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From the District Chairman

Patriot District Scouts and Scouters,

We’ve got so much happening in the next couple of months. There are many things that your units can do; Scouting for Food, Fall Camporee, and just plain have FUN! This is the best time of the year for camping!

Fall Camporee: This year’s camporee will be held at Camp Snyder on October 25-27. The theme is outdoor cooking! This event provides a great opportunity to show off your cout cooking skills and have a wonderful weekend!

RECHARTERING is coming! Look for changes. Be sure and get together with your Unit Commissioners for updates!

Do you have volunteers in your units that would be interested in helping out at the District level? Please ask them to contact District Commissioner Dave Astle or me. We would love to talk with them about exciting opportunities to participate in Scouting at the District level.

As always, this is Patriot Press is for you! Thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your support to for Patriot District’s program.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve

Steve Smith
Patriot District Committee Chair
From the District Commissioner

October brings the opening of the annual unit rechartering period. This year’s process also brings some significant changes. The first is the registration fee will be raised and at this point in time we don’t know what the new fee is. Everyone should have received a letter from the Council explaining the reasoning behind National’s decision to raise the registration fee and noting that the new amount won’t be out until about October 23rd. This will impact all of your budgeting and the rechartering process as well. The second change is that this year every registered adult must complete and sign a new Disclosure and Background Check Authorization form. Any adult not providing this form for recharter, will not be renewed. The form will probably be given to you by your unit leadership or it can be found at:


Adults who have multiple registrations such as in multiple units or with both a unit and the District must complete a form for each registration. District Committee members, Commissioners, merit badge counselors, and NOVA counselors and Supernova mentors are registered at the District level.

Now that school has started and our annual movement of military and government families has mostly been completed, we are getting a small stream of transfer applications as these Scouts find new units. Please don’t sit on these or any applications. Get them in to your Commissioner as quickly as possible. Also remember that new Scouts who are transferring in are to use a paper application and not the online process. Speaking of the online process, unit Key 3s should be getting emails that your unit has an application(s) awaiting action. They typically arrive on Wednesdays and Fridays. When that is received, check the application manager in my.scouting.org and see about the application. We currently have 11 applications that have been there from a couple of days to in excess of 20 days.

Our Fall Camporee is the last weekend of the month at Camp Snyder and will focus on advanced outdoor cooking. For Troops that haven’t already signed up for one of the cooking stations to display your cooking skills and help our other Scout to learn how it’s done, please do so soon. The sign up is done online on the ncacbsa.org website. On the Calendar and Activities dropdown menu, you can find the Camporee on October 25. Registration needs to be completed by October 18th.

Scouting for Food is coming soon. We’ll be using the post-it notes again this year and we’ll have them available at Roundtable on October 10th. Try to have someone from your unit come and get them. Post-its distribution to neighborhoods will be on Saturday, November 2nd.

David Astle
District Commissioner
Patriot District Events
Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

**October 2019**
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

**November 2019**
1   Popcorn Orders Due for November Pickup
2   Scouting for Food – Post-It Note Distribution
3   Patriot Press Deadline – November
3   NCAC Duty to God Brunch
9   Scouting for Food – Pickup
9   Charter Renewals for 2020 Due
10  OA Chapter Meeting
12  Commissioner Meeting
14  Roundtable
15-16 IOLS
16  Popcorn Pickup
16  Pow Wow
22  Popcorn Payments Due
26  PD Committee Meeting
28  Thanksgiving

**December 2019**
1   Patriot Press Deadline – December
7   Life-to-Eagle Seminar, Burke Presbyterian
8   OA Chapter Meeting
10  Joint Committee/Commissioner Meeting
12  Roundtable
22  Hanukkah begins (sundown)
25  Christmas
29  Thanksgiving

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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, October 10, 2019

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

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

**Topics:** Outdoor Ethics, Leave No Trace, Opportunities to Serve as Winter Approaches;
Duty, Respect, and Honor

**Word of the month:** Helpful

*Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner*

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**Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable**

*Not just for Scoutmasters*

Thursday, October 10, 2019

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

**Midway:** 7:30 PM; **Pre-Opening:** 7:40 PM

**Scouts BSA Breakout:** 8:00 PM -- 9:00 PM

**Topics:** To Be Announced

*Randy Witter, Scout Roundtable Commissioner*

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*Asst. Scout RT Commissioners: Joe Margraf, Rick Priest*
Fall Camporee: Scout Cooking Skills on Display

The Patriot District’s Fall Camporee for this year will be held at Camp Snyder on October 25-27. The theme for this fun-filled event is outdoor cooking. Scouts will have numerous opportunities to improve their cooking skills and taste some great camping food. They will also be able to challenge themselves and have fun with fellow Scouts by participating in a number of other exciting activities, including marksmanship, archery, catapult firing, ax throwing, and volleyball. Additionally, some Scouts will have an opportunity to work toward earning the photography merit badge.

