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From the District Chairman

Happy New Year to the Patriot District family. Our District starts 2020 as a strong organization as evidenced by our high performing units at the Pack, Troop and Crew levels. A special congratulations to our new girls units as they transition from start-up organizations to established units. In 2019, our Scouts were very successful due to the strong units that made opportunities available to all participating Scouts and to the adult leaders who created environments for success.

The first thing I want to do is recognize Steve Smith for his leadership of the Patriot District as Chairman for the last three years. Steve has been active in Scouting for over 40 years, and he has served on the Patriot District staff as both a Commissioner and Committee member. His outstanding leadership throughout the existence of our Patriot District has led directly to the District's success at all levels. Fortunately, Steve is not leaving us – he is just taking on other important projects. He has already volunteered once again to run the “Pit Crew” at the District Pinewood Derby in March.

The purpose of the District Committee is to support units by providing unique programs, providing unit leaders training, and supporting units in their interactions with the NCAC. The major District event for the winter is the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020. The most important training event is the University of Scouting scheduled for Saturday, February 29, 2020. As our Commissioner, Dave Astle, has often noted, the University of Scouting is an outstanding opportunity for all Scouters to learn more about a wide range of Scouting issues and activities. It features over 100 courses covering subjects of importance at the Pack, Troop, Crew and District levels. I urge all Scouters to attend.

I am proud to be a member Patriot District and to assume the position of Committee Chairman for the year ahead.

Yours in Scouting,
Bill

Bill Dexter
Patriot District Committee Chairman



*However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do, and succeed at.
It matters that you don't just give up.*

~ Steven Hawking, physicist (b. January 8, 1942)



From the District Commissioner

Happy New Year!! With the closure of 2019 comes the completion of the annual unit renewal process and Journey to Excellence recognition. We only have a couple of units left to turn in their rechartering and about 25% of our units to complete their JTE. Kudos to the units having turned in their JTE scores as they are almost without exception – GOLD. Our Scouts are the beneficiaries of the significant time and effort our adult leaders put in to their units to achieve the level. We thank you and our Scouts thank you.

Last year the problem with rechartering was everyone having to take the new Youth Protection Training (YPT) and this year was chasing the new disclosure and background authorization form. Just a little reminder for this year...all of us who took YPT in 2108 must renew this year. I plan to renew in March, perhaps you can too.

We have several upcoming events at the District and Council level that you should put on your calendar. First up will be the University of Scouting, which will be held at Hayfield Secondary School on Saturday, February 29th. Registration is currently open at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting/>. Classes do have limits, so the sooner you register the more apt you are to get classes you wish.

Our annual District Pinewood Derby is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th. Our Cub Scouts are already working on their racers and the District Derby is the culmination of the racing season. You don't have to be the parent of a competitor to come see the many design ideas our Cubs come up with and enjoy this event. If any of your parents have never been to one of our Derbies, I guarantee they'll enjoy it.

April is Camporee month. Our spring Camporee will have a fishing theme and promises to offer a lot of fun. It's scheduled for the weekend of 10-12 April. We're aware this conflicts with Fairfax County School Spring Break, but we're doing it with another District who has the lead on the event.

David Astle
District Commissioner



We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt (b. January 30, 1882)

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

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

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

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



After your new Recharter is posted in my.Scouting/Member Manager, you should check each member against your roster to ensure all are properly registered.



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, January 9, 2020

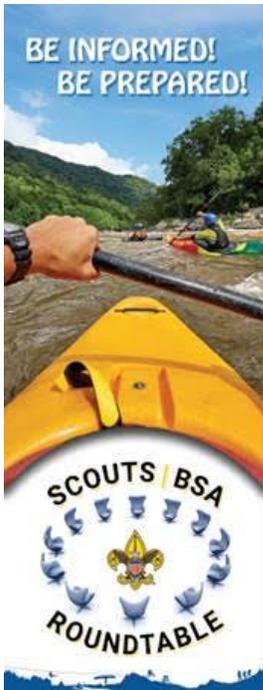
Where: Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road

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

Topics: Scoutings Birthday, Blue and Gold Celebrations, Crossover Ceremonies

Word of the month: KInd

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



Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, January 9, 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: The Adventure Plan, Signing Off Requirements, Scouter Code of Conduct.

