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From the District Chairman

Steve Smith is away on business and also taking a well-deserved vacation. His Patriot District Committee comrades are confident he is enjoying his time away and the great outdoors as he encouraged us all to do in his comments in the June Patriot Press. We look forward to his return later this month.

Summer: A Great Time to Enjoy the Outdoors!



Sailing under bright blue skies is a great way to spend a summer day.



Hiking in the mountains – maybe at Philmont – is a great experience, too.





From the District Commissioner

Seems like the school year ended just a few weeks ago and now the stores are full of back-to-school supplies. I don't know why summers go so quickly unless it's because we're having so much fun at summer camp, high adventure, Cub Scout Day Camp and family vacations. Fortunately, we still have the rest of August to participate in summer activities, and we currently have Scouts enjoying the great outdoors at Philmont, Sea Base, and Northern Tier. There's also still time for your Pack to have another family outing.

With the new school year comes a new Scouting year, and that typically means recruiting new members. As you plan what and when your unit will have a recruiting event, please let us know the details. We can then have the Council advertise your event on social media. This is called geofencing, and Council statistics show turnouts are better and there's about a 10% increase in new memberships when it's used. A flyer on Geofencing is included in this issue of the Patriot Press on page 13.

Also, with the new Scout year comes some new adults to your units as well as movement of people within the various adult positions. Every registered position has training available that is specific to that position. One of the best things an adult can do for the unit in which they participate is to be trained. But our Packs currently have only 40% of adult leaders trained. Our Troops are slightly better at 42% adults leaders trained. Except for BALOO for Packs and IOLS for Troops, all training is now conducted online. Let's set a goal of getting as many adults as possible fully trained in their registered position by calendar year's end. It's really not that difficult, and your Scout's really do deserve trained adult leaders.

We hold our Roundtables the second Thursday of each month. They are held at St Stephens United Methodist Church on Braddock Road beginning at 7:30 PM. Roundtables provide a great opportunity to meet fellow Scouters in the District, and the breakout sessions, which are Cub Scout and Scouts BSA specific, are where we can get new information and learn from each other. Topics covered are generally generated from input from our unit leaders. Roundtable is not just for leaders, however. Any adult, whether in a registered position or not, is most welcome. Attendance at our Roundtables has been on the decline of late and we have several units who choose not to participate. Every unit should have someone attend as the whole purpose to Roundtable is to better prepare the adults to offer the best program possible to our Scouts.

Hope everyone has had a great summer so far and that they have plans to make the most of the remainder of August. Looking forward to hearing about the exciting things accomplished over the summer.

David Astle
District Commissioner

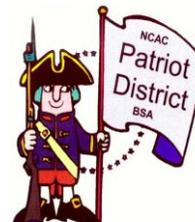


Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

August 2019

- 4-9 NYLT
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 JSN Training at Roundtable
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 24 OA Chapter Picnic/school-year kickoff
- 24-26 Powder Horn, Camp St Charles
- 27 PD Committee Meeting



September 2019

- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – September
- 2 Labor Day
- 5-7 Wood Badge (weekend 1)
- 7-8 *Burke Fest*
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 15 Road to Scouting
- 20-22 OA Lodge Fall Fellowship
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 28 BCOLS (classroom session)
- 29 Rosh Hashanah begins (sundown)
- 29 Patriot Press Deadline – October

October 2019

- TBD IOLS/BALOO
- 3-5 Wood Badge (weekend 2)
- 4-6 OA Fall Ordeal (Camp Snyder)
- 8 Yom Kippur begins (sundown)
- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 12-13 BCOLS (overnight session)
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Columbus Day
- 22 PD Committee Meeting
- 25-27 V3 Hike-o-Ree, 4-H Center, Front Royal
- 25-27 Patriot District Fall Camporee

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



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, August 8, 2019

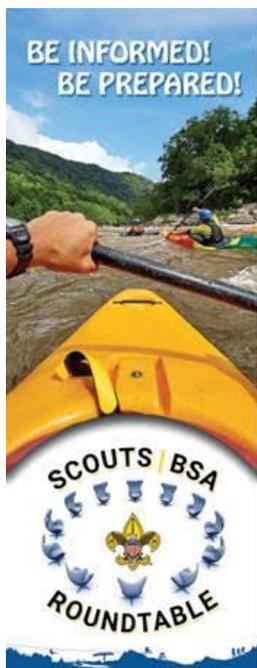
Where: Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road

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

Topics: Recruiting tips for youth and adults, the importance of having a New Member Coordinator, and STEM and Scoutcraft games to use in meetings.

