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Spring Camporee: Zombie Apocalypse – Scout Survival Skills in Action

The Patriot District's Spring Camporee was held at Camp William B. Snyder on Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28. Although plans for a Friday evening start had to be changed due to challenging weather conditions and a lack of cooperation from Mother Nature, Saturday dawned bright and clear and 208 Scouts and 86 adult Scouters gathered early that morning to set up camp and enjoy the weekend. Included in those figures are 24 Scouts from our new Girl Troops and 20 Scouters who served on the camporee staff. The gathering included participants from 18 Patriot District Troops, including our new Girl Troops 1347, 1526, and 1533, as well as Troop 150 from Colonial District. Saturday was a blustery, blustery day, but a great time was had by all.

The theme of the Camporee was Zombie Apocalypse – Scout Survival Skills in Action. The theme was based on an imagined scenario involving an active Ebola outbreak in the Congo and the occurrence of zombie-like symptoms in infected, mutated individuals. Reflecting concern by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) that the virus could spread to the United States, a number of basic skills were recognized as being of critical importance to human survival. These skills include selected Scouts BSA skills evaluated at the Camporee, ones consistent with skills recommended by the CDC as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). They were evaluated in a Scout Skills competition as a key part of the camporee.

The Scout Skills events were organized and conducted by Scouts as a patrol competition under the direction of Scout Ibrehem Elhadj of Troop 114. The events involved eight skill stations run by nine sponsoring troops:

- Transporting a Zombie Brain for Medical Evaluation (Troop 150)
- Orienteering: Compass and Pace Count (Troop 1533)
- Where is my link up point with the zombie response force? (Troop 114)
- Splitting Wood (Troops 1525 and 1526)
- Cooking Donut Holes (Troop 1131)
- First Aid (Troop 1965)
- Team Challenge (Troop 1865)
- Improvised Stretcher Transport (Troop 1523)

Plans for a ninth station, Build a Fire (Troop 1524), had to be cancelled due to the safety hazard posed by high winds. The winning patrol for the competition was the Battle Patrol from Troop 1965. Winning second place was the Boys Patrol from Troop 1347. Third place in the competition was awarded to the Serpents Patrol from Troop 1965.

Other activities enjoyed by Scouts at this camporee, providing opportunities for Scouts to challenge themselves and have fun, included archery, air rifle marksmanship, dodge ball, and a trebuchet activity; high winds forced cancellation of plans to have the climbing wall available for Scouts use. In addition, a dual dessert competition was held early on Saturday evening, with Scouts of Troop 1965 being named the winner for its delicious Baked Apple entry; second place was awarded to Troop 1533 Scouts for their creative Apple Oreo Surprise. The adult dessert competition, judged by Paul Hoffman, was won by Troop 150 Scouters for their Berry Cobbler, which was loaded with fresh blueberries; second place was awarded to Troop 1865 Scouters, who prepared a magnificent Apricot Cake.

Following religious services and dinner on Saturday evening, the traditional camporee campfire was held in the Camp Snyder amphitheater at dusk. In addition to Scouts and adult camporee participants, the campfire was also attended by many visiting Cub Scouts and their families, with the amphitheater filled to capacity. This event was a notable first for many participating Scouts BSA Girl Troops and Cub Scouts.

Planning and execution of an enjoyable and successful camporee requires steadfast commitment and dedicated efforts by many volunteers, Scouts and Scouters alike. 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, who served as Camporee Director. He was assisted in these efforts by Ashley Felton, Patriot District Executive, who also provided the sound system used for opening and closing ceremonies and at the campfire. Administrative details were effectively handled by Pat Ring, Kelly O'Malley, and Lee Cass. Dave Astle, Richard Priest, Lee Cass, Ken Gaul, Paul Hoffman, and Jack Oliva served as commissioners. Mahmood Quadri served as camporee grubmaster. Archery activities were under the direction of Mike Stonkey, Mark Blanchard, and Zohra Sharief. The Air Rifle Marksmanship activity was organized and led by Ken Gaul, Kelly O'Malley, and Jack Oliva. Paul Hoffman and Mahmood Quadri provided oversight for the dodge ball activity. Bill Snowden served as camporee photographer and reporter. Religious services were led by Gary Klinger (Protestant), Elliott Schwartz (Jewish), and Fatin Elhadj (Muslim). During the Protestant services, Gary Klinger explained the Biblical setting for Apocalypse and also provided Biblical references for zombies. Opening ceremonies on Saturday morning, and closing ceremonies on Sunday, were led by Scouts from Troop 1865, which provided outstanding overall support for the camporee. The Troop provided the Senior Patrol Leader, color guard, bugler, and Scout chaplain. They also provided adult support for operation of the trebuchet.

