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From the District Chairman

Scouts and Scouters of the Patriot District,

It is hard to believe it has been three years already. With almost 40 years in Scouting, serving as Committee Chair for the Patriot District has definitely been the pinnacle of my Scouting career. I want to thank each of you for making my last three years in this position so enjoyable and rewarding.

I leave the District in great hands. On January 1st, Bill Dexter will be taking the reins of the best district in the Council as your new Committee Chair. Bill has been a member of the District committee for a long time, so he knows the District very well, its important mission to serve Scouting in our area, and all of our activities (especially Camporees!). I am confident he will lead Patriot District to many more Journey to Excellence Gold awards! Please give him the same wonderful support going forward that you have given me for the last three years.

A great district like Patriot District doesn't just happen. Standing with me at the Committee is a wonderful bunch of leaders and their families. It takes so many types of talent – and many hours each year -- to make the Program, Membership, Training and Finances successful. I am in awe of the talent and the dedication that all of you bring to our Scouting program. Thank you for your many past and continuing contributions!

I also want to thank all of the volunteers throughout the District. Your dedication to the boys and girls of Patriot District will leave lasting impressions on their lives. Please keep up the great work!

As I say farewell, I encourage all of you to keep the values of Scouting alive in your life every day.

Best wishes for a great and memorable holiday season!

Yours in Scouting,

Steve

*Steve Smith
Patriot District Committee Chair*





From the District Commissioner

December brings the holiday season with everyone preparing for Christmas. It also brings the end of the charter year and preparing the renewal. The charter renewal process this year hasn't been without its challenges. First was the announcement of the rise in registration fees and then not revealing the figure until late October, with the renewal software not accommodating the increase until November 1st. Then we were told that every adult needed to complete and turn in a new Disclosure and Background form to be renewed. Most of our units have met the challenge, with 37 of our 52 units now complete. Four units have yet to start the process and the remainder are somewhere in between. We're pretty much where we are every year despite all of the hurdles National threw at us. Thanks for all of your help.

Recharter is also a time when adults can move about in their registered position without having to submit an adult application to do so. Consequently, we have a number of volunteers who move about in the Key 3 positions – Unit Leader, Committee Chair, and Charter Organization Representative. These positions, plus an additional three who can be nominated, have access to all of the tools available in the my.scouting.org website to help organize and run a unit. I plan to offer a training session on how to access and use these tools in January; we'll announce it when we have set a date. Any unit Key 3 or Key 3 delegate who would like to learn how to effectively utilize these tools should plan to attend.

Our District had a tremendous turn out for our annual Scouting for Food pickup on Saturday, November 9th. We normally fill two trucks with pallets of food, but this year we filled two and a half. I was hoping to share the total weight of what we collected as that was a question that many have been asking, but that figure is not yet available. Suffice it to say, Patriot Scouts did the effort proud!!

Have you ever thought about using slides produced from Scoutbook at a Court of Honor? Troop 1526 did this at their recent Court of Honor and it added a really nice touch to the evening.

The District Award of Merit is the highest award a district can bestow on a Scouting volunteer. The number of awardees is 1 for every 25 units or fraction thereof in each district. The Patriot District is thus permitted to have three awardees. The nomination form for this award can be found at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf> Submissions must be provided by December 15st. If you know a Scouter who you believe is deserving and has done work at the District level, download the form, fill it out, and give it to your Commissioner.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our Patriot Scouting families.

David Astle
District Commissioner

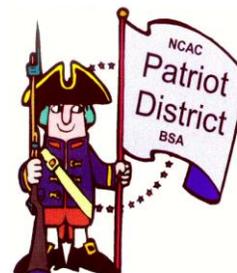


Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

December 2019

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



January 2020

- 4 OA Lodge Banquet
- 9 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

February 2020

- 2 Patriot Press Deadline – February
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 17 Presidents' Day
- 25 PD Committee Meeting
- 29 University of Scouting

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



Marking the Boys' Life block on an application means the Scout wants to subscribe now, and the unit wants to pay now. If a transferring Scout is already getting Boys' Life, delete that entry if there.