Word of the month: Trustworthy

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
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Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, August 8, 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: Unit Summer Review, Jamboree, Internet Advancement 2.0

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Cub Scout Day Camp 2019: A Great Event
Theme: Beneath the Sea

The 2019 edition of the Patriot District Cub Scout Day was held from July 8 to July 12 at Geshar Jewish Day School in Fairfax. More than 160 Cub Scouts from the Patriot, George Mason, and Old Dominion Districts participated this year, and they all were treated to a fun week of Scouting activities.

The Cub Scouts got to practice their marksmanship at three different shooting stations, BBs, archery, and slingshot. They also enjoyed the challenge of scaling the Council's 24 foot mobile climbing tower. On another popular activity, the Cubs were able to explore their world at a Scouting skills station and practice "leave no trace" principles. They also had an opportunity to practice some civil engineering at the STEM station, where they learned about and then built popsicle bridges. The highlight of activities at the STEM station occurred on Thursday when the Cubs got to load test their bridges and see how much weight their designs could hold. One was able to hold over 25 lbs, which is very impressive for popsicles!

The week's activities ended on a high note with a visit by personnel from the Glen Echo aquarium, who made a presentation to the Cubs on the ocean ecosystem. They even brought a few sea creatures for the Scouts to see up close and touch, including a very cool miniature shark. Despite a bit of rain on a couple of days, the Scouts enjoyed a great week of fun!

A hearty THANK YOU to the many adults who volunteered for the week and helped to make the camp so successful: Manaal Qadri, Cathy Constantine, Bill Dexter, John Merchant, Paul Hoffman, Zohra Sharief, Pat Ring, Jason Constantine, Gene Sampson, Debi Gower, Meredith Gower, John Cavan, John Stewart, Andrew Gower, and Matt Jones. Thanks are also extend to the many Scouts who came out and volunteered for the week as well.

We're already hard at work planning the 2020 edition of Day Camp. Please consider volunteering some time next summer. Information will be provided in future editions of the Patriot Press.

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Information Regarding Future Patriot Camporees

Fall 2019 Camporee

The theme for the Patriot District Fall Camporee is outdoor cooking. Scouts will have numerous choices to improve their cooking skills, challenge themselves and have fun. All different types of cooking will be available, including cooking over a campfire, Dutch oven cooking, and cooking using a camp stove. Meal events will range in difficulty from basic to advanced to expert. Everyone will have a chance to improve their cooking skills and also taste some good food.

At the camporee each Troop will sponsor a cooking station manned by their best adult and Scout cooks. At the station, the cooks will instruct Scouts and adults from other troops how to prepare their menu. Other Scouts and adults will visit different Troops and learn to prepare the other Troop specialties. At the end of the day, each Scout should know how to cook a different lunch and dinner.

Other Scout activities during the day on Saturday will include the climbing wall, marksmanship, archery, catapult firing, and ax throwing. Also, Scouts can play dodge ball and volleyball. Additionally, some Scouts will have an opportunity to take photography merit badge.

While Webelos Scouts can't camp overnight at the camporee, we will run a separate Webelos Scouts program on Saturday. It will start with the Opening Ceremony in the morning and finish after the evening campfire. During the day, these Scouts will work on advancement requirements and participate in the fun activities such as the climbing wall, archery and dodge ball.

The Fall Camporee will take place the weekend of October 25-27, 2019 at Camp Snyder. Registration will be online and the cost is thirty-two dollars (\$32) for Scouts and adults. This cost is higher because the fee includes the cost of food for Saturday lunch and dinner. Separately, troops will have to purchase food for Saturday and Sunday breakfasts. There is no charge for Scout adult staff members who are not camping. The cost for Webelos Scouts is sixteen dollars (\$16). There is no cost for Webelos Scouts adults that are not camping.