*Bill Snowden
Patriot District Committee*

Spring Camporee Images



Opening Ceremonies: On a very windy day!



Archery Activity: Instruction, On the Shooting Line, Three Great Archers



Air Rifle Marksmanship Activity



Dodgeball on a Sunny Day: A Favorite Camporee Activity



Wood Splitting Scout Skills Activity



Trebuchet Activity



Transporting Zombie Brains for Medical Evaluation Activity



Donut Hole Cooking Activity

Girl Troop 1347



Scenes Around the Camping Field: Scouts Enjoying the Day



Scouter Volunteers Taking a Break



From the District Chairman

Scouters, Scouts, and Families of Patriot District,

Spring is finally here! At least a Spring with real seasonable weather!

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 soon for Cub Scout Day Camp.

Congratulations to Bill Dexter and his dedicated committee for organizing and conducting a fabulous Spring Camporee. After a slight delay due to some weather issues everything went well, but it sure was windy at Camp Snyder on Saturday. With the fantastic enthusiasm of all camporee participants, the Zombies never had a chance! Congratulations as well to Troop 1865 for a job well done with opening and closing ceremonies.

This month is our Patriot District Court of Honor, set to be held on Thursday, May 23rd at St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church (9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA 22015). This event provides an opportunity for every unit to thank a few special individuals supporting unit operations for their significant contributions to our Scouting program. Although nominations have closed for the Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award, they can still be made for the Patriot Spirit Award. Please forward the name(s) of your nominees for a Patriot Spirit Award this year to patriotdistrictawards@gmail.com so they can receive well-earned recognition and thanks for all that they do.

We are making every effort to reach our goal for FOS 2019, which has proven to be challenging this year. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute to the campaign, 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!

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

*Steve Smith
Patriot District Committee Chair*





From the District Commissioner

Our major event of the spring – the Spring Camporee – was held on a beautiful Saturday earlier this month, but only after weather challenges delayed the arrival of our Scouts from Friday evening to Saturday morning. Given the amount of rain and wind on Friday, I hope everyone can agree that cancelling the Friday arrival was the correct call. Thanks to all of our leaders and camp staff members for making the necessary scheduling adjustments to provide our Scouts a compressed and fun weekend.

The May Roundtable, May 9th, 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 plan to distribute the Patriot District calendar for the year. Be sure to send at least one representative from your unit.

We still have a number of Arrow of Light Cubs transitioning to Scouts BSA for whom we don't yet have applications. Please ensure their earning the Arrow of Light has been entered into either Scoutbook or internet advancement and turn in an application. These young Scouts need to be registered with a Troop before they can complete any rank requirements.

Our District Court of Honor is scheduled for Thursday May 23rd. It's normally been on the 4th Tuesday of the month so it's different this year. If you're a creature of habit as I am, you need to note that on the calendar. My calendar is marked, hope yours is too.

I know it's some time before July and some of you may be delaying a decision regarding participation in Cub Scout Day Camp this far in advance. But I have 40 good reasons for you to act now. The cost of day camp for early bird registration is \$190, and early bird registration has been extended until mid-May. When that expires, the cost will increase to \$230. We're currently running slightly behind on registration compared to this time last year. Please commit now and save your Scouts some money.

