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From the District Chairman

As we enter spring, we start a very exciting time for Scouting. Currently, Virginia State Fisheries is releasing thousands of fish so that Patriot District Scouts can catch, cook and eat them at our Spring Camporee. We are partnering with Prince William District and holding a Trout-O-Ree on April 3-5, 2020. Besides fishing, the Trout-O-Ree will feature other fun activities, including air rifle marksmanship, archery, the climbing wall, catapult firing, and gaga ball. Prince William District will also offer several merit badge classes at the event. The Trout-O-Ree guide has already been distributed, but if you did not receive it or have other questions, please contact me at wtdexterjr@gmail.com or (703) 978-2632.

Cub Scouts should be planning to attend Cub Scout Day camp this summer from July 6-10. Over the years this event has developed into an exciting, engaging, and fun week. Units and parents should take advantage of the early bird special to save money and make sure they get the number of slots they need. More details on Cub Scout Day Camp 2020 will be provided in the April issue of the Patriot Press.

I am pleased to report that Patriot District is on schedule toward meeting our obligation to raise funds for the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. At this point, we have received over \$30,000 in generous contributions, which is about 40% of our goal. We accomplished this in three ways: (1) We are fortunate to have several families and individuals who donate from up to several thousand dollars every year. They believe in the Scouting mission and generously support the campaign. Several of these most generous supporters no longer live locally but they continue to mail in donations each year. (2) Many units have already had their FOS presentations and received many contributions. One Scout BSA Troop had 100% family participation, a commendable achievement. (3) Many members of the Patriot District committee have made generous donations. Going forward, to ensure that we reach our District FOS goal, we need units that have not yet had an FOS presentation to hold them soon and strive for 100% family participation. Also, we will be conducting a follow-up campaign and asking families that have not yet donated to consider making a contribution to this most worthy cause.

The "Friends of Scouting" Campaign is the major source of funds for Council, representing about 20% of its annual budget. The money you donate to FOS is added to the NCAC operating fund to help cover salaries, utilities, program needs, and many other recurring expenses. All funds donated to Friends of Scouting stay in NCAC accounts and used to support NCAC activities. The bottom line is we need each family to donate something so that we can fully fund the NCAC Scouting program for 2020.

Yours in Scouting,
Bill

Bill Dexter
Patriot District Committee Chair





From the District Commissioner

The elephant currently in the room with the Boy Scouts of America is the announcement of its filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy. A lot has been published in the press about it, and both National and our Council have been putting out information. Due to the interest by the public in general and Scouting families in particular, National has created a website where information about the legal process can be found: <https://www.bsarestructuring.org/>. The NCAC Key 3 had a teleconference on February 25th where they fielded many questions from around the Council. Here are a few of what I thought were highlights of that call with which our Scouting families should be aware:

- National's bankruptcy filing has no impact on NCAC and its ability to provide the Scouting program to our youth.
- The only money our Scouting families pay that goes to National is the registration fee, which is currently \$60/year for youth. For mid-year joining, this amount is prorated. All other money paid to the Council, including Friends of Scouting contributions, remains within our Council
- There is no discussion currently regarding raising the registration fee again.
- There are no pending law suits against the NCAC.
- 2020 High Adventure activities at Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, and the Summit will not be curtailed.

From our perspective, we should expect Scouting to continue as it always has, and our Scouts should now be focused on some summer camping fun and advancement.

Sea Scouts has been a part of Scouting since 1912. We don't currently have a Ship (as opposed to Troop or Crew) in our District and I would like to correct that deficiency. Prior to 2016, Sea Scouts was a part of Exploring and then Venturing. In 2016 it became a stand-alone program within the BSA, and in 2018 was designated the official youth program of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. It is open to both boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 20. Scouts who have earned the rank of First Class may participate in Sea Scouts, earning the Sea Scouts ranks and continuing to work toward their Eagle. A Sea Scout participant can earn both their Eagle Scout and Quartermaster Award, which is the Sea Scout equivalent of Eagle. Sea Scouts who are looking for a lifetime of fun and adventure on the water will find their place in this program. There are plenty of opportunities to learn valuable seamanship skills that will take you cruising the waters of life. Prince William Marina has offered to sponsor a Ship if youth in our District have the interest. Please poll your Scouts for interest and let us know.

