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From the District Chairman

It is February and Patriot District units are executing the core parts of their Scouting program and planning for their spring and summer adventures. To support all units, NCAC is holding its biggest adult training program of the year, the University of Scouting, on Saturday, February 29th. The University of Scouting is a full day event held at Hayfield High School. Again this year, over 200 classes will be presented on all aspects of Scouting: Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venture Scouting, and District operations. The training zeros in on specific topics at each level for both unit and committee activities. Read the list of subjects being taught and you will be amazed at the comprehensive scope of what is offered. The University of Scouting is structured for both new leaders/parents and experienced Scouters. I strongly urge each unit send a full vehicle of leaders to the event, anything from a four-seat sedan to a twelve-passenger van. It will be an informative and enjoyable day, and your unit will become stronger because your leaders will be better trained. If you have not already done so, please register on the NCAC website. I look forward to seeing you there.

In this issue of the Patriot Press, I would like to highlight and recognize the contributions to Scouting of the paper's editor, Bill Snowden. Bill has been a member of Patriot District since it was founded over 20 years ago. As a longtime Scouter, Bill has been active at both the troop level (Troop 1346, where he served for five years at Troop Committee chair) and subsequently the District level. As a member of the Patriot District Committee, he has served as Vice Chairman of Finance, Vice Chairman of Program, and as Deputy District Chairman. Over the years, he has played a major role in our annual Friends of Scouting campaign. He retired from his day job several years ago, and last year he and his wife moved to Washington State for a "new adventure in living" and to be closer to their three daughters and four grandchildren. While Bill gave up most of his life in Fairfax County, he has remained a member of the Patriot District committee. Late in 2018, he became the editor for the Patriot Press, and he continues in that role while publishing it from afar. He also returns to the District occasionally to cover significant events. The next time we expect to see him is when he flies in to support and cover the District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, which will be held on Saturday, March 7th. You can say hello to him there and then read his story in the March or April issue of the Patriot Press after he has written about the event.

In closing, have a great February, enjoy Valentine's Day, and honor our presidents Washington and Lincoln. And again, I look forward to seeing many of you at the University of Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

Bill

Bill Dexter
Patriot District Committee Chairman





From the District Commissioner

With the end of recharter season comes leadership changes. I don't know how many of our unit Key 3's have changed in this cycle, but we have had a notable change at the top. Our District Executive for the last two years, Ashley Felton, has elected to leave Scouting to pursue other opportunities. She has been replaced by Sarah McKee, who joined our District in mid-January. She should be at our February Roundtable, so come meet her. If you have an interest in backpacking, Sarah is a great one to consult. In October, she completed her Georgia to Maine trek of the Appalachian Trail. I wonder if she knows anything about camping...

The Journey to Excellence (JTE) results are in and our units did exceedingly well. We had 46 Gold units, two Silver and two Bronze. Due to your outstanding efforts in providing our Scouts a terrific program, our District is also rated Gold. Thank you all for what you do for our Scouts. One area of concern for me, however, was Community Service hours. The District total was down substantially from previous years. Unfortunately, it's not that we're doing less, but that the accounting has changed. LESSON FOR NEXT YEAR: Community Service hours entered into Scoutbook DO NOT SYNC with ScoutNet, which is where the data for JTE comes from. I don't know if there are any proposed fixes for that or not. In 2020, I encourage those using Scoutbook to enter their community service hours in the my.scouting.org Legacy Tools Service Hours Reporting. You can do this in lieu of Scoutbook, or in addition to, but this is where the hours must be logged to count toward JTE.

The annual NCAC University of Scouting is being held at Haymarket Secondary School on Saturday February 29th. Currently the Patriot District has 30 participants registered, including those of us serving as faculty. Surely, we can do better as a District. This event is the Council's premier training session and offers courses at all levels of the Scouting program. I encourage you to review the catalog of courses and find some courses that will help you with your Scouting position or simply tweak your interest. The catalog can be accessed on the registration page of the Council website. Also check out page 4 for a description of the University. <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting/>

On the topic of training, I'll be offering a workshop on Saturday, February 15th, on the use of the various tools on the my.scouting.org website. These are tools that assist in managing your unit. The unit Key 3 and Key 3 delegates have access to all of the tools, and those who hold a functional position such as membership or training chair have partial access. This training will be held at the Woods Community Center at 10100 Wards Grove Cir, Burke beginning at 9:00 AM. This location has WiFi and the instruction will be hands on, so bring a laptop or tablet.