I promoted Cub Scout Summertime Award about this time last year, and I'm going to do it again as we only had one pack earn the award last summer. It's not that difficult. Schedule one Pack event in each of the months of June, July, and August. Do that and your Pack will earn the Summertime Award. The award can be earned by the Pack, each Den, or individual Cubs Scouts. Each Den that has 50% of its registered Cubs will earn a streamer and each Cub Scout that participates in all three events will earn a pin to be worn on his/her uniform. I encourage each Pack to keep your program active over the summer and earn the award. Start planning now.

David Astle
District Commissioner

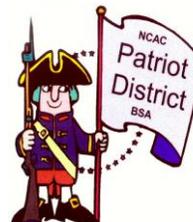


Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

May 2019

- 5 Ramadan begins (sundown)
- 9 Roundtable/Program Launch
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Council Court of Honor
- 12 Mother's Day
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 23 District Court of Honor
- 27 Memorial Day



June 2019

- TBD OA Chapter Banquet
- 2 Patriot Press Deadline – June
- 3 Eid al Fitr begins (sundown)
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 15 STEM University
- 16 Father's Day
- 16-21 NYLT (Cheltenham, MD)
- 23-28 NYLT (Cheltenham, MD)
- 25 PD Committee Meeting

July 2019

- No Roundtable or Patriot Press in July
- 4 Independence Day
- 8-12 Cub Scout Day Camp
- 28 Patriot Press Deadline – August
- 28-Aug 2 NYLT (Camp Snyder)

BALOO 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



It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

~ Harry S. Truman (b. May 8, 1884)



All Cub Scout Leaders, Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!

The Purpose of the Roundtable:

To provide the skill to do – skills, techniques, information, program ideas – and the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

To provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

When: Thursday, May 9th, 2019

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

Midway: 7:30 – 8:00 PM, **Roundtable:** 8:00 – 9:00 PM

Topics: Hiking for Cubs, Outdoor Skills

Word of the month: Brave

Please bring a snack to share!

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner

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Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, May 9th, 2019

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: Games, Aquatics, Annual Planning

Randy Witter, Scout Roundtable Commissioner

703-323-5220, Randy.Witter@gmail.com

Asst. Scout RT Commissioners: Joe Margraf, Rick Priest

Upcoming Training Activities

As we begin to head toward the end of the 2018-19 program year, this is a great time for your unit's Key 3 to take stock of who is and isn't trained. All of our registered leaders, whether they are on the program side or on the committee side, have opportunities to become position trained or continue to expand their understanding of the Scouting program and how best to support it. Let's continue to work toward getting Patriot to 100% trained!

Upcoming Patriot District Trainings

- While we will not have any further trainings this Spring, you can always reach out about a unit-specific training event

Upcoming NCAC Trainings

- May 8 & May 17-18 – Seneca District – BALOO & IOLS
- May 11 – White Oak District – IOLS
- May 11 – Western Shore District – BALOO & IOLS
- May 11 – Colonial District – Scoutmaster Specific Training
- May 17 – Francis Scott Key District – BALOO & IOLS
- May 19 – Seneca District – Den Chief Training
- May 24 – Powhatan District – Scoutmaster Specific Training

Additionally, NCAC in conjunction with the Outdoor Preparedness Initiative (OPI) will be offering a number of sessions of Wilderness First Aid. There will be one session per month running through May. If you are interested, you can find the dates and registration at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24507>

Another course that Scouts BSA troops and Venture crews may consider having leaders attend is Powder Horn. This course is designed to help attendees understand opportunities available in the local area to put on a high-quality High Adventure program. Participants also get the opportunity to experience many High Adventure activities for themselves! This year's course will be held August 24–26. Registration is currently open and is located at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24637>

As always, help is still much needed to put on a full training program for the District. Please consider joining the training committee, a minimal commitment, and participating when you can to help train new generations of Scout leaders! Every Scout deserves a trained leader.

*Justin Day
Training Chair*



Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.

