowden for photographing the collection and sorting of donated food, to Lee Cass for his efforts addressing some of the administrative requirements, and to numerous other volunteers who worked throughout the day to help coordinate the efforts of both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. And a big Thank You to Safeway for their continuing support by once again allowing us to use their parking lot as the collection point.

Tim Ryder & Bob Boehme SFF Coordinators



From the District Chairman

Patriot District Family,

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and Season Greetings to everyone!

We are completing another successful and historic year in the Patriot District. We are ahead on membership and we have introduced Family Scouting! Congratulations to every Scout, Scouter and all our wonderful unit volunteers.

As we start the New Year we will continue to expand Family Scouting and we will be into the 2019 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. I ask that every Unit Key 3 please start talking about FOS and the importance of funding Scouting in the National Capital Area Council and Patriot District. Primarily highlight the fact that registration fees go to National, whereas FOS funds support our local Council.

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

Let's all work towards another successful year and keep Patriot District at the top in 2019!

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

Yours in Scouting,

Steve

Steve Smith
Patriot District Committee Chair





From the District Commissioner

We know all too well that National surprises us sometimes with new things we did not know were forthcoming. They've just done it again. If you click on the BSA Learn Center square on the my.scouting.org home page, you will find the following statement:

ATTENTION: Position-specific training courses for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts (Scouts BSA) are being updated and will be available January 2, 2019. Any progress on current training materials will not carry over to the new learning plan so plan to complete any in-progress training before December 31, 2018.

Please get the word out to any of your volunteers who are currently working their way through the several training modules for any of the position specific courses. We don't want anyone to lose credit for the training modules they've already completed, so please let your volunteers know they need to complete all required courses for that position by the end of this month.

We know we ask for rechartering to be completed in early November when the units don't expire until the end of December. The reason for that is National makes little changes to the software that we're unaware of until our units start doing the online rechartering. We've found a few issues this year that have necessitated resetting a unit's recharter program to clear unforeseen error issues. The good news is that just over half of our units have already submitted their recharters and been processed by National. Hopefully the rest will be done by mid-month.

Mark your calendar if you are a unit Key 3 or Key 3 Delegate. This position gives you access to some very useful tools within the my.scouting.org website. We will offer a session on January 12th on how to use these various tools. These tools include the Member and Training Managers, the Organization and Organizational Security Managers, and managing your BeaScout.org pin. We've had several changes to the Key 3 positions within our units and here is an opportunity to learn how to use these tools to help you better manage your unit.

Everyone knows that the Boy Scout program will become Scouts BSA on February 1st. Patriot District is all in with this change as we currently have seven troops with identified leaders who will stand up a girl troop then. They are Troops 1131, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1533, 1865, and 1965. They have already recruited several young ladies who can't wait to get started on their Scouting journey.

The District Award of Merit is the highest award a district can bestow on a Scouting volunteer. The number of awardees is a function of the number of units in the District. We can have three. The nomination form for this award can be found at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf and we need the submissions by December 31st. If you know a Scouter who you believe is deserving, download the form, fill it out, and give it to your Commissioner.

We wish our Patriot Scouting family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

David Astle District Commissioner

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

December 2018

- 2 Patriot Press Deadline December
- 2 Hanukkah begins (sundown)
- 11 Joint Committee/Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 25 Christmas
- 30 Patriot Press Deadline January

January 2019

- OA Lodge Banquet
- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 19-21 NYLT (winter session, weekend 1)
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- 22 PD Committee Meeting
- 24 District Committee and COR Training

February 2019

- 3 Patriot Press Deadline February
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 16-18 NYLT (winter session, weekend 2)
- 18 Presidents' Day
- 23 University of Scouting
- 26 PD Committee Meeting

BALO	D Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	NYLT	National Youth Leadership Training
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



No problem of human making is too great to be overcome by human ingenuity, human energy, and the untiring hope of the human spirit.