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, December 12, 2019

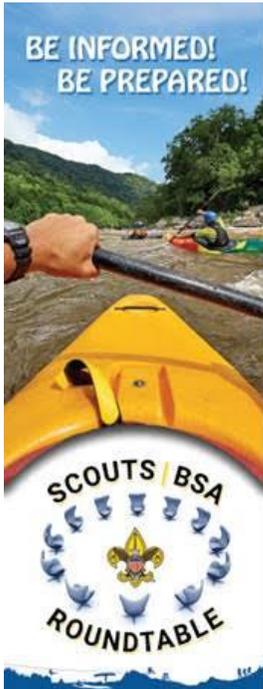
Where: Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road

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

Topics: Pinewood Derby, Blue and Gold Celebrations, Games

Word of the month: Friendly

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



Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, December 12, 2019

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

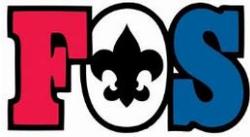
Midway: 7:30 PM; **Pre-Opening:** 7:40 PM

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

Topics: To be announced.

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

Asst. Scout RT Commissioners: Joe Margraf, Rick Priest



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING 2020

An important Message for all Committee Chairs and Unit Leaders

Some of you answered my note last month, many more didn't. Please help!

Believe it or not, it's time to start planning for the 2020 Friends of Scouting Campaign. The Patriot District did 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, to schedule your Family FOS presentation. Ideal times are Courts of Honor for Troops and General Meetings for Packs. These can start 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 key point-of-contact (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 your unit's FOS POC. Thanks!

*Mark Greer
Vice Chair, Development*



Bring a Friend

It is not too late to recruit a friend. Have your Cub Scouts bring a friend to your next planned Pack event. Pack's still wanting to grow before year end can plan an additional Join Scouting event in the remainder of 2019, as well as in the New Year 2020. Scout fun and learning is a great thing to share with neighbors and classmates.

If you need any assistance in the planning and/or preparation for Join Scouting events please feel free to contact John Stewart at john.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com or 571-278-0549; or talk with your Unit Commissioner.



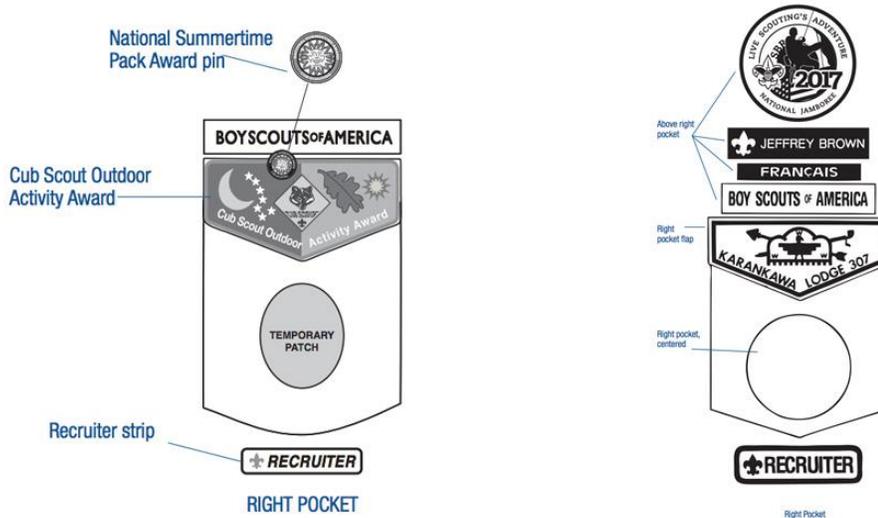


Recruiter Strip, No. 219

Purpose: To recognize youth members who recruit a friend into Scouting.

Who can earn this award: Any youth member in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Explorers, Venturing, Sea Scouts

Where is it worn: The recruiter strip is worn centered directly below the right pocket on the Class A uniform shirt.



Encourage Scouts to invite their friends to attend a pack or den meeting, patrol or troop meeting, crew or post meeting. Encourage your Scouts to make a personal invitation. Plan special “Bring a Buddy” events where Scouts are encouraged to invite a friend not currently in Scouting. The best recruiter for any unit is an excited Scout engaged in the Scouting program. The easiest way to recruit is having that same Scout share their personal “what-I-did-last-weekend” experiences with a friend.



Let us all remember that today’s Scouting Program starts with LIONS, advances through Eagle, then continues with volunteer service...
Once a Scout, always a Scout.
Don’t forget to give back, and don’t forget to recruit!

John R. Stewart
Vice Chair for Membership

Geofencing



Geofencing is creating an internet “advertisement” of your upcoming Scouting recruiting event.