David Astle
District Commissioner



University of Scouting
Saturday, February 15, 2020



Thank you for registering!!!

***PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR THE 2020 UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING
DOWNLOAD THE CATALOG AND SELECT THE CLASSES YOU ARE
INTENDING TO TAKE FOR EACH PERIOD!!!***

[2020 University of Scouting Catalog](#)

Purpose of the University of Scouting – The “University of Scouting” is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, District Operations, and Council). Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cubbing, Scouts, and Adventure and leadership training for Venturing, and Sea Scouting; Electives courses applicable across the Scouting programs, and District operations courses.

- The **College of Cub Scouting** provides a wide variety of courses from working with Cub Scout-aged boys to pack administration to planning for an outdoor program, all focused on meeting Scouting goals while having fun as a pack or den.
- The **College of Scouts BSA** provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The **College of Adventure Scouting** provides classes in Venturing and Sea Scout topics and a variety of classes in Adventure Scouting / High Adventure subjects and resources for Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scout Troops.
- The **College of Elective Programs** offers many “general studies courses” that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs. STEM Scouts will be covered as a subprogram (ELC500 classes) within the Electives College.
- The **College of District Operations** is intended to provide training to district committee members and Scouters with an interest in district operations. Courses will range from a two-period orientation for new members to those focusing on administration, strategic planning, recruiting, and promotion. New classes have been added on managing your committee/district with Basecamp and using Black Pug to manage scouting events.
- **Standalone Courses** are BSA national syllabus courses such as Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) that provide training for leadership positions in Scouting. Note that standalone courses do not count toward any degree requirements in any College.
- **Scoutbook Training** We are offering a full day of Scoutbook training in the College of Electives, three classes, each repeated twice. They are: Scoutbook – the Key to Organizing a Scout Unit, Scoutbook - Advancement in Cub Scouts, and Scoutbook - Advancement in Scouts BSA. Full details are at ELC classes 132, 137, and 138 on pages 31 and 32.

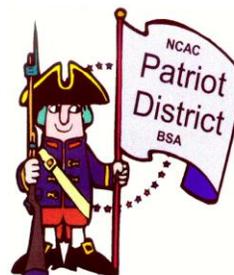
All these opportunities are available at the University for learning how to better serve our young people and better work with our fellow leaders!

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

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



March 2020

- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – March
- 7 Pinewood Derby
- 7 BCOLS (classroom session)
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 14 Commissioner College
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 27-28 BALOO
- 28 MITRE Scout Engineering Day
- 29 Patriot Press Deadline – April

April 2020

- 3-5 Patriot District Spring Camporee (fishing)
- 8 Passover begins (sundown)
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Easter
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 17-19 OA Lodge Spring Fellowship
- 23 Ramadan begins (sundown)
- 24-25 IOLS
- 25 Life-to-Eagle Seminar
- 25-26 BCOLS (overnight session)
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

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



A Journey to Excellence objective for each unit is performing service projects and entering the service hours on the JTE website. Entering those hours only in Scoutbook does not add them to the JTE website or give the unit credit in the BSA database. The hours need to be entered directly on the JTE website. A link to that can be found on the NCAC website under the Advancement tab.



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, February 13, 2020

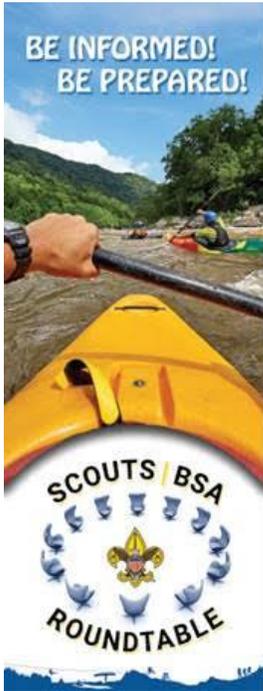
Where: Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road

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

Topics: Disabilities Awareness, Volunteer Awards

Word of the month: Cheerful

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



Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, February 13, 2020

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

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

Topics: Patriot Awards, High Adventure Prep, Webelos Transition

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

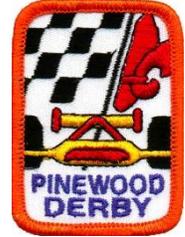
Asst. Scout RT Commissioners: Justin Day, Joe Margraf, Rick Priest

2020 Patriot District Pinewood Derby

Once again, it's Pinewood Derby time!