~ George H.W. Bush (1924 – 2018)

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: December 13th, 2018

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

Midway: 7:30 - 8 PM, Roundtable: 8 - 9 PM

Topics: Scoutbook for Leaders, Pinewood Derby

Word of the month: Courteous

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner cweskridge@gmail.com



Boy Scout Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, December 13th, 2018

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

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

Topics: Journey to Excellence, Boards of Review, New ILST Syllabus

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

Asst. Boy Scout RT Commissioners: Joe Margraf, Rick Priest

University of Scouting 2019



Saturday, February 23, 2019 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Hayfield Elementary School 7630 Telegraph Road Alexandria, VA

Tuition: \$40.00

Online registration opens on Wednesday, January 2 and will close at midnight on Sunday, February 17, 2019. After that date, tuition increases to \$60.00. Save the date and plan to register early.

Courses will be offered in five specific program areas:

- 1. Cub Scout College
- 2. Boy Scout College
- 3. College of Adventure
- 4. College of Effective Programs
- 5. College of District Operations
- Approximately 160 different classes will be offered throughout the day!
- Coursework leads to Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate recognition. Enjoy a Scouting museum and vendor displays along the midway.
- This is an event not to be missed. It is the only time during the year where you can find in one place the widest variety of training opportunities.
- Last year, more than 900 Scouters attended this event!!! More information is available at http://www.ncacbsa.org/uos

Upcoming Patriot District Training Activities

Patriot District Upcoming Trainings

January 12 – Unit Key 3 and Key 3 Delegate My.Scouting.Org tools workshop; 9 AM Landings Community Center, 6001 Cove Landing, Burke Please email planned attendance to Dave Astle, at dave.sonia@verizon.net

January 24 – District Committee https://scoutingevent.com/082-PatriotCOR

January 24 – Chartered Organization Representative https://scoutingevent.com/082-PatriotCOR

March 29-30 – Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) /Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) registration will open soon!

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

- Are you an experienced leader looking to share your passion and knowledge about Scouting?
 Do you like training activities?
- If you answered yes, please consider becoming a volunteer to help the Patriot District training team. We need leaders from all program areas to share their knowledge and passion with other leaders in the District.
- You will be given plenty of support and help with organizing and running any classes that you volunteer to lead.

If you are willing to help with training, please contact Justin Day at kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com

Currently, more than half of our registered adult leaders **have not completed** their position training. Additionally, many of our leaders have not completed the new YPT. It is important to remember that for your unit to recharter, all registered leaders need to have YPT completed. It only takes an hour and it will save time and complications if everyone in your unit gets it done now.

As always, there are multiple ways to get the training completed:

- Online at my.scouting.org
- Attend an in-person training
- Contact the training chair and arrange a unit training

Every scout deserves a trained leader, so please continue to encourage your fellow leaders to get the training for their position.

Justin Day Training Chair



Eighty percent of success in life is just showing up.

~ Woody Allen (b. December 1, 1935)

B-P Wants You!



Join the Patriot District Committee Great Jobs for Great Volunteers

Take your Scouting leadership to an exciting and rewarding new level.

Work with other great Scouters providing great programs for great Scouts.

Yes, B-P Needs You...On the Patriot District Committee

The Patriot District thrives because of dedicated volunteers like yourself. In the units, you bring the promise of excellent programs and activities to the young people who join Scouting to have FUN! Now, as more and more girls join to share in the fun we have been providing since 1910, all Scouters have more and more opportunities to impact the adults of the future.

Behind all the programs and organized activities are a group of dedicated Scouters on the Patriot District Committee. The District Chair and the District Commissioner work with our District Executive, and the Program Chair has a staff for camporees, day camp, advancement, pinewood derby, STEM, Scouting for Food, and the all-important training all Scouters need to be effective in their unit roles. The Membership Chair facilitates attracting new Scouts. The Development Chair (formerly called Finance) leads the Friends of Scouting, Popcorn Kernel, and our internal fundraising among Scouters and families. The Patriot Press, our website and Facebook presence are overseen by the Communications Chair. And all of these important activities are enhanced by the supporting efforts of Order of the Arrow and our wonderful Roundtable Commissioners.