You provide **the Five W’s & a POC:**

- **Who: Your Unit #**
- **What: Event Theme/Happening**
- **When: Day and Time**
- **Where: Address (and Room location as needed)**
- **Why?: To join you in having fun**
- **Point of Contact: To answer any questions (phone/email)**

If you can get this information to our District Executive (Ashley Felton) and/or District Vice Chair for Membership (John Stewart) at least three weeks prior to your Scouting event with a recruiting effort, NCAC will do the behind the scenes coordination to create the internet “advertisement” that families and prospective Scouts in your Unit’s locale will get to view.

Most often the advertisement will be created with a two to three mile radius of the unit’s chartered organization location. However, if your unit should want a larger advertising area please communicate this to us so we “widen the net”.

Thanks for all you do for America’s youth.

John R. Stewart
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Ashley Felton
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NCAC's Climbing Wall: An Excellent Activity for Your Event



Are you looking for a way to promote our programs in a “hands-on” way? Consider using our mobile climbing tower, the **Scouterhorn**. What is the Scouterhorn? It’s the 24-foot high “Drop-a-Rock” mobile tower by Spectrum Sports, International. Use your favorite search engine to see how groups all around the US are using it, talk to your DE about it, and check out details for using it at [Mobile Climbing Tower](#). Check the schedule at [Scouterhorn Training and COPE Schedule](#) and enroll in a session.

Mobile Climbing Tower/Scouterhorn Reservation:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/outdoor-adventuring/climbing-and-cope/mobile-climbing-tower/>

The NCAC Climbing Training program provides interested youth and adults training necessary to achieve the goals of the BSA climbing program. Our year-long and ad-hoc climbing instructor training fosters the same friendly, supportive environment we bring to youth programs, empowering qualified individuals to succeed and share the challenge, excitement and joy of rock climbing with BSA participants. Climbing Instructor Level 2 (provisional) programs are offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer, with Climbing Instructor Level 1 programs offered on an ad-hoc rolling basis. Visit the [NCAC Climbing Instruction Portal \(https://climbncac.gnomio.com/\)](#) to get started.



The only use of an obstacle is to be overcome. All that an obstacle does with brave men is, not to frighten them, but to challenge them.

~ Woodrow Wilson (b. December 28, 1856)

Pack 1344 Conservation Project at Camp Snyder

On November 10, Webelos Scouts from Pack 1344 came out to Michael’s Woodshop to build owl boxes as a service project for Camp Snyder. In the process, they were given the opportunity to learn and practice some basic woodworking skills. With assistance and guidance from two volunteer shop stewards, parents, and their Den Chief, these Webelos Scouts learned basic shop safety rules, how to read working drawings, measuring and marking skills, how to use a hammer and nail punch and they even got to install some hinges. As the boxes began to take shape, so did their smiles. At the end of the session, the Webelos had created six awesome owl boxes. After watching this “normally active bunch” stay focused and engaged for over 2 hours, their Den Leader described it as “a truly awesome experience.”

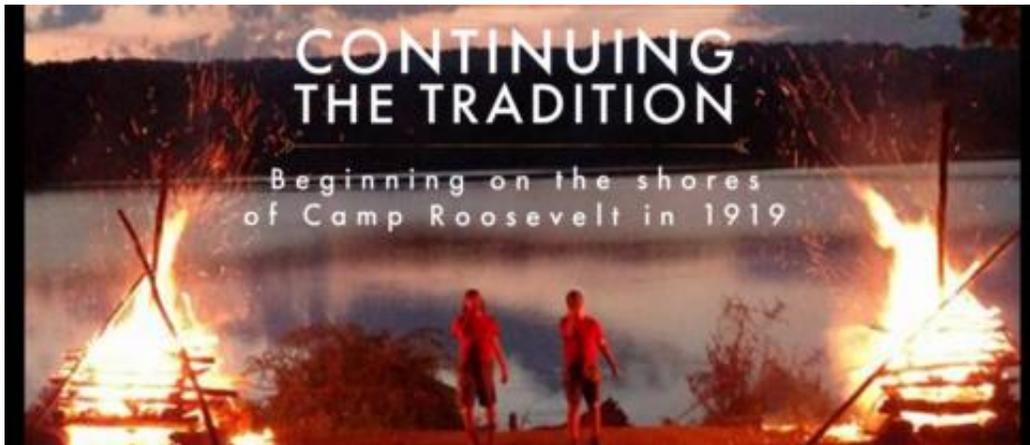
Scouts and other volunteers will continue this conservation project on future Camp Snyder Service Days by installing the owl boxes throughout the camp and maintaining them in the coming years. Many similar conservation projects are available: Scouts recently installed four bluebird boxes at camp, and several more to go. If you would like to learn more about conservation and other service projects at Camp Snyder, upcoming Service Days, or to plan and schedule group projects, please email us at CWBS.Volunteers@gmail.com.