~ John F. Kennedy (b. May 29, 1917)

**Cub Scout Day Camp 2019
Theme: Beneath the Sea**

Day Camp registration is currently open. Packs can register at www.gotodaycamp.org

Here are the specifics for the camp this year:

Dates: July 8-12, camp walk through will take place on Saturday July 6

Location: Geshher Jewish Day School

Time: 8:30 AM– 4 PM each day

Packs are encouraged to register together as a unit for ease of tracking at both the pack level and the administration level. Additionally, packs still need to provide at least one adult den walker per five (5) registered Scouts (excluding Tiger Scouts who need an individual adult partner). The final day for packs to turn in all required paperwork will be June 17th. We will be holding a paperwork open house at the Oaks Community Center in Burke for packs to drop off the paperwork.

Please note that early bird pricing for day camp has been extended. The pricing of \$190 will now run until May 19th, after which it will increase to the full price, \$230. We have a number of packs that haven't signed up yet so please take advantage of the opportunity to get on board at a lower cost!

We still need to fill a few camp staff positions. On the adult side, we are looking for help with our slingshot station (no certification required) and our climbing wall station. Certification is not required to help on the wall, but if you are interested in getting certified to run the climbing wall, we can arrange a training session. On the youth side, we still need quite a few volunteers. I currently only have three (3) Scouts per day and we need at least 15-20 to fully staff the camp! Troops and Crews, please talk with your scouts and encourage them to consider coming out to help.

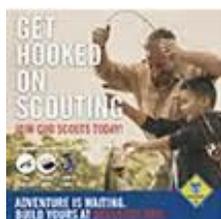
Please direct any questions to me at kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com

See you beneath the sea!

*Justin Day
Day Camp Director*



Hooked on Scouting



Our Fall “Hooked on Scouting” event date will be announced soon. This event provides an opportunity for newly recruited Scouts to participate in fishing-oriented activities and fun. If you have an interest or experience in fishing please send contact Ashley Felton, Patriot District Executive at Ashley.felton@scouting.org or John Stewart, District Vice Chair for Membership, at john.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com



*You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going,
because you might not get there.*

~ Yogi Berra (b. May 12, 1925)

Patriot District COH: Plan to Attend! May 23, 2019

What: 2019 Patriot District Court of Honor and Celebration

When: Thursday, May 23, 2019; **Time:** 7 PM – 9 PM

Where: St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church (9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA 22015)

Awards to be presented at the Court of Honor include the District Award of Merit, the Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award, and the Patriot Spirit Award:

The District Award of Merit – This is a Council level award presented by the District for exceptional and dedicated service to youth in and out of Scouting for an extended period of time. It is the highest award at the District level and is authorized for presentation to one individual per 25 units chartered within the District.

Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award – Typically awarded to up to five (5) Scouters per year. This award is to recognize Scouters who have made significant impacts at the unit and/or District level. It is usually made to someone who has been actively involved in Scouting for at least a few years.

Patriot Spirit Award – Each unit may nominate one or two people for this award. This award is a great way for units to recognize volunteers who have made significant impacts in the last year or over the course of a few years

We are still accepting nominations for the Patriot Spirit Award, which is open to any member of the Patriot District. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please send an email with a short description of the nominee’s Scouting accomplishments to patriotdistrictawards@gmail.com All awardees will be recognized at the Patriot court of honor on May 23rd.



Goshen 2019 Registration



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.



Summer 2019 Northern Tier High Adventure Opportunity

Troop 1865 has two openings for Scouts who might like to join a crew for an exciting high adventure trek to Northern Tier this summer. Training starts soon, so please contact us if interested. The first opening is for the week of June 16-26. The second opening is for the week of July 28 - August 6. To discuss costs and flight arrangements, please contact Denise Steene at leuctra@verizon.net

This is a great opportunity for Scouts whose troop doesn’t have a high adventure activity scheduled this summer to participate in some great Scouting fun. If there are other troops with available slots in their high adventure crews this summer, please contact Dave Astle, Patriot District Commissioner (dave.sonia@verizon.net), who will assist in trying to fill them.