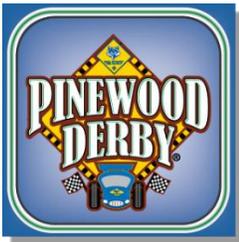
No doubt our Cub Scouts in the Patriot District are creatively, diligently and safely(!) carving, sanding, painting, tuning, and primping their cars for the pinnacle of Cub Scouting fun: the annual Pinewood Derby!! The 2020 Patriot District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, March 7, at Living Savior Lutheran Church located at 5500 Ox Rd (Route 123) in Fairfax Station.

Cub Scouts will compete in either Speed or Show categories, with their respective Ranks/Dens. Registration and competition times for each Den are as listed in the table below. All participating Cub Scouts should plan to arrive early enough to get registered within the period specified for their rank. Registration lines will close promptly at the time indicated in order to help ensure that the overall competition schedule for the day can be maintained.



The Pinewood Derby Committee is quite pleased to announce that the world-renowned tag-team of Andy Chaves (Pack 1101) and Joe Margraf (Troop 1346) will once again be serving as Masters of Ceremony for this year's event. Rumor has it that there will be pirates, monks, a confused-chef, bad jokes, a return of the legendary "starter-plunger" and general goofiness, along with the finest Pinewood Derby competition in the BSA (yeah, we're biased)! We look forward to having loads of fun again this year with all participating Scouts, families and friends.

Each Pack in the Patriot District is invited to register one Cub Scout in each of six age/rank categories, and in one of two event competitive categories (either Speed or Show). Each Pack may therefore register up to 12 Cub Scouts total (Scouts may not compete in both Speed and Show competitions).



The Patriot District Pinewood Derby is not an open event: **all participants must be pre-registered** by their respective Pack Committee. The registration fee for each participating Cub Scout is \$10.00. Your Pack leadership has already received and should have disseminated the 2020 Patriot District Rules, which are essentially the same as last year. If you have any questions about the rules or need a copy of them, please contact Pete Griffiths, Patriot District Pinewood Derby Chairman, at (571) 466-8679 or at PinewoodDerby.Patriot@gmail.com

Patriot District Pinewood Derby Schedule, 7 March 2020

Rank/Den	Registration	Speed/Show Competition
Lions	9:00 AM to 9:50 AM	10:00 AM to 10:30 AM
Tigers	10:00 AM to 10:50 AM	11:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Wolves	11:00 AM to 11:50 AM	12:00 PM to 12:30 PM
Bears	12:00 PM to 12:50 PM	1:00 PM to 1:30 PM
Webelos Scouts	1:00 PM to 1:50 PM	2:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Arrow of Light	2:00 PM to 2:50 PM	3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Pete Griffiths
Pinewood Derby Chair

Kings Park West Scouts Visit the USS Gerald R. Ford Aircraft Carrier
Visit to Naval Station Norfolk also included tours of the USS Boise and USS San Antonio

Fairfax, VA – January 12, 2020

Boy Scout Troop 1966 and Cub Scout Pack 1967, both sponsored by the Kings Park West Civic Association (KPWCA), were honored and privileged to be the first Scouts to visit the USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) as part of their January visit to Naval Station Norfolk. The ship is the newest aircraft carrier in the United States Navy, the first carrier designed in more than 40 years, and the first in its class. The trip was especially significant to both the Scouts and the ship because Gerald Ford is the only President of the United States to have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. President Ford’s experience as a Boy Scout was so meaningful to him and his family that the ship’s official seal includes a compass with a fleur-de-lis (instead of an N) pointing true north to symbolize the Boy Scouts of America and its core values.