It takes a lot of people behind the curtain pulling everything together and making it work when your Pack, Troop, or Crew arrives ready to have fun and learn. Many of these District volunteers also are active in the units. How do busy Scouters find time to work with the District as well? *Just one hour each week!* We all know that's not so, but by many people each doing one thing, we can accomplish a lot. It may sound impossible, but that's exactly how it all works.

If you would like to learn how the District Committee can enhance your leadership skills and learn of the important contributions you can make to the continuing success of the Patriot Districts Scouting program, please contact me. The District Committee meets at St. Stephen's UMC at 7.30 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month, although that meeting will not be held this month (December). Plan to join us at our next regular meeting in January!

Yours in Scouting,

Don Northcutt Nominating Committee Chair DonaldNorthcutt@gmail.com



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING 2019

Important Message for all Committee Chairs and Unit Leaders

It's time to get your slot for the 2019 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign. Please contact the District Vice-Chair for Finance, Mark Greer, to schedule your Family FOS presentation. Ideal times are Courts of Honor for Troops and General Meetings for Packs.

We need a date, time, and POC for every unit in the District.

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. Thanks!

Mark Greer Vice Chair, Development



VFW 2019 Scout of the Year

Each year Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Posts nationwide accept applications for SCOUT OF THE YEAR from Eagle Scouts, Girl Scouts Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award Recipients, and Sea Scout Quartermasters. Nationally, three Scouts are selected to receive a share of \$10,000 scholarship money. The first step is to get complete information at vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/scout-of-the-year; the second step is to contact a local VFW Post at FairfaxVet@gmail.com.

The deadline for submitting an application to a local VFW Post is **March 1, 2019**.



Goshen 2019 Registration Is Open!



Get ready for Summer, 2019! Goshen registration opened October 1st. Check out the updated dates, fees, and all the new information on the Goshen website, https://www.gotogoshen.org/ Forming a new girls Troop in 2019 and want to reserve space? No problem! Reach out directly and we'll help you get started. Can't wait for next summer? Neither can we. Check out upcoming events in your own backyard at Camp William B. Snyder.



The future of life on earth depends on our ability to see the sacred where others only see the common.

~ John Denver (b. December 31, 1943)

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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 bsnowden419@gmail.com.

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Join Scouting: It is Not Too Late to Join in the Fun

Yes, we are now into November. But guess what??? It is not too late to recruit a classmate, neighbor, friend, or sibling to join in on the fun and adventure of Scouting. Encourage your Scouts to reach out to their peers so they can be recognized as "Recruiters".

The more fun, learning, friendship and fellowship our Scouts can have the better. And what better way to share it than with a fellow classmate or friend from the neighborhood. Recognize your Scouts with the "Recruiter" strip for those who share their Scouting experiences and get a friend to join in on the Scouting adventure.

Every meeting and every outing can be a recruiting event. There is always room for one more to be encouraged to join.

John Stewart Vice Chair, Membership john.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com

Status of Family Scouting in the Patriot District for 2019

Family Scouting started in the Cub Scout program in 2018 with girls being able to join and be members in all-girl Dens in existing Cub Packs.

The following Packs in the Patriot District are participating in Family Scouting and are accepting girls for membership for 2019:

Pack #	Chartered Organizations
Pack 698	West Springfield Rotary Club
Pack 873	Canterbury Woods Civic Association
Pack 1347	Burke United Methodist Church
Pack 1346	Fairview Elementary School PTA
Pack 1534	Olde Creek Elementary School PTA
Pack 1864	Truro Homes Association
Pack 1865	Country Club View Civic Association
Pack 1965	Lake Braddock Community Association
Pack 1967	Kings Park West Civic Association
Pack 1968	Kings Park West Civic Association

Starting on February 1st, 2019, the Boy Scout program within the Boy Scouts of America will change its name to Scouts BSA and offer both boy and girl led programs. The all-girl Troops may initially be linked to the all-boy Troops by sharing certain aspects such as the Chartered Organization and Committee.