David Astle
District Commissioner



The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty.

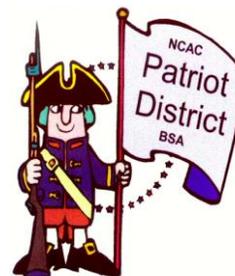
~ James Madison (b. March 16, 1751)

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

March 2020

- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – March
- 7 Pinewood Derby
- 7 BCOLS (classroom session)
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 14 BCOLS (classroom session)
- 14 Commissioner College
- 21 Scoutmaster Position Specific Training (SPST)
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 28 MITRE Scout Engineering Day



April 2020

- 3-5 Patriot District Spring Camporee (fishing)
- 5 Patriot Press Deadline – April
- 8 Passover begins (sundown)
- 12 Easter
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 16 Join Scouting Training (7 PM before Roundtable)
- 16 Roundtable
- 16 OA Chapter 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

May 2020

- 1-3 OA Spring Ordeal
- 3 Patriot Press Deadline – May
- 10 Mother’s Day
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable/Program Launch
- 16 Council Court of Honor
- 23 Eid al Fitr Begins (sundown)
- 25 Memorial Day
- 26 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



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, March 12, 2020

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

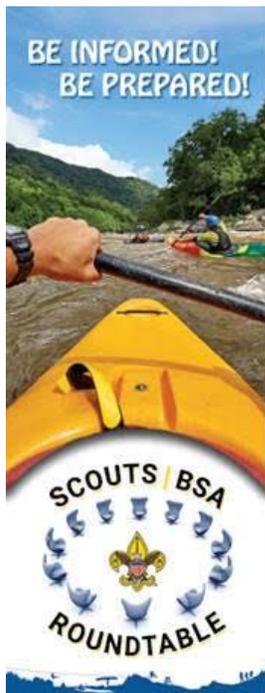
Midway: 7:30 – 8:00 PM **Roundtable:** 8:00 – 9:00 PM

Topic: Annual Planning

Word of the month: Obedient

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner

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Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, March 12, 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: Fitness, Preventing Leader Burnout, Photography MB

Randy Witter, Scout Roundtable Commissioner

703-323-5220, Randy.Witter@gmail.com

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

Patriot District Pinewood Derby 2020

The annual Patriot District Pinewood Derby – the Super Bowl of Cub Scouting – was held on Saturday, March 7, at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Fairfax Station. It was a beautiful day for racing, and once again the event was a great success. More than 170 Cub Scouts from 17 Patriot District Packs came to compete and share in the derby fun, accompanied throughout the long day by many more parents, siblings, grandparents, and friends. It was another memorable day of Cub Scouting excitement for all.

For the eighth consecutive year, the event was effectively organized and led by Pete Griffiths, the Patriot District Pinewood Derby Chair, who also served as the Race Director. He was assisted by numerous Scouters and young Scouts BSA volunteers, who helped to ensure everything went as smoothly as possible from start to finish. The core PWD support team, returning for yet another year, included Bill Dexter, District Committee Chair, and Joe Casey, who handled registration duties; Joe Margraf and Justin Day, masters-of-ceremonies; Greg Wagner, the official starter; and Steve Smith, the able pit boss providing critical assistance in making necessary race car repairs. Another core member of the team, Bill Snowden, an 8-year PWD veteran and a longtime member of the District committee, flew in from Washington state, where he now resides, to photograph the event and provide snacks and lunch for all volunteers.

As in previous years, our PWD MCs provided all in attendance with non-stop, always-stay-on-your-toes entertainment. And we once again experienced the arrival of a number of off-beat characters dropping by for various reasons to add something extra to the occasion. These interlopers included a monk seeking a quiet place to pray (good luck with that!); a shark, accompanied by the Nats favorite music in 2019, the Baby Shark song, with almost everyone joining in singing; a giraffe wanting to show everyone her new baby, but forced to flee for safety reasons when informed that the room was filled with lions, tigers, wolves and bears; and even Abraham Lincoln, for some unknown reason. As usual, each of these visitors bore a strong resemblance to one of our MCs...