Scouts on Flight Deck of the USS Gerald R. Ford



Seal of the USS Gerald R. Ford



Scouts Participating in Morning Colors with Carrier Sailors

The two-day visit opened with a reading of a letter to the visiting Scouts from Susan Ford Bales, the ship’s sponsor and daughter of President Ford. She remarked how the visit “represents a special confluence of two parts of Dad’s life about which he was so proud – his naval service as a Lieutenant Commander in World War II...and his service as a Boy Scout who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.” The visit included the opportunity for the Scouts to observe and participate in morning colors aboard the carrier, eat lunch with the crew, and tour the ship. The morning colors flag raising ceremony occurs each day on every U.S. Navy vessel around the world; it serves as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices men and women in the U.S. Navy and other service members make on a daily basis. Tour highlights included visiting a hangar bay, walking along the flight deck, exploring the pilot house, hearing from damage control (the Ford’s firefighters), and learning about the ordnance on board. At every stop, Sailors were on hand to provide information about their role on the ship and answer the wide variety of questions from the Scouts. When asked to pick his favorite part of the day, one Scout enthusiastically yelled out, “All of it!!” The more than 60 Scouts and adults in the room nodded and cheered in agreement.

The itinerary was full of unique experiences and special access to the ship and its crew. “We wanted to give the Scouts a general sense of the life of a sailor in the U.S. Navy aboard an aircraft carrier and all the things young men and women could do aboard our ship,” explained Lt.(j.g.) Nick Spaleny, the USS Gerald R. Ford’s assistant public affairs officer. He added, “if President Ford were alive today, I think he would have loved to see how his namesake ship is fostering a relationship with Boy Scouts of America and the next generation of future leaders.”

That special relationship was recognized by the Scouts and adult volunteers as well. Troop 1966 KPWCA Charter Organization Representative, Michael Stonkey, worked closely with ship personnel to

organize the trip for the Kings Park West Scouts. “I think it’s important for our Scouts to see first-hand the opportunities being a scout can bring to them now and later in life” he said. “The skills and values young people learn while in Scouting stay with them for a lifetime. President Ford is an incredible example of integrity, honesty, and dedication to service. Everyone we met as part of our visit to the Ford mirrored those same values.”

After leaving the aircraft carrier, the Scouts also toured the fast attack submarine, the USS Boise (SSN 764), and the amphibious transport dock USS San Antonio (LPD 17). These visits further demonstrated the wide variety of people, skills, and equipment needed to perform U.S. Navy missions around the world. At every ship, Pack 1967 presented their hosts with custom made neckerchief slides as a token of their appreciation. The slides are a one-sided challenge coin with a ring on the back. They feature the 12 points of the Scout Law in a starburst pattern surrounded by a ring marked Pack 1967, Fairfax VA, Kings Park West Civic Association, and the same fleur-de-lis that is prominent on the Ford’s seal.

The Scouts and leaders of Troop 1966 and Pack 1967 were grateful and humbled by the chance to spend time on the USS Gerald R. Ford. It was another great Scouting adventure never to be forgotten.

*Melissa Talbot
Troop 1966*



Patriot District Introduction to Outdoors Leader Skills (IOLS) Course

The Patriot District will conduct an **Introduction to Outdoors Leader Skills (IOLS)** training course on April 24-25, 2020 at Camp Snyder. The course will follow the new curriculum published by BSA in 2018. We will start at 7:00 PM on Friday, April 24th with a robust “Cracker Barrel” and end by 6:00 PM on Saturday, April 25th. While the course starts at 7:00 PM, the staff will open the site at 4:00 PM so that attendees can arrive early and set up their tents in daylight, which is always much easier.

The course will take place at the Handicraft Pavilion next to Bathhouse #1. The robust “Cracker Barrel” will include homemade stew with fresh vegetables since we know several participants will be coming straight from work. Additionally, attendees will be provided food to cook for breakfast and lunch. Attendees with special dietary needs need to notify the Quartermaster/Grub master, Mahmood Qadri, by Tuesday, Wednesday, April 22nd, at (703) 348-7399 or mahmoodqadri@hotmail.com.

Adult leaders will be divided into patrols and the course will model the patrol method. There will be three patrols, and the course needs three participants to volunteer before the course to be patrol leaders and bring a patrol cook kit with them. Patrol leaders should contact Bill Dexter, the IOLS director, to volunteer. His contact information is (703) 978-2632 or wtdexterjr@gmail.com.