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 on how to prepare their menu. All different types of cooking will be available, including cooking over a campfire, Dutch oven cooking, and cooking using a camp stove. Meal categories will range in difficulty from basic to advanced to expert. Scouts and adults not directly engaged in demonstrating their cooking skills will visit different Troop stations and learn to prepare other Troops’ specialties. At the end of the day, each Scout should know how to cook a different lunch and dinner.

Webelos Scouts are invited to participate in this camporee. Although these younger Scouts can’t camp overnight, a separate Webelos Scouts program will be run on Saturday, beginning with the Opening Ceremony in the morning and finishing after the evening campfire. During the day, Webelos Scouts will be able to participate in the cooking activity as well as the range of other fun activities being offered.

If your Troop or Webelos Dens have not yet registered for this camporee, there is still time to do that. Registration is online and will remain open until October 18th. The cost for this year’s event 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 twenty dollars ($20). There is no cost for adults attending with Webelos Scouts who are not camping.

NOTE: Due to the unavailability of County instructors, we will not be able to hold the previously advertised Youth Mental Health First Aid class at the Fall Camporee.

William Dexter  
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Camporee Director

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Information Regarding Future Patriot Camporees

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 Webelo Scouts will have a chance to fish, work on advancement requirements and participate in many other fun activities.

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.

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A week of camping is worth six months of theoretical training in the meeting room.
~ Lord Baden-Powell, Founder of the Boy Scout Movement
Road to Scouting Event a Great Success!

A Road to Scouting event to promote recruiting of the next generation of Scouts for Patriot District Troops from our Cub Scout Packs was held on September 15 at Redeeming Grace Church on Ox Road. The event was a great success, with a super turnout of Scouts BSA Troops as well as Webelos II/Arrow of Light Scouts and their parents and Den Leaders. The Webelos Scouts learned about the major differences between the Cub Scouting and the Scouts BSA program, and also how various Scouts BSA Troops differ from each other. The Webelos Scouts and their parents were able to review the many Scouts BSA Troop displays and visit with Scouts BSA members and Adult Leaders.

Scouts from the vast majority of Patriot District Troops set-up displays and enthusiastically shared what Scouting mean to them. Each Troop identified a Scout to give a short but very memorable description of why they enjoy the Scouts BSA program. In these short presentations, Scouts described high points of their first summer camp, the advancement program leading up to Eagle Scout, their high adventure base trips and 50 miler experiences, living the Scout Oath and Law each day, as well as how Scouts plan and lead their meetings and outings. This was the first year that girls from Patriot Scouts BSA Troops participated. It was great to see their eager attitudes and hear of their exploits. Overall, the event provided a great opportunity for the Scouts BSA members to share why it is important to strongly consider staying in Scouting as the Arrow of Light Scouts bridge out of Cub Scouting, hopefully landing on the other side of the bridge in a Troop that fits each of them well.

Many thanks to Ken Gaul for once again doing a fine job emceeing this event and letting us know that “… and Troop ___ is on deck!”

John R. Stewart
Vice Chair for Membership

Scouting for Food 2019

It's Scouting for Food time again! Please be sure your Troop or Pack participates in this crucial event, which provides food for hundreds of our neighbors in the Northern Virginia and Washington area.

As for last year, we will be distributing Post-It stickers rather than plastic bags. This is because the plastic bags were difficult to handle and many of them would be swept away by the wind and end up stuck in a tree or a storm drain. People who want to make a contribution will place food into bags they provide and leave them near their front door. Stickers will be distributed at the October 10 Roundtable. Please be sure you have someone pick them up if your Troop or Pack normally distributes.

Otherwise, our SFF effort will proceed as in prior years. Sticker drop off will be Saturday, November 2, and food collection will be Saturday, November 9. Collected food will be brought to the Safeway on Burke Centre Parkway (same location as previous years). If you have any questions, please contact Tim Ryder at timryder81@gmail.com.
MEMBERSHIP NOTES

• “Scout Me In” is this year’s recruiting theme. Bring a friend to your meetings;

• All paid new Cub Scout applications submitted by October 31st will receive a Pinewood Derby Car Kit.

• Follow-up with potential Scouting Families after your JSN events for those that were “still thinking about joining” when they went home.

• A reminder on GeoFencing: Units provide information on their Join Scouting events at least three weeks prior to the events, and the event will be advertised for the two weeks prior to the event. The radius of the advertising can be adjusted as needed. Both Packs and Scouts BSA units can participate. Additional information can be obtained from Ashley Felton and John Stewart.