Pack 1344 Webelos Scouts Having Fun Building Owl Boxes in Michael’s Workshop at Camp Snyder

Michael’s Woodshop at Camp William B. Snyder is a hands-on workspace that was designed and developed for use by Scouts of all ages to create and learn. From Baloo the Builder activities to Eagle Scout Projects, our group of volunteer shop stewards can help you organize and carry out successful events. Michael’s Woodshop may be reserved for unit activities, District events, and many other Scouting activities. To learn more about shop capabilities, upcoming events, and reserving the shop, please visit the [Camp Snyder website](#) or email us at MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com.

*Dave Schneeman
Michael’s Workshop*



Honor and Celebrate 100 Years of Camping in the National Capital Area Council!

The NCAC's first summer camp, Camp Roosevelt, opened the summer of 1919 on the Western Shore of the Potomac River. We are planning several events in the 2019-2020 program year to celebrate and encourage continuation of this Scouting camping tradition.

A Centennial patch can be earned at one of several events throughout the council. These include participation in a Klondike Derby, in your district's Day Camp as a participant or a staff person, Family Camp days at Snyder and Goshen, participating in a week long Summer Camp at one of our council camps – Snyder, Goshen, Wall, or Camp Airy. Participate in a Service Weekend at one of our camps, participate in a District Camporee or Webelos-O-Ree or participate in a Sea Scout Short Cruise.

The Kickoff for this Centennial year was a Scout Skills weekend at Snyder on 14 September 2019 and the year will climax at a Grand Fellowship put on by the Order of the Arrow at Camp Snyder on 13 September 2020. Scouts and Scouters from all units are invited.

See the Council web site for more information:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/100-years-of-ncac-camping>



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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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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***Boy Scout Troop 1131
Burke, VA***

Scouting since 1970

Philmont Trek Opportunity

Troop 1131 has space for Scouts and adult leaders who have an interest in a Philmont Trek next summer. The Troop currently has one full crew and a waiting list to form a second crew, with one adult and four Scouts on that list. We are looking for another adult and additional Scouts. Details are provided below.

When: Dates at Philmont Scout Ranch

Thursday, July 23, 2020 through Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Cross Country Road Trip Dates

Outbound: Sunday, July 12, 2020 – July 23, 2020

Return: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 – Saturday, August 8, 2020

Flying Dates:

Depart Tuesday, July 21, 2020 (to Colorado Spring, CO)

Return: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 (to Washington, DC)

Where: Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM

<http://www.philmontScoutRanch.org>

Who: Scouts who are 14+ years old, or Scouts age 13 who have completed 8th grade. We have two crew slots. Each Crew is limited to between 8 and 12 people. Each crew must have at least two and no more than four adults.

What: Philmont is the ultimate Scouting High Adventure. Each crew will backpack 60+ miles in the mountains of New Mexico, and during their trek will participate in many terrific activities that the crew selects.

The road trip includes sightseeing and visiting historic places along the route. We'll sleep in churches while traveling. Those who can't make the road trip, can fly out to meet their crew in Colorado Springs before getting to Philmont.

Cost: Estimated \$2,525 (\$1,025 for Philmont, \$1,500 for lodging, transportation, some meals, crew gear, shake down expenses and t-shirts)

Payment in full is required by February 19, 2020.

Contact: Michael Cardaci <mccardaci@hrtec.net>, 703-593-5131 (cell)

Questions: Please contact Phil Sternberg (phil.sternberg@gmail.com)



Philmont Slots Available with Troop 1865!

Troop 1865 has slots available to join one of our four crews going to Philmont Scout Ranch for a 12-Day Trek, from June 24th - July 6th, 2020. The total trip, including travel days, will run from June 22nd to July 6th or 7th.

Each of the Troop’s Crews have 2-3 slots available for Scout interested in participating in a once-in-a-lifetime Scouting experience. In order to participate, Scouts must be 14 years of age by June 24th, 2020, or be at least 13 and have completed the 8th Grade. Scouts joining a crew will have the opportunity to join in the Troop’s Philmont Prep Training Program to get to know the boys and adults in their crew and to build the skills they’ll need to ensure they have a great Philmont experience. The program will include classes on key High Adventure camping and backpacking skills and at least two weekend prep hikes this spring. The total cost of the trek will be approximately \$2,250 (\$1025 for Philmont fees, and approximately \$1,225 for airfare, lodging, transportation and other crew costs).