The cost for the course is \$24 for students and \$10 for instructors who are camping overnight. Each person camping needs to bring a check made out to NCAC – BSA for registration. The course is free to instructors who are not camping. Registration will take place Friday evening at Camp Snyder. However, while official registration and payment are not due until Friday evening, April 24, participants are asked to notify Bill Dexter by e-mail as soon as they decide to take the course but no later than Monday, April 20. A preliminary weather decision will be made by the Course Director on Wednesday, April 22.

Troop 1345G Takes on the Capitol (of Virginia, That Is)

Burke Centre’s all-girl Troop 1345G hit the ground running in February 2019, with Scouts joining from eight different schools in Fairfax County. And late in January 2020, six members of the Troop capped their first year of Scouting adventures with a trip to Richmond, bringing a high level of energy and enthusiasm to the Virginia state capital (and Capitol) for a day of learning, listening, and engaging with members and staff of the Richmond General Assembly. The visit included a meeting with Virginia’s first female and first Jewish Speaker of the House, Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn. The Scouts were accompanied by Scoutmaster Kate Mattice, Assistant Scoutmaster Kevin Dunlop, Unit Commissioner Jae Englebrecht, and Committee Member Frances Han.

Following a tour of the Capitol, complete with history and architectural tidbits, Scouts met with staff from State Senator Marsden’s office to learn how legislation gets made in the fast-paced State legislature. Following lunch among lobbyists and staff, the Scouts witnessed representative democracy in action as they watched both the [House and Senate debate](#) and take action on bills ranging from voting rights to health care. Their timing for arrival at the House Gallery was perfect as it coincided with the Delegates honoring the Washington Nationals for their 2019 World Series win – complete with the Championship Trophy.

The day before the visit, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment and this timing was not lost on the Scouts. During the visit, they discovered the new Virginia Women’s Monument and learned the stories of the women depicted. The monument is the nation’s first state capitol monument to showcase the full range of achievements and contributions made by women. The group also visited the Women’s Suffrage exhibit at the Library of Virginia, the grounds of the Executive Mansion, and the Civic Rights Memorial.

But Scouting is all about leadership, and Virginia’s state government includes some powerful role models for these Scouts, particularly Burke Centre’s own state Delegate, Eileen Filler-Corn., who was selected by her peers to be the Virginia House of Delegates leader. Speaker Filler-Corn graciously took the time from her busy schedule to meet with the Scouts and their leaders to share her enthusiasm for the General Assembly’s ambitious legislative plans. She also responded to questions regarding the Scouts own policy concerns and questions.

It was a busy day, but the Scouts of Troop 1345G proudly showed off their Scout spirit, asked some tough questions, and experienced a great day of learning about Virginia legislative operations. Scouts BSA is clearly contributing to the development of emergent future leaders.

For more information on Burke Centre's Troop 1345G, please contact Scoutmaster Kate Mattice at burkectr troop1345g@gmail.com or visit the Troop 1345 website at <http://www.troop1345.org> (tab About Girls Troop 1345G).



Troop 1345G Scouts and Leaders Visiting Virginia’s Capitol in Richmond

Kate Mattice
Troop 1345G Scoutmaster

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 Bill Dexter: wtdexterjr@gmail.com

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Deadline for articles to be included in The Patriot Press is two Sundays prior to Roundtable. Articles for publication, in MS Word, may be emailed to the editor at bsnowden419@gmail.com.

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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.



Spring 2020 Camporee Advance Notice

April 3-5, 2020

The Patriot District’s spring camporee will take place on April 3-5. The theme for the camporee is fishing. Scouts and Scouters from the Patriot District will join the Prince William District in a joint camporee that will focus on fishing: a Trout-O-Ree. The camporee will take place April 3-5, 2020 at Grave’s Mountain Lodge/Farm in Syria, Virginia. The area features two flowing rivers with trout 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. Bull Run District, now part of the Prince William District, has conducted this camporee every two years and it is their most popular camporee. Other Scout activities on Saturday afternoon will include the NCAC climbing wall, marksmanship, archery, and catapult firing. Also, Scouts can play gaga ball and volley ball.

While Webelos Scouts can’t camp overnight, they are invited to participate in the Saturday programs. The day will start with an opening ceremony in the morning and conclude after the evening campfire. At the Trout-O-Ree, the Webelos Scouts will have a chance to fish, cook and participate in the fun activities such as the climbing wall, archery, and volley ball.