Join Scouting: Bring a Friend, March in a Parade, Community Events

There are many ways to share Scouting with others. Part of the sharing can be encouraging Scouts to “bring a friend” to a unit event that demonstrates the fun of Scouting. Another way is for your unit to find out when local community events are scheduled and then coordinating to participate in the event(s). These events can range from the unit conducting the opening flag ceremony and leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance; to marching in a community-wide parade for the 4th of July or other event; organizing a fundraising booth or assisting at a Scouting demonstration booth at events like Celebrate Fairfax, the Lake Accotink Cardboard Boat Regatta, or the City of Fairfax 4th of July Parade. Your unit might also attend fall Burkefest in your uniform to hand out flyers.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. What better way is there to help others participate in the “lifelong learning” that Scouting is than to “show and tell” others how great the program is? Do your best to “share” Scouting in your daily life too by continuing to “do a good turn daily” and to “Be Prepared” for whatever may come your way. Help other see and join in the Scouting adventure.

Recruiting, Lions, Bridging Arrow of Light Scouts

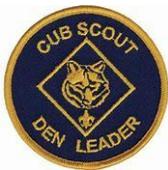


Recruiting is a year-round activity. We should put an emphasis on it at meetings and activities throughout the year in seeking to attract new youth members at quality events. This doesn’t take away from our usual recruiting big pushes in the Spring and Fall, but it provides an opportunity at each meeting and event to let prospective Scouts and their parents see the fun of Scouting.

Attempt now to reach out to local pre-schools and other pre-K organizations such as MOPs to stimulate the interest of future kindergartners who can join Cub Scouting as Lions. We have done well with the addition of Lions as a permanent part of our Cub Scout Packs



this year. Getting kindergartners to join us as Lions is important, but it is also important to ensure that they are having a GREAT Scouting experience at their twice-a-month gatherings (one meeting and one outing) so that they will want to continue on up the Cub Scout trail. Try to have for an “experienced” Den Leader to lead your Lion Den, or to have an experienced Leader help coach your new Lion Den Leaders.



At the other end of Cub Scouting experience are the second-year WEBELOS Scouts who have been working toward earning the Arrow of Light (AoL). They should be visiting Scouts BSA Troops as part of their AoL requirements. These Scouts and parents should both assess how well the visited Troops feel as a good “fit” as the decision is made regarding which unit to bridge into upon award of the AoL. Packs should follow-up with their bridging Scouts to ensure that there is a good hand-off to the gaining Troop.



Yours in Sharing Scouting,

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Spring Recruiting is Underway in the Patriot District!!

Many units have already started the detailed planning for their spring recruiting events. Help make your events be memorable by going down your checklist and insuring you have all of your bases covered.

Accompanying this article are a flyer for distribution to neighboring pre-schools and pre-school groups to advertise for new Lions to join your Packs (page 19), and a New Family Lion Brochure to share with families who visit your pack of to share a handful at nearby pre-schools (page 20).

Please get your Join Scouting events info submitted to me as soon as you know the Dates, Times, and Locations. Thanks for all you do for our youth members every day.

Yours in Scouting!

John R. Stewart
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Pack 1344 ROCKS!

Be Brave.

That's the message one Wolf Scout from Pack 1344 in Burke painted on a rock as part of a Kindness Rocks service project. Kindness Rocks is a nationwide initiative to spread a little happiness and kindness in local communities by hiding painted rocks for others to find.

The Wolves painted dozens of rocks during a recent Den meeting. Many of the rocks included notes of encouragement like *Smile* and *You're Nice*. At the next meeting, the Scouts hid the rocks around the grounds of Cherry Run Elementary School for other students to find in the morning.

The Scouts enjoyed painting and hiding their rocks. We hope the Cherry Run students enjoyed finding them!



Provided by Carrie Messersmith cmessersmith@gmail.com

B-P Still Wants You!



To 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.