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

Asst. Scout RT Commissioners: Joe Margraf, Rick Priest

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training for Adult Volunteer Scout Leaders

As we are all painfully aware, mental health issues including depression, feelings of helplessness and loneliness, being bullied and thoughts of suicide are no stranger to the youth we support. As adult volunteer Scout leaders it is incumbent upon us to know how to recognize and respond to the signs of mental illness and duress. This knowledge can literally be the difference between life and death.

Several years ago Fairfax County schools had a string of devastating teen suicides...and some of the boys we lost were from our local troops. In response, we have been partnering with the Fairfax County Health Department to offer a training course in Youth Mental Health First Aid to help prevent teen suicide. This is the same training that is mandatory for every Fairfax County School System teacher, administrator and staff member to complete. The same instructors from the Fairfax County Government's Health & Wellness Department that teach them have agreed to provide that training to us and to also customize it to the specific needs of Scouting.

We're excited to report that the next iteration of our training will be at the Holy Spirit School (intersection of Woodland Way and Braddock Rd) in Annandale. It will take place on **Saturday, January 25th from 8 AM -5 PM**. Coffee and snacks will be available and there will be a lunch break, but lunch is not provided. So be prepared to either bring your lunch or buy it.

We still have room for another dozen attendees!!

The cost is for the training is \$30 per person and covers all course materials and instruction. Space is limited and we are accepting no more than 30 participants for this training. Upon completion of the course, all participants will receive a Youth Mental Health First Aid certificate of completion and a NCAC sanctioned patch demonstrating achievement.

Don't miss out! Don't Wait! Be among the first to register for this essential training. To register, please email Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net. Mark can also answer any questions you may have.



Applications submitted after the Internet Rechartering window opened on October 1st may have only registered the new member for 2019. If the new member was also listed on the Internet Rechartering Charter Renewal Application, the member is registered for 2020. If not, they drop off your roster in 2020. When we have a copy of the original registration, your commissioners will submit it to add the member to your unit's 2020 roster.

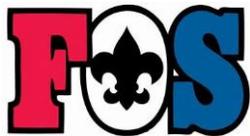
Patriot District Introduction to Outdoors Leader Skills (IOLS) Course

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.



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*



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@verizon.net 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.

A DETAILED Leader’s Guide will be published in January 2020. The Patriot District Camporee Director is William Dexter. Phone: (703) 978-2632; e-mail: wtdexterjr@gmail.com.



The time is always right to do what is right.

~ Martin Luther King (b. January 15, 1929)

Pack 41 Cub Scouts at GMU Basketball Game

On Saturday, December 21, ten Cub Scouts from Pack 41 attended the basketball game between George Mason University (GMU) and the University of Maryland, Baltimore College (UMBC). They were accompanied by the Pack Cubmaster, Steve Mandolesi, and Bryan Burks, a parent from the Pack's new Lion Den. As part of their Scout Day, the boys were invited to present the American flag at half court for the opening ceremonies. After the ceremony, the Cubs were presented Scout patches and enjoyed the game with their families. The event provided a great opportunity for members of this Patriot District Pack to cheer on our local Patriots (pun intended)!



Pack 41 Scouts and Leaders at GMU – UMBC Basketball Game



Pinewood Derby Season 2 Is Underway at Michael's Workshop Come Out to Camp Snyder and Join the Fun!



There Are Several Ways to Participate

Open Registration

Individuals or small groups can sign up for one of our open registration sessions. Visit our website to see available dates and register.

Pack Events

Packs may reserve a time and space at Michael's Workshop to hold their own Pinewood Derby event. Pack unit numbers can be posted on the workshop wall!