Anyone interested in taking advantage of this opportunity or having questions should contact Troop 1865’s Scoutmaster, Mr. Robert Timm, at Scoutmaster1865@gmail.com.



BSA’s New Cyber Chip Safety Tool

The Internet has become an essential tool for daily use. According to a study by the Kaiser Family Foundation, kids of Generation M2, Multimedia Teens age 8 to 18 years old, spend about one third of their time daily using electronic devices to get online for access to education, research, socializing, and entertainment.

In addition to having special tools to promote safe use of pocket knives and build campfires, the BSA has introduced the new Cyber Chip in an effort to keep kids safe while online. Recognizing that access to the Internet is necessary and at the same time can present a danger to children if not properly used, the BSA partnered with NetSmartz to help educate Scouts about being safer online and to assist them in promoting community awareness of Internet safety issues: the danger of Cyber Bullying, and how Scouts can recognize and handle the situation while online.

Joining its cousins Whittling Chip, Totin’ Chip, and Firem’n Chit, the Cyber Chip is the latest necessary safety tool for the 21st century. Under the new program, which rolled out in 2016, the Cyber Chip is mandated for all Scouts, including Cub Scouts, Scouts in Boy Troops and Girl Troops, and Ventures. The Cyber Chip requirements are grouped by school grades and can be related to Scout rank advancements as follows:

School Grade	Scout Ranks
• Grade 1-3	Tigers, Wolves, and Bears
• Grade 4-5	Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts
• Grade 6-8	Scout and Star ranks of Boy Troops and Girl Troops
• Grade 9-12	Boy Troops, Girl Troops, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts

Cyber Chip program details can be found by clicking <http://www.Scouting.org/cyberchip.aspx>.

Scouts will graduate to new topics each year by recharging their Cyber Chip and broaden their knowledge while staying current with today's technology. Parents and leaders now have a resource that educates when and how electronics may be used for Scouting activities while also allowing each unit to set their own standards.

A Guideline for completing and earning the Cyber Chip Award

Because the internet safety is very complex, Scouts should keep track of the requirements for their Cyber Chip completion as follows:

- Any Scout desiring to work on and earn the Cyber Chip Award (the Award) must obtain from <http://www.Scouting.org/cyberchip.aspx> the listing of the requirements according to his/her school grade. Scouts are categorized into two groups of Scouts – “younger Scouts” (grade 6-8) and “older Scouts” (grade 9-12). New Scouts (Cross-over Webelos) need to earn grade 6-8 grade Cyber Chip for the Scout Rank.
- Complete each step of the requirements and collect the signatures as stated in the appropriate Cyber Chip Scout Tracking Sheets, which can be obtained at the following links:
 - [Grade 6-8 Scout and Star Ranks Tracking Sheet](#)
 - [Grade 9-12 Older Scout Tracking Sheet](#)
 - Scouts are encouraged, but are not required, to use the [Scout Cyber Chip Workbook](#).
- Once a Scout completes all the steps and collects all the required signatures, Scouts turn in the Cyber Chip card with pledge signature and the unit leader's signature, along with the Tracking Sheet, to the unit Advancement Chair.
- The Advancement Chair keeps the turned in Track Sheet as the unit record for Scouts who completed and earned the Cyber Chip Award and return the Cyber Chip card to the Scout for his own recording. The Advancement Chair may decide to give out the Cyber Chip patch for the Award.

Recharging Your Cyber Chip

- All Cyber Chips will expire annually. Each Scout will need to go to [Netsmartz](#)  and complete two new resources to recommit to net safety and netiquette. Then, with the unit leader, the Scout can add the new date to the Cyber Chip card or certificate.

In case Scouts advance in school grade before they advance in their Scout rank, Grade 9-12 Scouts need to complete the “older Scouts” requirements.



Happy Holidays!



First Aid-CPR-AED Certification Class

When: Saturday, 15 February 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Who: *BSA High Adventure* Trip Leaders and Scouts, e.g. Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, etc.

Others may sign up to participate on a space-available basis. Class size is limited.

Where: St. Stephen’s UMC, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA.

Class is in the Welcome Center near the Sanctuary.

What: Participants will earn the American Red Cross *First Aid-CPR-AED* certification. High Adventure crews must have First Aid and CPR certified members, and it is a good idea to have several people certified, including youth members.