Participating Cub Scouts competed in either Speed or Show categories within their respective Dens: Lions, Tigers, Bears, Wolves, Webelos Scouts, and Arrow of Light. Throughout the day, our Cub Scouts exemplified good sportsmanship, and it was inspiring once again to see these amazing future leaders together competing with fairness and respect. For the speed competition, each car raced on the three lanes in use, with the lowest average time used to determine first, second, and third place winners, at least for the Lions and Tigers dens. During the races, the Cub Scouts enjoyed cycling through as “starters” of each heat using the PWD “plunge-o-matic,” an indestructible(!) TNT detonator-like device that releases the cars when the Cubs push down on the handle. For many heats, recorded times were amazingly close! But alas, for the first time in many years, we experienced a system technology glitch.

As a self-described PWD track/timing system nerd, Pete Griffith is continually working to add new features to the system to further enhance the derby experience for racers and spectators alike. New features added to the sophisticated system this year included photographing and adding images of each car to the projected listing of racers for each heat, adding an on-deck box to those race car listings, and adding the car images to the projected listing of show category entries. Everything was working great until late in the morning, when the timing system failed. As a result, the races for the Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light dens had to be judged using a proven, systematic, manual method. Coming to the rescue were Sarah McKee, our new District Executive; John Merchant, Patriot District Program Chair; and Matt Jones and Jason Mann, Pack 1967 leaders. They assisted in competently recording the order of finish for cars in each heat for all subsequent races to reliably determine the individual winners for these dens.

In addition to the strong support provided by the core PWD team, invaluable assistance in a number of important areas was provided throughout the day by Scouts BSA from Troop 1346, Troop 1347G, and Troop 1100. They helped with registration, moving cars from the registration site to the show table or the racing cars Impound Lot, and also shuttling cars from the finish line back to the start between races. The Scouts also judged the Show competition, making their decisions based on demonstrated creativity and car craftsmanship. A hearty thank you to all of these assisting Scouts for their invaluable contributions. Thanks are also extended to Max Griffiths, who served as the Start Sequencer; to Peter Griffiths, Jr., who assisted with registration and photographing all of the cars; and to Ruku Day from Troop 1345, who served as the official bugler at the start of each set of races. And we again extend our appreciation to Pack 1101 for the use of its excellent track and hardware/software system. Lastly, a special thanks to everyone who participated in the setup on Friday evening and to those who stuck around for takedown and clean-up late on Saturday afternoon after the roar of the races had subsided and the crowd was gone.

The 2020 Patriot District Pinewood Derby again provided all participants and spectators with an extremely rewarding day marked by a steady stream of excitement, laughter, and typical Scouting goofiness. Overall, we were all also blessed to witness frequent reminders of the ideals and values that make this thing known as Scouting such a powerful and lasting growth medium for our young men and women. We look forward to seeing you all again in March of 2020!

Cub Scout trophy winners in the Speed and Show categories are listed in the following table.