Spring 2020 Camporee

The theme for the Patriot District Spring Camporee is fishing. Patriot District will join Bull Run District in a joint camporee that will focus on fishing. We will camp in an area that has two rivers flowing through it and three ponds overflowing with trout. One pond is stocked. Scouts will have an opportunity to fish, catch trout, clean trout, and cook trout. They will also have an opportunity to earn the fishing or fly fishing merit badges.

The camporee will take place April 3-5, 2020 at Grave's Mountain Lodge/Farm in Syria, Virginia. Bull Run District conducts this camporee every two years and it is their most popular camporee. Other Scout activities on Saturday afternoon will include the climbing wall, marksmanship, archery, catapult firing, and ax throwing. Scouts will also be able to participate in dodge ball and volleyball activities.

While Webelos Scouts can't camp overnight at the camporee, we will run a separate Webelos Scouts program on Saturday. It will start at the Opening Ceremony in the morning and finish after the evening campfire. During the day, the Webelos Scouts will have a chance to fish, work on advancement requirements and participate in many other fun activities.

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Fall 2020 Camporee

The theme for the Patriot District Fall Camporee is Civil War history. The camporee will be held on the New Market Battlefield in New Market, Virginia in October 2020. Join 1,500 Scouts and Scouters as we re-enact the Civil War battle of New Market. Scouts will be active participants in the re-enactment of the battle, participating as either Union or Confederate soldiers. During the camporee Scouts will:

1. Camp on the battlefield
2. Re-enact the Battle
3. Participate in a Civil War “Grand Review” where each troop will be announced and parade in front of the reviewing stand.
4. Visit the battlefield museum
5. Tour the Bushong farmhouse and supporting buildings
6. Walk the battlefield
7. Train as a Civil War soldier

Additionally, Scouts will attend a camporee Opening Ceremony and a fantastic evening campfire. Scouts will have a chance to attend an outdoor church service with several hundred other Scouts. There will be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish’ Muslim, and Interfaith services. Friday evening will feature a Cracker Barrel for Camporee Staff, Senior Patrol Leaders and Scout leaders.

William Dexter
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Camporee Director
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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



*If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking,
eventually you'll make progress.*

~ BarackObama (b. August 4, 1961)

JOIN SCOUTING

As we begin the new Scouting year, recruiting new Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA becomes a high priority activity through. The flyer provided on page 13 describes **Geofencing** and explains how it helps to advertise your Pack's Join Scouting Night (JSN) event in your area on Google and Facebook. **Note that information regarding your JSN must be provided by August 16th.** Providing information by that date ensures that coordination can be done to get your events info advertised on the internet within a radius of where you unit meets. **GeoFencing** allows the word to get out via the internet when neighbors in your Pack's area do internet searches; it gets the info to "unreached" people who may not have seen your signage in the neighborhood or may not have received the hardcopy flyer. Please provide your JSN Information to John Stewart at john.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com (cell phone 571-318-0549) or Ashley Felton at ashley.felton@scouting.org JSN Training will precede the August 8th Roundtable at 7 PM at St Stephens United Methodist Church.

Recruiting incentive for this Fall's new Cub Scouts:

- New Cub Scouta joining this fall before October 31 will receive a free Pinewood Derby Car kit.
- Complete applications and payment must be submitted to the BSA by October 31.
- If paper applications are used, the car kits can be given immediately.
- For Packs using online applications, the youth will receive their car kit at the next Pack meeting once we can verify that the application was completed and approved by the Pack.

Our objectives:

- 100% JSN's scheduled by August 16
- All JSN's held in August and September with second chance sign-ups in October
- Flyers distributed to all schools flyered



We need **YOUR** Troop for The Road to Scouting

Help recruit your Troop's next generation of Scouts BSA members from the Patriot District's Cub Scout Packs!