The following Troops in the Patriot District are presently planning to have an affiliated girls' Troop in 2019:

Troop #	Chartered Organizations
Troop 1131	St. Stephen's United Methodist Church
Troop 1345	Burke Centre Conservancy
Troop 1346	Burke Presbyterian Church
Troop 1347	Burke United Methodist Church
Troop 1533	Mantua Elementary School PTA
Troop 1865	County Club View Civic Association
Troop 1965	Lake Braddock Community Association

We want everyone to be familiar with the list of Cub Packs and Scouts BSA Troops listed above in order to be able to refer girls and their families to the units participating in Family Scouting. Thanks for all you do in extending a warm invitation to join Scouting to all boy and girl youth with whom you come in contact.

John Stewart Vice Chair, Membership



There is nothing wrong with having your goals really high and trying to achieve them.

~ Tiger Woods (b. December 30. 1975)

STEM

Science | Technology | Engineering | Mathematics











STEM Scouts is a national pilot program from the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). It is focused on fun ways for girls and boys to learn more about STEM subjects. Through hands-on activities delivered directly to the unit, this 26-week program is ultimately designed to be challenging, thought-provoking and, especially, fun.

How is the program delivered?

- The 26-week curriculum, designed and vetted by STEM educators, unfolds in modules that each address a single topic, such as chemistry or gravity, over several meetings. The activity materials for all meetings are shipped directly to the unit.
- At each meeting, STEM Scouts explore a hands-on activity. They
 rotate through different roles to learn leadership and cooperation,
 they discuss and apply the Scout Oath & Law, and they feature a
 STEM innovator or STEM professional who inspires the youth.

Who can join?

- The program is open to 3rd 12th graders, split in three divisions: grades 3-5, 6-9, and 9-12.
- Starting a new STEM Scouts lab (unit) requires a minimum of 5 youth and 3 adults.
- The unit fee is \$40; adult fee is \$25 and youth fee is \$200 (includes all activity materials).

www.NCACBSA.org/STEMscouts



The Akela Chess Classic February 2, 2019: Scouts BSA Tournament (youth from grades 6-12) in Herndon, VA February 9, 2019: Cub Scout Tournament (youth from grades 1-5) in Rockville, MD Under the direction of Roger Claff and Peter Snow, Powhatan District has hosted a Chess Classic for a decade! This year, they are expanding the Chess Classic to be Council-wide. This is a tournament with 5 rounds; scouts need to register for their age appropriate bracket. For registration and additional tournament rules, please visit www.NCACBSA.org/STEM



STEM University June 19, 2019 Microsoft Technology Center in Reston, VA

This is the fourth annual STEM University held by the NCAC STEM Committee! This event is for youth and adults. Adults may select from several of the following classes: Nova Counselor & Supernova Mentor Training, STEM Scouts, BSA STEM Roadmap to Success, Cub Scouts Science, and how to organize a large STEM event. Youth are invited to display their Supernova projects at our Einstein's Science Fair, or attend the hands-on activities rotations. The registration page will open in January 2019 on www.NCACBSA.org/STEM. In the meanwhile, please mark your calendars for STEM U 2019!









NCAC Jewish Committee on Scouting MERIT BADGE FAIR

Sunday, January 6, 2019; 2:00 PM. - 6:30 PM

The Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy 13300 Arctic Avenue, Rockville, MD 20853

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

<u>Merit Badges Offered:</u> 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

<u>To Register</u>: Please complete and submit the registration form on the next page 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. Scouts may also request a specific merit badge of their choice and we will try to offer it. Contact information for the merit badge counselor will be provided. Counselors will let Scouts know about prerequisites and how to prepare for their merit badge class.

Scouts should bring a Boy Scout merit badge <u>blue card</u> signed by their unit leader to give to their counselor.