Volunteer

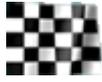
Whether an experienced woodworker or a novice, if you enjoy teaching and guiding Cub Scouts in a creative environment, you can volunteer to support these events.



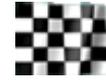
For more information, please visit the Camp Snyder website: <https://www.gotosnyder.org/>

If you have questions about the Pinewood Derby Sessions or if you would like more information about Michael's Woodshop, please email us: MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com

Dave Schneeman
Michael's Workshop

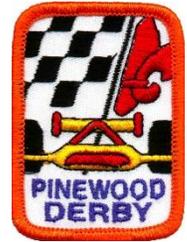


2020 Patriot District Pinewood Derby

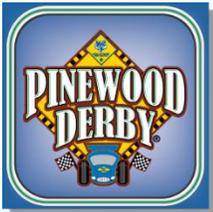


Now that the holidays and New Year’s celebrations are behind us, all the decorations are down, and our Cub Scouts are getting back into school (Scouts saying, “Boooo!” parents saying “Yesssss!”), it must mean that... **It’s Cub Scout Pinewood Derby season!!**

No doubt our Patriot District Cub Scouts 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 (same location as last year). Cub Scouts will compete in either Speed or Show categories, with their respective Ranks/Dens. Registration and competition times for each Den category 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 Patriot District Pinewood Derby is always a day of raucous, energetic, and enthusiastic fun for our Cub Scouts and families. There is always some additional goofiness that must accompany any Cub Scout event, and this year will not disappoint! 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).

The Patriot District Pinewood Derby is not an open event and **all participants must be pre-registered** by their respective Pack Committee. The registration fee for each participating Cub Scout will remain at \$10.00. Your Pack leadership has already received and should have disseminated the 2020 Patriot District Rules (there are some changes this year, so please have a look. Don’t panic, they are now less restrictive than more). 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*

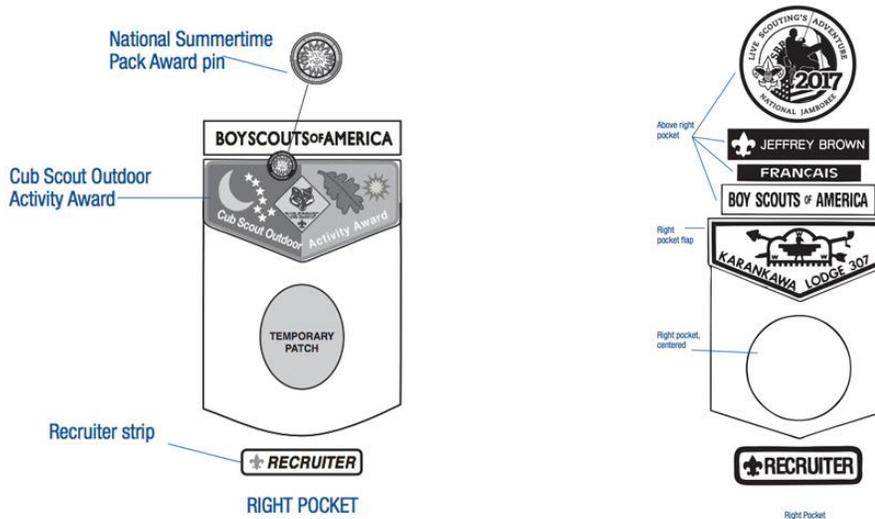


Recruiter Strip, No. 219

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.