			
<i>Speed</i>	<i>1st Place</i>	<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>3rd Place</i>
 Lion Den	Timothy B. <i>Pack 1345</i> Deacon L. <i>Pack 698</i>	Noah H. <i>Pack 1344</i>	Nathaniel S. <i>Pack 873</i>
 Tiger Den	Ryan C. <i>Pack 50</i>	Stephen W. <i>Pack 41</i>	Michael C. <i>Pack 1865</i>
 Wolf Den	Jack S. <i>Pack 1967</i>	Brooks L. <i>Pack 698</i>	Jaspin P. <i>Pack 1534</i>
 Bear Den	Adam F. <i>Pack 1346</i>	Derek R. <i>Pack 1865</i>	Sean B. <i>Pack 873</i>
 Webelos Den	Jakob A. <i>Pack 1346</i>	Nick B. <i>Pack 1968</i>	Jonah D. <i>Pack 115</i>
 AOL Den	Jackson M. <i>Pack 1864</i>	Neil K. <i>Pack 41</i>	Brandon N. <i>Pack 1101</i>
<i>Show</i>	<i>1st Place</i>	<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>3rd Place</i>
 Lion Den	Christina G. <i>Pack 1346</i>	Broy M. <i>Pack 1865</i>	Gavin C. <i>Pack 1131</i>
 Tiger Den	Franklin M. <i>Pack 1346</i>	Leo S. <i>Pack 1968</i>	Chanler M. <i>Pack 1865</i>
 Wolf Den	Michael D. <i>Pack 1101</i>	Lyra Z. <i>Pack 1346</i>	Lucas T. <i>Pack 1864</i>
 Bear Den	Liam H. <i>Pack 1345</i>	Michael K. <i>Pack 1967</i>	Bennett K. <i>Pack 1865</i>
 Webelos Den	Jae N. <i>Pack 1346</i>	Hunter H. <i>Pack 698</i>	Lucas L. <i>Pack 1865</i>
 AOL Den	Thai N. <i>Pack 1346</i>	Tyler H. <i>Pack 115</i>	Nate S. <i>Pack 1865</i>

PWD 2020 in Pictures



Registration: Speed Category



A Lion's First Pinewood Derby



Registration: Show Category



Masters of Ceremony



PWD Chair / Race Director



Race Starter



Pit Row Lead Mechanic



1-2-3 Go!



Technical Adjustments



Photographing Every Car



Tiger Dens Race Crowd



The Loading Zone



Surprise Pinewood Derby Visitors: The Monk, Giraffe, and Shark



Show Car Judges



Show Cars on Display



Judging in Progress



Lunch Break: Pizza for All PWD Volunteers



Patriot DE and Commissioner



Presenting Awards



Pinewood Derby Medallions



Presenting Awards

Pinewood Derby 2020 Speed and Show Winners



Lions



Tigers



Wolves



Bears



Webelos Scouts



Arrow of Light Scouts

Bill Snowden
Photography



Spring 2020 Camporee 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 volleyball.

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.



With Webelos-to-Scout crossover season upon us, transfers between units can be done only with a paper application, not on-line. On-line applications can be used for 'multiple' registrations, where someone registers in a new unit while at the same time also remaining in the old.

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. Please contact the course Senior Patrol Leader, Justin Day, at kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com or (540) 308-1626 to volunteer.

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 Justin Day 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 on Wednesday, April 22, by the IOLS Course Director, Bill Dexter. His contact information: wtdexterjr@gmail.com or (703) 978-2632.



Patriot District Court of Honor and Picnic

Just as it is important to recognize our Scouts for their accomplishments both immediately and later at a more formal court of honor, so it is important to recognize all our amazing volunteers who help to make Scouting what it is. In order to do this, the Patriot District awards committee is pleased to announce the 2020 District Court of Honor and picnic. The picnic will be a chance for members of the District to come together at a family friendly event to enjoy food, fellowship, and recognition. In order to accomplish this, we will be holding the event at one of the pavilions at Burke Lake Park so that we have lots of space to spread out, with access to the playgrounds and fields for games. We will be having a traditional summer picnic of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and other goodies, and we will top it all off with a dessert cook off! We are finalizing all the details and will have additional information in the coming months. For now, please save the date and plan to join us to celebrate Scouting and the awesome Patriot District.

What: Patriot District Court of Honor and Picnic

Date: Sunday, June 14, 2020

SAVE THE DATE!

Time: Afternoon (exact times TBD)

Location: Burke Lake Park (exact pavilion TBD)



Patriot District Awards!!

To go along with our new court of honor and celebration, the Patriot District awards committee is proud to announce that we will be recognizing our amazing Patriot District Scouts and Scouters with the following awards at this year's court of honor and picnic, which will take place on Sunday, June 14. Nominations for all awards are now open and will be open until May 1, 2020. There will be no forms needed this year, rather please send an email to the committee with a write-up on why you are nominating that person. You are welcome to include as much or as little information as you want to share about the nominee.