All units planning to attend should notify Pat Ring via e-mail of their plans. He can be contacted at pring978@gmail.com or (703) 674-6178. Pre-registration numbers will be used to assign campsites. The cost for the camporee has not yet been determined but will be reasonable. There is no charge for adults who will attend just to help out on Saturday but who are not camping for the weekend.

Final registration and payment will take place Friday evening on-site as units arrive. Units should provide a check made out to NCAC-BSA (note “Patriot District Camporee” on the memo line). Units will be assigned a campsite location upon arrival and check in. Units must check-in at the camp headquarters prior to occupying any camping site. For departure, if your unit is going to leave early, make sure you notify the camporee headquarters. After you have vacated your campsite, have the campsite commissioner check your site. For normal departure after the closing ceremony units can be cleared by a commissioner before the closing ceremony and leave at the end of the ceremony or they can clear after the closing ceremony. After units have cleared their campsite of all unit and personal gear and policed the area, an individual should be sent to headquarters to notify a commissioner. When the commissioner arrives, he/she will inspect the unit’s campsite. All units should be out of the area no later than noon on Sunday.

The Patriot District Camporee Director is Bill Dexter. (703) 978-2632; wtdexterjr@gmail.com.



*We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared,
so we may always be free.*

~ Ronald Reagan (b. February 6, 1911)

Camp Staff Opportunities at Camp Snyder and Goshen Scout Reservation

What Are You Doing this Summer?

There are lots of opportunities to serve as a staff member at Council Summer Camps:

- These opportunities include jobs in Aquatics, Shooting Sports, Handicraft, Scoutcraft, Culture Craft, and more
 - **At Camp Snyder:** Cub Scout and Webelos Scout camps
 - **At Goshen:** 3 Scouts BSA camps, 2 Webelos Scouts camps, 1 high adventure camp
- Staff positions are paid for Scouts at least 15 years of age
- For Scouts 14 years of age, unpaid Counselor-in Training positions may be available
- Other benefits: Make lifelong friendships, learn new skills, develop and practice leadership skills that will serve you well in any future career path
- Have other plans for summer Scouting activity? If so, you can negotiate time off for your own unit's summer camp or high adventure.
- For more information and application forms visit these websites (also see page 21 of this issue)

Gotogoshen.org or Gotosnyder.org

There are also staff opportunities available with individual District Cub Scout Day Camps. For more information, visit Gotodaycamp.org

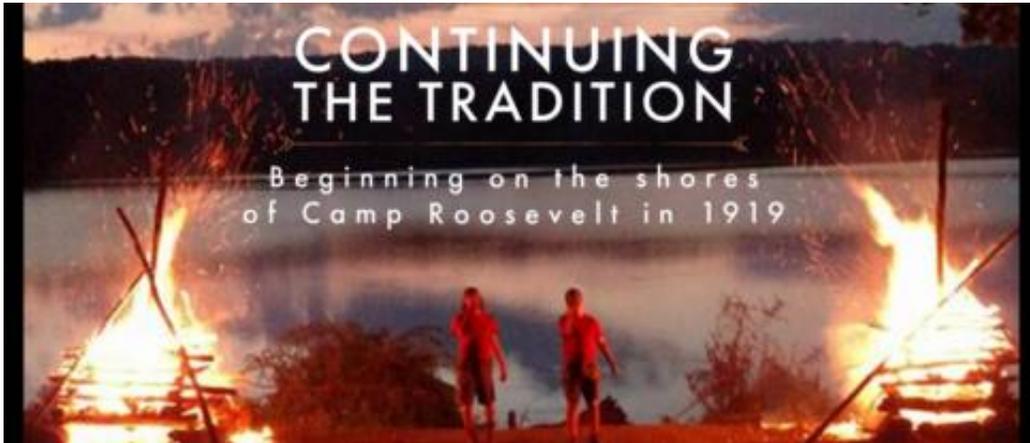


High Adventure Opportunities for this Summer!

The Council has several openings for individual Scouts interested in joining Council-led crews for a fun-filled high adventure at both Philmont and Sea Base.