Contact: To Register, send the following information to

[Philip Sternberg phil.sternberg@gmail.com](mailto:phil.sternberg@gmail.com)

- Name, Mailing Address, Email Address, home and cell phone numbers, BSA unit type and number, and BSA Personal ID number (from membership card).
- Questions: please use email, but if necessary Phil’s cell phone number is 703-960-0205

Bring: Personal lunch and beverage. We will have a working lunch, but we will have drinks and refreshments available in the morning.

Cost: Thirty dollars (\$30.00) covers the cost of American Red Cross fees and classroom training materials. Checks should be made out to “Boy Scout Troop 1131” with memo line “First Aid Training.” Plan to bring your check to the class, but please register as soon as possible.

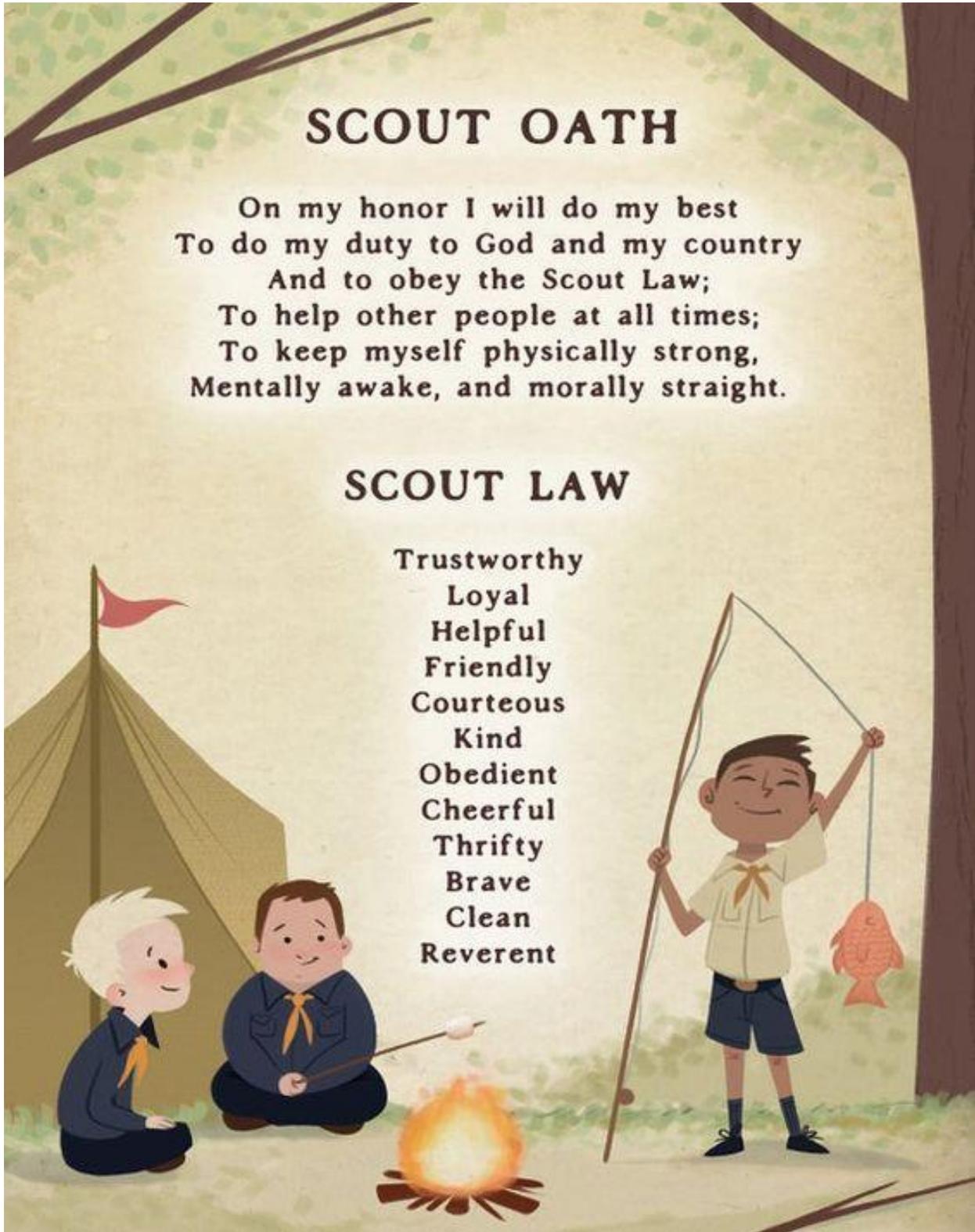


SCOUT OATH

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 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



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



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.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL



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