Contact Steve Smith: smithfamilyzoo@cox.net

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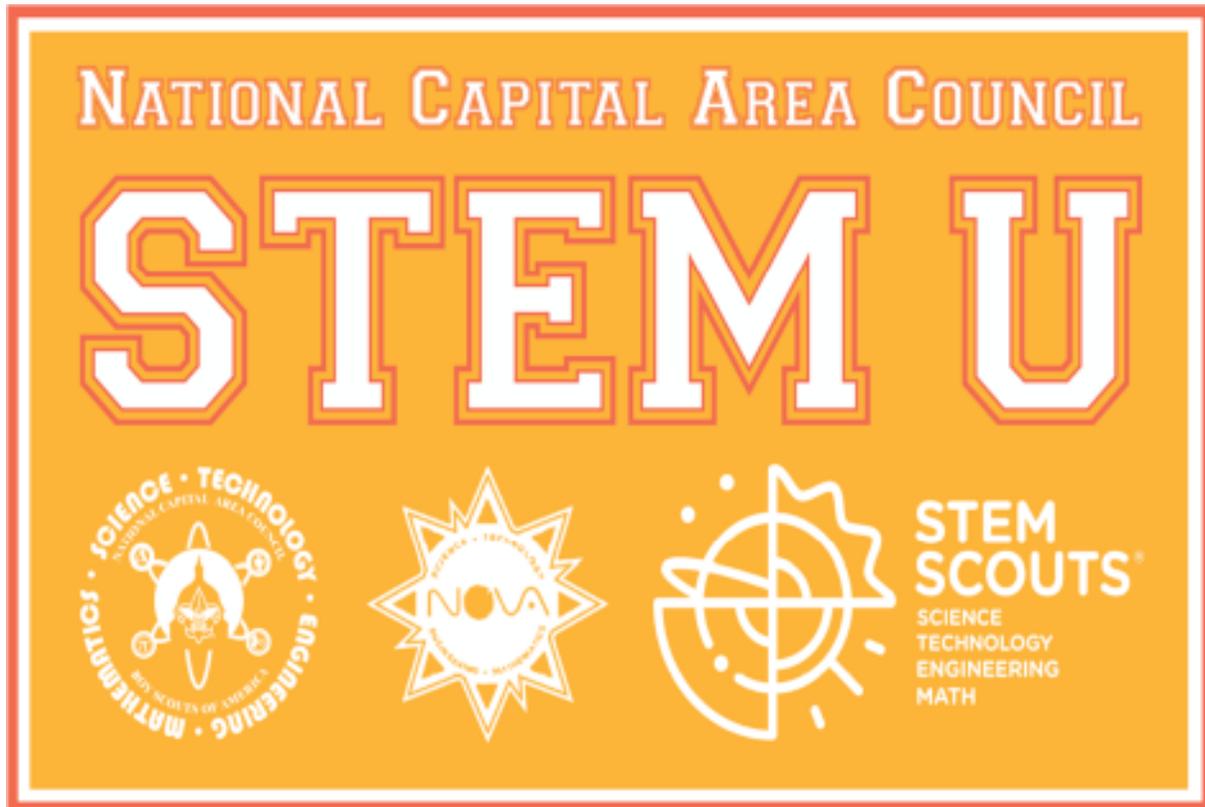
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STEM University



The NCAC STEM Committee is hosting the fourth annual STEM University and you are invited! The event includes a **youth** science fair, cub scout Supernova activities, Scouts BSA/Venturer Scout Nova activities, and **adult** leader trainings on STEM.

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019 **Location:** MTC in Reston, VA