• New Parent Guides are available for use at Join Scouting/recruiting events - John Stewart has some to give you as needed.

• New Unit Formation: One new Scouts BSA Troop (G) will be established in January 2020.

• Please refer any girls interested in Cub Scouting to the following Cub Packs as they have girl dens:

  Pack 873  Canterbury Woods Civic Association
  Pack 1346  Fairview Elementary School PTA
  Pack 1347  Burke United Methodist Church
  Pack 1534  Olde Creek Elementary School PTA
  Pack 1865  Country Club View Civic Association
  Pack 1965  Lake Braddock Community Association
  Pack 1967  Kings Park West Civic Association

• Most of us should be able to refer interested parents of girls to these Cub Packs, or to the following Scouts BSA Troops with girls in the Patriot District.

  Troop 1345  The Burke Centre Conservancy
  Troop 1347  Burke United Methodist Church
  Troop 1526  St Matthews United Methodist Church
  Troop 1533  Mantua Elementary School PTA
  Troop 1865  Country Club View Civic Association
  Troop 1965  Lake Braddock Community Association

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FREE PINewood DERBY CAR KITS

Cub Pack Leaders—As a recruiting incentive, each new Cub Scout who submits a paid application that is received before October 31st will receive a new Pinewood Derby Car Kit.

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An Important Message for all Committee Chairs and Unit Leaders

Believe it or not, it’s time to start planning for the 2020 Friends of Scouting Campaign. The Patriot District did not meet its assigned goal in 2019 and I’m committed to doing better this year. Please contact the District Vice-Chair for Development, Mark Greer (mfgreer@verizon.net), to schedule your Family FOS presentation. Ideal times are Courts of Honor for Troops and General Meetings for Packs. These presentations can be made as early as December 2019.

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

Our Patriot District FOS campaign works most effectively if there is an active partnership between the District staff and the unit leadership. The first step is identifying a POC who will coordinate your unit’s FOS activity with me. 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 provide the name and email address of a unit FOS POC. Thanks!

Mark Greer
Vice Chair, Development

POPCORN! POPCORN! POPCORN!

Is that popcorn I smell???? Absolutely – it’s popcorn season! Butter, cheese, chocolate – all the favorite flavors for your Scouts to sell and buyers to enjoy!

The 2019 Popcorn Sales activity is well underway. This is an important fundraiser for individual units and the NCAC. It also serves as an excellent way to help Scouts build character, advance their social skills, and build confidence through their interactions with others!

It’s not too late to start selling – identify a Popcorn Kernel for your unit and have them contact Carrie to get started!

KEY DATES / INFORMATION:

DISTRIBUTION LOCATION ➔ Two Marines Moving @ 6021 Farrington Avenue, Alexandria

DISTRIBUTION TIMES ➔ 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

NEXT ORDER DUE ➔ November 1

POPCORN PAYMENTS DUE ➔ November 22

QUESTIONS? ISSUES?

Please contact Carrie Messersmith by phone at 703-915-9383 (leave a message) or via email at patriotdistrictpopcornkernel@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
NCAC Duty to God Brunch
Registration is Open!

Sunday November 3, 2019
Camp William B. Snyder
6100 Antioch Road
Haymarket, VA 20169

10 AM: Model Interfaith Campfire Worship Service (Chapel)
11 AM: Midway Opens in Dining Hall
Noon to 2 PM: Prayer Brunch and Program

Join us to Celebrate Scouting!
"Duty to God and Country: A Scout is Reverent"
Complimentary fellowship brunch in the Dining Hall

Keynote Speaker:
BG Ronald Harvell, Deputy Chief of Chaplins, USAF

Brunch is free of charge, but registration is required for planning purposes.
Sponsored by the NCAC Religious Relationships Committee

SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent
A WORD FROM THE CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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

Richard Sarkoough, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America

FROM ONE PARENT TO ANOTHER

"I am amazed at how much my child has learned 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 to see the Lion learn new things on their own. It was definitely worth our time this year."

—Claire R.

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!"

"It’s hands-on and active."

"Builds character."

"It’s a great way to exercise."

"It’s simple and easy to implement."

Research shows 83% of parents at school-age children rely on after-school activities as a way they can make friends, explore their surroundings, and further their learning and development.

—Massachusetts Avenue, 2014

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

"Fix the Run"

"Blue’s House"

"Feel My Bath"

"Guitar and Gadget" (Build It Up, Fix 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.
Scouting’s program for kindergarten age boys and girls. For more information visit www.beascout.org.