For specific information regarding these opportunities, please check the Council High Adventure Committee website:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/outdoor-adventuring/high-adventure/>



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>



Bridging from WEBELOS to Scouts BSA The Journey to Fun and Growth Continues

Original article by Darryl Alder, revised by John R. Stewart

According to [Advancement News](#): “Until 1989, a large percentage of youth earning Arrow of Light failed to become Scouts. To reverse this, the BSA introduced an 18-month Webelos program, with graduations in February and immediate ‘bridging’ or ‘crossovers’ to troops. As a result, the retention rate flipped and 80 percent of February graduates became Scouts. Moreover, most remained with their patrols and troops to their 18th birthdays.”



That’s a remarkable statistic, but it becomes even more remarkable when a chartered partner sponsors the Scouting family: crew, team, troop and pack. For example, when Scouts belong to a church or school and join as Lions or Tigers in Cub Scouting, they will view the transition to each program as a rite of passage. Even though Cub Scouts can choose any troop, every troop ought to foster a “feeder pack.” Scouts BSA troops need to understand the factors involved in the Webelos-to-Scout transition process.

There are six “W’s” required for Webelos-to-Scout transition to be successful:

1. The first and most important W is Webelos:

Webelos Scouts are boys and girls who have completed third grade but not yet completed fifth grade; they are usually between the ages of 10 and 11.5. They may have been a Tiger Scout or joined the pack as a second-year Webelos Scout. They have experienced Scouting in a pack (adult-run) and are ready for Scouting’s next adventure: being part of a youth-led Scouts BSA troop. It is a natural progression for a boy or girl to go from Webelos Scout to Scout as they advance from elementary school to middle or junior high school.

2. The second W is for Webelos-to-Scout transition:

This is the passage from a Cub Scout pack to a Scout troop. The goal should be for all Webelos Scouts to join a Scout troop.

3. The third W: Who is responsible for Webelos-to-Scout transition?

Answer: The Cubmaster, Webelos den leader(s), Webelos Scout parents, Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster(s), unit commissioner, and district Webelos transition chair are all responsible.

4. The fourth W: When does Webelos-to-Scout transition occur?

Packs: From the time a boy or girl becomes a Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelos Scout, they should be made aware of the adventures of being a Scout and anticipate their turn to cross over. Troops: The Webelos-to-Scout transition is yearlong. It doesn't start until two or three months before the blue and gold banquet. Pass out and review "Graduate Webelos Scouts Into a Troop."

5. The fifth W: Where does Webelos-to-Scout transition happen?

Den chiefs assisting the den leaders at den and pack meetings; joint pack and troop activities (campouts, service projects for the sponsoring institutions, etc.), camporees, Order of the Arrow conducting bridge crossing ceremonies. Ask participants for other examples of pack and troop activities.

6. The sixth W: Why bother with Webelos-to Scout transition?"

Webelos Scouts have already experienced Scouting and should be eager to join a Scout troop, as opposed to boys or girls who have never been Scouts. All requirements for the Scout rank must be completed as a member of a troop. If you have already completed these requirements as part of the Webelos Scouting Adventure, simply demonstrate your knowledge or skills to your Scoutmaster or other designated leader after joining the troop.

Troop leaders need to form relationships with multiple packs in their area to facilitate the process of having Webelos visit troop meetings and events, so their troop can gain new youth. Visiting several units is better than visiting only one unless your chartered organization has the whole Scout family. Also, a Webelos Scout will gain more insight from attending regular troop activities than from going to events specifically designed for Webelos Scouts. Troops should invite Webelos dens to attend events and outings where troop activities are showcased and Webelos Scouts can be introduced to the patrol method.

If your troop invites Webelos Scouts to go camping, you will need to provide some support like equipment for Webelos dens to use while camping. You must also be willing to host a Webelos group on a troop campout. Troop leaders should be ready and willing to provide Scouts who will serve as Webelos den chiefs in support of the Webelos program and to promote Scouting. Troops could provide a dedicated assistant Scoutmaster and troop guide(s) to serve the new-Scout patrol, or to serve new Scouts if they are placed in different patrols after crossover to the troop.