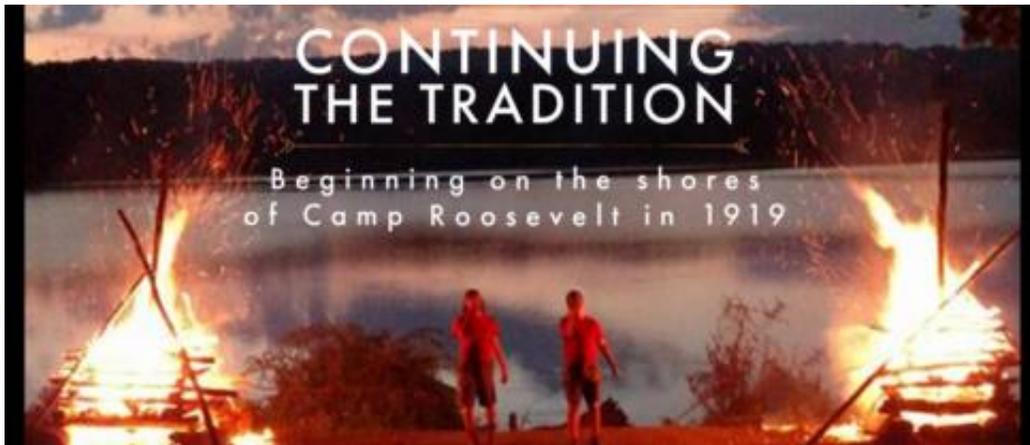


Let us all remember that today’s Scouting Program starts with LIONS, advances through Eagle, then continues with volunteer service...

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*



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 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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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:

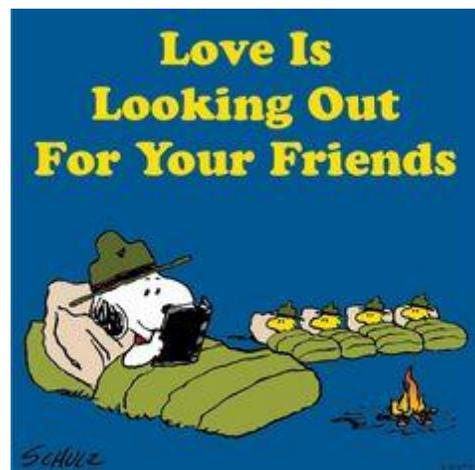
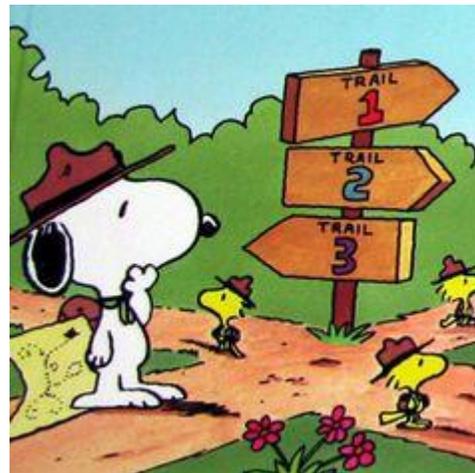
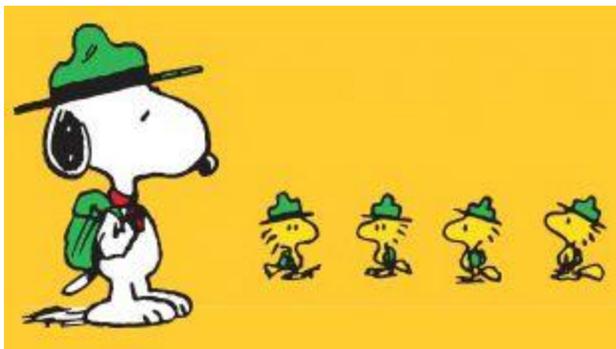
- Any Scout desiring to work on and earn the Cyber Chip Award (the Award) must obtain from <http://www.Scouting.org/cyberchip.aspx> the listing of the requirements according to his/her school grade. Scouts are categorized into two groups of Scouts – “younger Scouts” (grade 6-8) and “older Scouts” (grade 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.





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.