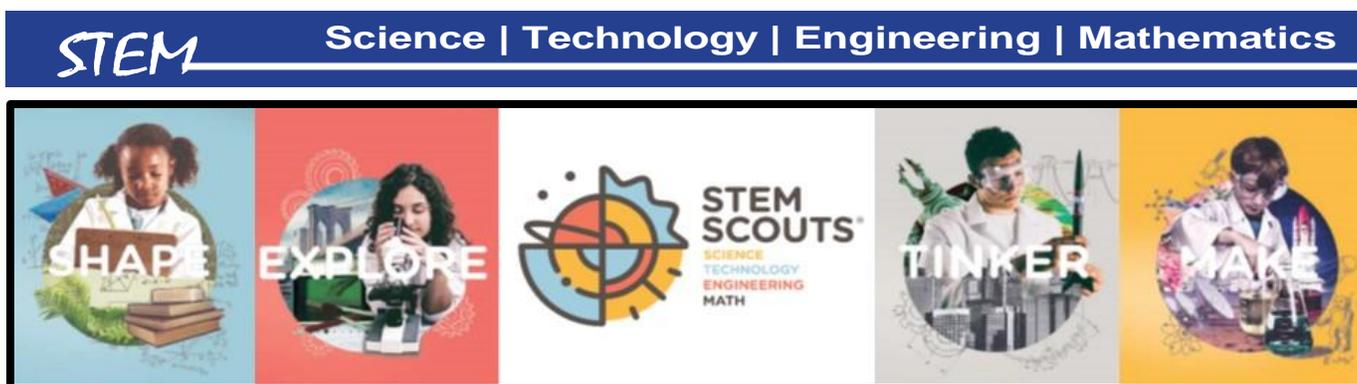
Who should attend? All Scouting leaders & all Youth!

Registration and further information: www.ncacbsa.org/stem

Adult leader classes will include: Supernova Mentor & Counselor training, STEM Scouts Lab orientation, Science activities for Cubs, Scouts BSA STEM and more!

Questions: email us at stem@ncacbsa.org





Similarities and Differences in STEM in Scouting and STEM Scouts

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Since the birth of BSA over a century ago, STEM has an integral part of the development program, complementary to the camping movement. The founders of BSA embedded scientific concepts and engineering skills throughout the informal instruction merit badge system to inspire Scouts to enjoy learning at the early age. To name just a few: Architecture, Astronomy, Aviation, Chemistry, Electricity, Machinery and Surveying are among the original 57 merit badges. Today, STEM and STEM-related merit badges combined outnumber the total original BSA merit badges.

In the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) there concurrently exists two separate but related STEM programs – STEM in Scouting and STEM Scouts. Understanding the similarities and differences between them is helpful in deciding which program is a better fit for your Scouts.

STEM in (traditional) Scouting is based heavily on the merit badge award system and practical experiments conducted as part of regular outdoor activities. Scouts learn how to read maps and use a compass to find directions during their hiking or estimate the height of objects using sample geometry. About a decade ago, the national STEM committee developed the Nova and Supernova Awards program to expand STEM literacy and knowledge to catch up with the rapid increase in scientific discoveries and technological innovations. The program requirements include reading or watching scientific programs, and Scouts work with adult counselors and mentors to expand their understanding of STEM subjects. By exploring STEM-related career, scouts are nurtured to appreciate the leaning of STEM in early years and prepare themselves for a bright future.

In the fall of 2018, following dozens of other councils across the country, NCAC adapted the newest BSA national pilot program called STEM Scouts. This 26-week coed after-school program comprises two lab safety meetings and four six-week modules. Participating Scouts are inspired to explore STEM topics with enjoyable and educational hands-on experimental activities in a “laboratory” setting. They learn to make ethical and moral choices consistent with the values reflected in the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and they are encouraged to pursue STEM careers. Character, citizenship, leadership, and fitness are embedded throughout the weekly activities and monthly outings.

The national Scouts BSA organization has expanded STEM programs to meet the needs of every Scout. Individual Scouts may prefer the “Kitchen science” or “laboratory science” approaches, but there are various choices that can be made. If Scouts like the outdoors and camping, they can work toward earning Nova and Supernova awards as part of the STEM in Scouting program. If Scouts prefer indoor activities, they would most enjoy the STEM Scouts program. But perhaps no choice is necessary. Enthusiastic Scouts inspired by STEM are free to participate in both programs.