WHAT: Road to Scouting (Webelos Scouts to Scouts BSA Transition)

WHEN: Sunday, September 15, 3:00 – 4:30 pm (setup begin at 2:15 PM)

WHERE: Redeeming Grace Church, 5200 Ox Rd. Fairfax, VA 22030

WHY: In the early fall Webelos Scouts II/Arrow of Light Scouts begin the process of searching for Troops to join. This is a chance for your Troop to get early exposure to area Webelos Scouts, advertise your upcoming recruiting events, and give our Webelos Scouts a sense of the adventure that awaits them in Scouts BSA! Bring a display of what you do! Bring written materials to hand out! Bring an activity. And plan to bring some of your Troop's Scouts to talk to Webelos Scouts and their parents.

To reserve your space? Questions?

CONTACT: John Stewart at john.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com, or Ken Gaul at kgaul@verizon.net or kgaulbsa@gmail.com

We want all of our Patriot District Troops represented to have an opportunity to show a display and talk about their Troop to the participating Webelos Scouts and their parents.

John R. Stewart
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Popcorn Season 2019



It's time to get ready for a successful Fall 2019 Popcorn selling season. The first step is to be sure you have identified a Popcorn Kernel for your unit. This is ESSENTIAL. Please have that person contact me so I can add them to my roster and keep them informed.

The Sign-up Genius for storefront sales will be ready shortly and the first ordering deadline was on August 2nd. Please contact Carrie Messersmith by phone at 703-915-9383 (leave a message) or via email at patriotdistrictpopcornkernel@gmail.com with questions or for help.



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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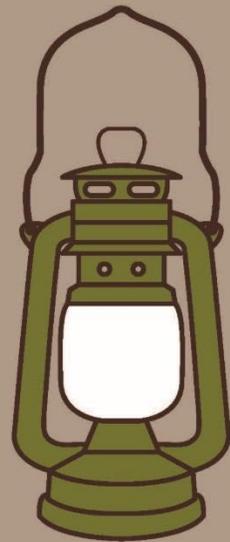
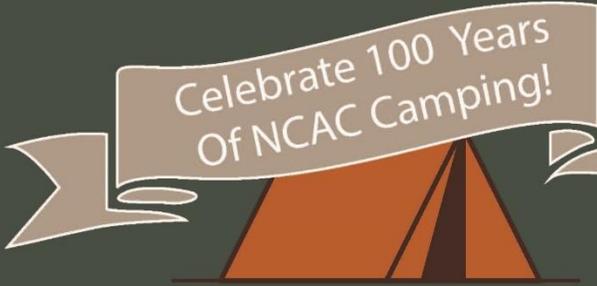
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Deadline for copy inclusion in *The Patriot Press* is the two Sundays prior to Roundtable. Using MS Word, articles may be emailed to the editor at bsnowden419@gmail.com.

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SAVE THE DATE!

2019 ADULT SCOUTING SKILLS & CAMP SNYDER FELLOWSHIP LUNCH



To provide an afternoon of Scouting skills and fun for adults through stations that include archery, trail cooking, first aid, tomahawks, STEM, rocketry, and more!



SCOUTERS JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE SCOUTING AND EXPERIENCE WHAT OUR SCOUTS ENJOY AT SUMMER CAMP!

Register today at www.ncacbsa.org/adultscoutskills



Free Fellowship Lunch served at noon in the Dining Hall. (Registration required for planning purposes).



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019, 11 AM to 4 PM
CAMP WILLIAM B. SNYDER, 6100 ANTIOCH ROAD, HAYMARKET, VA 20169
SPONSORED BY THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE & NESA DC

For more info, please contact Chief Development Officer, Jenna Welle @ (301) 214-9113 jenna.welle@scouting.org



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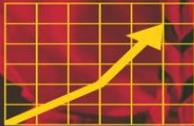
Connect with Scouting Alumni!

GEOFENCING FOR JOIN SCOUT NIGHTS



National will create & promote events on Google and Facebook for all NCAC pack JSNs.

68% of all Americans are on Facebook.
83% of moms use social media to find activities for kids.



Results in 2018:
Geofenced packs were +7.43%.
Non-geofenced were -9.12%.
Total ad spend: \$1 per day per pack.

Best results were from single-unit events at a local school, followed by parks or public places.



Sign up your packs! We need JSN time, date, location, and address 3-4 weeks in advance.



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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