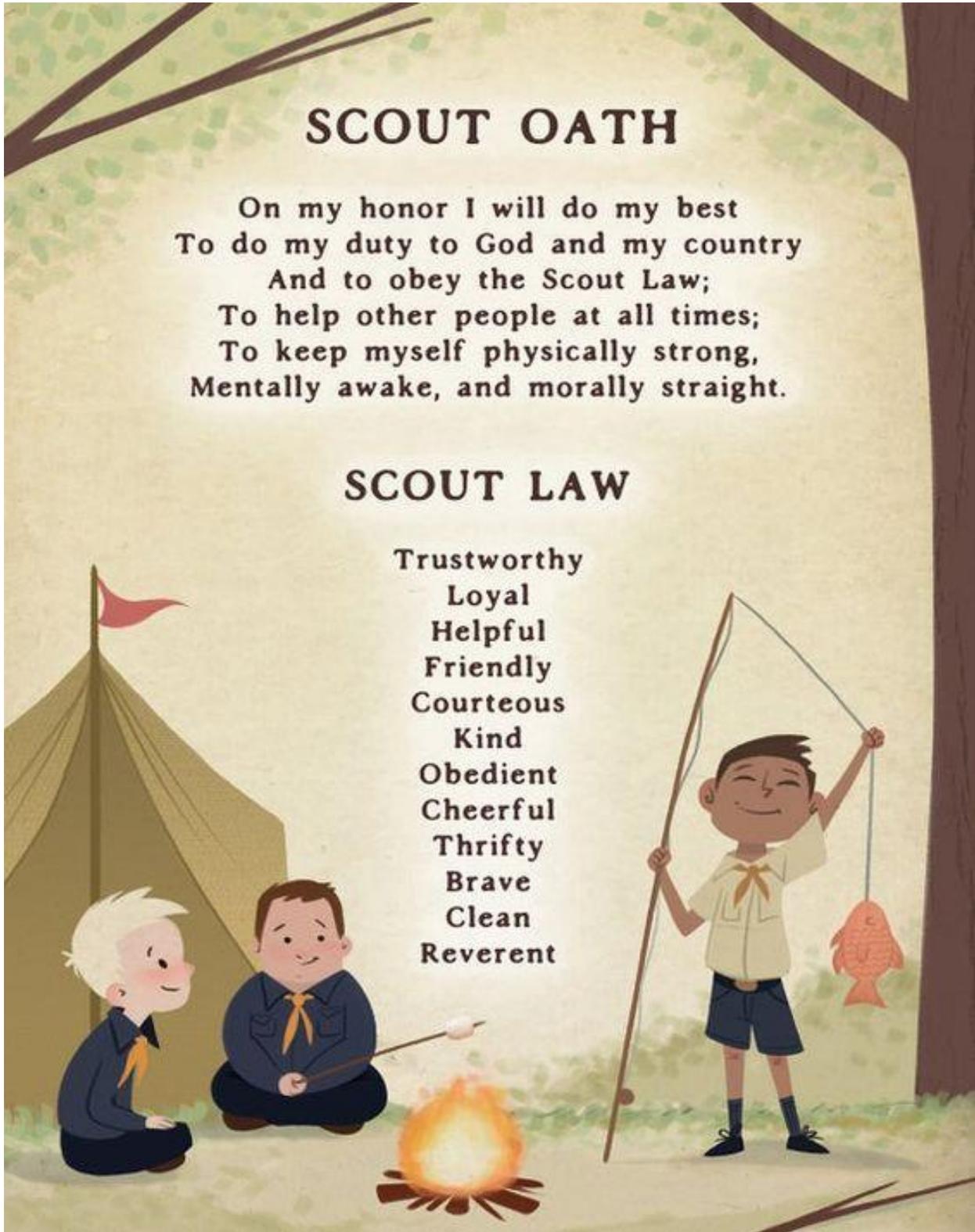


SCOUT OATH

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



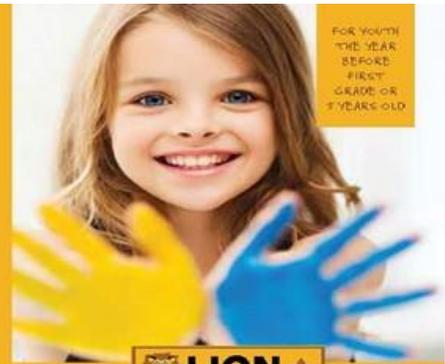
JOIN THE PACK

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.