<u>Fees:</u> The cost of the Merit Badge Fair is \$10.00 per Scout (\$5.00 for additional Scouts in the same family). This fee covers the facility fee, merit badge supplies, a special patch, and refreshments. Payment is due upon arrival. Please make checks payable to "NCAC BSA," and include "Jewish Committee Merit Badge Fair" on the check 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).



Jewish Committee on Scouting Religious Emblems Workshop

Sunday, January 6. 2019; 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
The Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy
13300 Arctic Avenue, Rockville, MD 20853

Jewish Cub Scouts, Grades 3-5, may work on the Aleph Religious Emblem Jewish Boy Scouts, grades 7-8, may work on the Ner Tamid Religious Emblem

For both emblems, Scouts can download their workbook at:

http://www.jewishscouting.org/emblems-awards/

Prepare: Participants should bring their completed or partially completed workbook to the workshop for our Religious Emblems counselors to review. Scouts will either get credit for completing the requirements or discuss what next steps are needed to complete the requirements. Cub Scouts and AOL Scouts should be accompanied by their parents. If a Scout completes the requirements for the AEPH Emblem or Ner Tamid Emblem, our counselors will explain how the certificate and medal can be obtained.

Fees: None. There is no cost to attend the Religious Emblems Workshop

Note: Please do NOT bring your own food or drinks to this event. Refreshments will be provided at no cost.

To register, pleases complete and email the registration form below.

Questions: Please contact our Jewish Religious Emblems counselors.

- Aleph Religious Emblem: Sharon Shimoff <u>sharonshimoff@gmail.com</u> (301) 592-1606
- Ner Tamid Religious Emblem: Susan Lichtman <u>srlichtman@verizon.net</u> (301) 916-0109

REGISTRATION Form: email completed form to registration@ncacjcos.org

Religious Emblem: Aleph Ner Tamid	Please check one.
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):	Scouting District:
Parent's Name:	
Unit Leader's Name:	
Scout's Mailing Address:	
City:	State: Zi:
Scout's email Address:	
Parent's email Address:	
Cell Phone:	Home Phone:



JOIN GOSHEN CAMP STAFF 2019!







GENERAL INFORMATION

Every year, the seven camps and which make up Goshen Scout Reservation employ close to 250 highly motivated individuals to participate in the experience of a lifetime.

Goshen is comprised of two Webelos Resident Camps, three Scout & Venturing Resident Camps, one High Adventure Base, and one Administrative Camp.

For all positions, the primary focus is delivering program to youth and adult participants, whether that's in a program area or a wilderness outpost. Other responsibilities include general duties based on the operations of camp.

At the resident camps (and for High Adventure staff when at base camp), staff have a canvas tent on a wooden platform to stay in and store personal equipment.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

We're seeking motivated and enthusiastic people who enjoy the outdoors. Prior experience in the Boy Scouts of America is not required.

Applicants must be 15 years of age or older to work at one of the Webelos or Scout/Venturing Resident Camps and 16 years of age to work at Lenhok'sin High Adventure Base and Camp Post. We are also seeking those 18 years of age and older for leadership and other positions.

Are you 14 years of age? Be a Counselor-in-Training at one of our resident camps.

Employment dates are from June 15 to August 7, 2019.

The National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, is an equal opportunity employer.

Please visit WWW.GOTOGOSHEN.ORG to learn more and apply!







CAMP SNYDER

NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2019 SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS WANTED!

WORK WITH CUB SCOUTS

LEAD FUN ACTIVITIES

GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS

BI-WEEKLY PAY + ROOM & BOARD

TRAINING BEGINS JUNE 29TH
CAMP ENDS AUGUST 16TH

Seeking friendly, outgoing, fun, and responsible individuals age 15 and up to be program wide Camp Counselors and age 18 and up to lead our Fort, Big Dig, Ship, Nature, and Handicraft program areas and to direct BB and Archery Ranges. We are looking for age 21 and up to direct Waterfront and Pool activities, as well as Camp Commissioner, Summer Director, and Program Director. Only 14 years old? Be a Counselor-in-Training!

LEARN MORE AND APPLY www.GoToSnyder.org