Summary of Scouts BSA STEM Programs:

Similarities

STEM in traditional Scouting	STEM Scouts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units are called <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Packs, dens, Cub Scout Troops, patrols, Scouts Crews, Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth: Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), Assistant SPLs, Patrol leaders (PLs), Assistant PLs Adults: Scoutmaster (SM), Assistant SMs Charter Organization Scout Oath and Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Units are called <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Labs, grade 3-5 Technology Labs, grade 6-8 Research Labs, grade 9-12 Leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth: Principle Investigator (PI), Co-PIs, Program Manager and Technicians Adults: Lab Manager and Assoc. Lab Managers Sponsoring Organization Scout Oath and Law

Differences

STEM in Scouting	STEM Scouts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor environment “Kitchen science” Nova/Supernova Awards are optional to trail to Eagle Elected leadership positions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly Indoor setting “Laboratory science” STEM is the main focus; no option to get Eagle rank Appointed, module rotated leadership positions

Sokkhom Kith
STEM Coordinator





A WORD FROM THE CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

"Combined with formal education, the Lion program helps cultivate positive character-building experiences that are vital for youth at this stage in their development."

Michael Surbaugh
Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America



JOIN THE PACK

READY TO BE A PART OF BSA'S LION PROGRAM?

You can find your nearest council by visiting www.scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx, and get all the details about joining the Lion program at www.scoutingwire.org/lion.

FROM ONE PARENT TO ANOTHER

"I'm amazed at how much my child blossomed in the Lion program. I had such a great time seeing my child learn and grow. It was fun to do things together, but also let the Lions try new things on their own. It was definitely worth our time this year."
—Claire R.



FOR YOUTH THE YEAR BEFORE FIRST GRADE OR 5 YEARS OLD



LION PROGRAM
KINDERGARTEN-AGE YOUTH



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A study conducted by Tufts University found that youth who participate in Scouting exhibit positive character attributes, allowing them to embrace new opportunities, overcome obstacles, and become better prepared for future success.
—Wang et al., 2015

Research shows 23% of parents of school-age children rely on after-school activities where they can make friends, explore their surroundings, and further their learning and development.
—Afterschool Alliance, 2014

WELCOME TO LIONS!

Welcome to the newest BSA program—Lions. We're answering the call for after-school adventures for kindergarten-age youth that are fun while also encouraging character development.

We're sure your child is going to love it!

A ROARING SUCCESS

Here's how other youth and parents have described the Lion program:

- "Fun!"
- "Is hands-on and active."
- "Develops new skills."
- "Builds character."
- "Is age-appropriate!"
- "Is a good use of my time."
- "Is simple and easy to implement!"

Here are just a few of the great activities your child will get to participate in:

- "Fun on the Run"
- "Lion's Honor"
- "Pick My Path"
- "Gizmos and Gadgets"
- "On Your Mark"
- "Build It Up, Knock It Down"

Other adventures that will instill a sense of respect for their peers and emphasize the importance of family, courage, and making good choices.



BUILD YOUR LION ADVENTURE!

Scouting's program for kindergarten age boys and girls.
For more information visit www.beascout.org.



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NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) equips young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scouting program and in life. NYLT brings together Scouts from all over the council to learn and practice leadership techniques in a risk free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.



6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE

TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD

CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

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

REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

COURSE DATES

- 19-21 January & 16-18 February
Camp William B. Snyder
(Must complete both weekends)
- 16-21 June 2019
Cheltenham, MD
- 23-28 June 2019
Cheltenham, MD
- 28 July-2 August 2019
Camp William B. Snyder
- 4-9 August 2019
Camp William B. Snyder

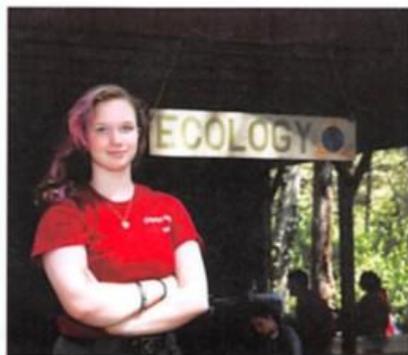


REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

www.myNYLT.org



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