Pack leaders also need to know their role. For example the *Den Leader Guide* states: "Every youth member graduating from a Cub Scout pack deserves the opportunity to continue their Scouting experience... The purpose of the Webelos-to-Scout transition plan is to give every youth a sampling of the troop program, leadership, advancement opportunities, and the excitement of Scouting. A key factor in this transition is the establishment of a working partnership between the Webelos Den and the Troop... every Webelos Den should be linked to a Troop."

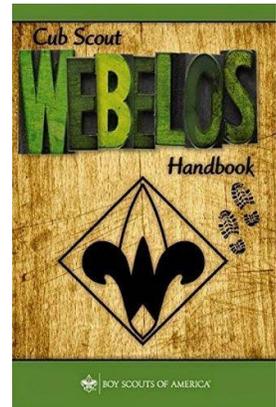
Also, the pack committee should appoint a Transition Chair. In addition, every parent needs to be directed to this transition:

WEBELOS Den	ARROW of LIGHT Den	Scouts BSA PATROL
4 th Grade	5 th Grade	5 th Grade and beyond
1 st 12 Months	Next 6 months	To June, Summer Camp, and beyond
September-June	September-February	February and beyond

The Webelos Handbook reinforces this. For parents, it advises, “Your son or daughter sees Webelos Scouting as... a step on the way to outdoor adventures in Scouts BSA... Help them move toward the Scouting adventures.” The new Webelos and Arrow of Light requirements are designed specifically to prepare these boys for Boy Scouting and their first step in their troop: Scout rank.

Ideally, the entire Webelos den will move as one into a troop, where they will become a new-Scout patrol with the guidance of an experienced Scout (the Troop Guide) who will help them adjust to the new adventures Scouts BSA offers. Their troop will likely also provide an Assistant Scoutmaster who will oversee (but not “lead” the way their Den Leader did) their bonding and overall success. This can lead to lifelong friendships because these new Scouts will likely remain an intact patrol for the next seven years.

The Webelos Den Leaders’ most important responsibility is to encourage their Webelos Scouts to move on to Scouts BSA. Correspondingly, parents can reinforce this by helping their sons or daughters select the troop they’d most like to join and then guide this transition.



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FOS FRIENDS OF SCOUTING 2020

An important Message for all Committee Chairs and Unit Leaders

The annual Friends of Scouting campaign is well underway, with most units now on the schedule for an FOS presentation by a District volunteer. If you have not yet scheduled your presentation, please contact Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net to provide the name and email address of your unit’s FOS POC and set the date. Ideal times are Courts of Honor for Troops and General Meetings for Packs. Our Patriot District FOS campaign works most effectively if there is an active partnership between the District staff and the unit leadership. With all units on board, I am confident that we can meet our goal for 2020. Thanks for your cooperation toward ensuring the success of our 2020 FOS campaign

Mark Greer
Vice Chair, Development



Whatever you are, be a good one

~ Abraham Lincoln (b. February 12, 1809)

Patriot District Life to Eagle Seminar & Discussion Roundtable For Life Scouts and Parents



**Saturday, April 25, 2020
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Burke Presbyterian Church
In the Cottage
(the mobile building outside the main entrance)
5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke, VA 22015**

**Hosted by
Former Patriot District Scoutmasters
And Featuring a Cast of Eagle Scouts and Adults
Ready To Answer All Your Questions!**



**What are the requirements? What counts as a position of responsibility?
Where do I get a project idea? How do I get my project approved? How long is
this going to take? How do I get the money for my project? What is a life
purpose statement? How do I fill out the application? What role does the
Council play? Where do I get more information? What are letters of reference?
Who's on my Board of Review?**



JOIN CAMP STAFF 2020!



General Information

Every year, Camp Snyder and the seven camps of Goshen Scout Reservation employ close to 300 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. Camp Snyder offers day and overnight resident camps for Cubs Scouts, Tigers through Webelos.

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.

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 Camp Snyder, the Webelos Camps, and the Scout/Venturing Resident Camps and 16 years of age to work at Lenhok'sin High Adventure Base. We are also seeking those 18 years 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 13 to August 4, 2020 for Goshen Camps and June 29 to August 14, 2020 for Camp Snyder.

Learn more and apply!



Goshen Camps
www.gotogoshen.org

Camp Snyder
www.gotosnyder.org



Looking to be part of the volunteer staff for Day Camp or Camp Airy?
 Check out www.gotodaycamp.org and www.airybsa.org.

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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