Please send the nominations to: patriotdistrictawards@gmail.com

Now on to the awards!!

- **Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award** – This award is meant to recognize patriot Scouters who have given exceptional service over a period of time at the unit and/or District level. These Scouters regularly go above and beyond to put on an excellent program for Scouts in the District.
- **Patriot Spirit Award** – This award is meant to recognize 1 to 2 adults from each unit in the District. These individuals do not have to be uniformed leaders and each unit can decide who they would like to receive this award. Each unit simply needs to let the awards committee know who should receive the award.
- **Outstanding Scoutmaster** – This award is meant to recognize our amazing Scoutmasters who are delivering the Scouts BSA program in unique, innovative, and inspirational ways. Nominations are open to all Scoutmasters who served during the time period from June 2019 to May 2020, so they do not have to currently be the Scoutmaster.
- **Outstanding Assistant Scoutmaster** - This award is meant to recognize our amazing Assistant Scoutmasters who are helping to deliver the Scouts BSA program in unique, innovative, and inspirational ways. Nominations are open to all Assistant Scoutmasters who served during the time period from June 2019 to May 2020, so they do not have to currently be in that role.
- **Outstanding Cubmaster** - This award is meant to recognize our amazing Cubmasters who are delivering the Cub Scout program in unique, innovative, and inspirational ways. Nominations are open to all Cubmasters who served during the time period from June 2019 to May 2020, so they do not have to currently be the Cubmaster.
- **Outstanding Den Leader** - This award is meant to recognize our amazing Den Leaders who are delivering the Cub Scout program in unique, innovative, and inspirational ways. Nominations are open to all den leaders who served during the time period from June 2019 to May 2020, so they do not have to currently be a Den Leader.

This year we will also be introducing two new youth awards to recognize some of Patriot's amazing Scouts:

- **Eagle Scout Project of the Year** – Is there a Scout in your unit who went above and beyond for his or her eagle project? If so, nominate them for the Patriot Eagle Scout Project of the Year! We want to recognize these amazing projects.

- **Den Chief of the Year** – The den chief is a very important role in the scouting program and can have an amazing impact on both the cub scouts and the den chief. We want to recognize those den chiefs who have gone above and beyond in helping their den leaders to deliver the Cub Scout program at the den level.

Once again, if you would like to nominate someone for any of these awards, please send a write-up stating why you are nominating that person to patriotdistrictawards@gmail.com. The awards committee is very excited to be able to recognize our amazing Scouts and Scouters!



Patriot District Training Every Scout Deserves A Trained Leader!!

The Patriot District Training Committee will be offering the following courses in March and April:

- Saturday, March 21 – Scoutmaster Specific Training
(register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-PatriotSpring20SPST>)
- Friday/Saturday, April 24-25 – Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills
(register by sending an email to patriotdistrictawards@gmail.com)

Additionally, the committee will be offering Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) this summer on August 22-23 out at Camp Snyder. Registration will be opening up in the coming weeks, but for now, please save the date and let's get lots of Cub Scout adults out for this course.

If you are need of training and our District is not offering the course you need, please make sure to check the Council's website at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/calendar-2/>. You will find most of the other districts' offerings here and you are always welcome to attend any other district's sessions.

*Justin Day
Training Chair*



Every Chartered Organization has an Executive Officer for its BSA units. It may be the head of the organization or another person designated by the organization for that position. The Executive Officer is the only person who can approve the registration of a Chartered Organization Representative, and one of two people (along with the COR) who can approve other adult applications. The Executive Officer is identified to BSA using a different form than the adult registration.





Join Scouting Training

April 16th



7 PM-7:30PM, right before Round Table

POC John R. Stewart, Vice Chair for Membership

Contact Info: john.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com or 571-318-0549

Helpful Join Scouting Hints and Pointers

Family Events at School: These events go by many names. Math night, Spring-fest, Curriculum Night, and more. Have a table. This is a good chance to answer questions from parents. You could even take applications that night. Have a table in the hallway with pictures from your pack to show the fun families have.

PTA meetings: Great opportunity to let the parents know the benefits for their son and the school community. **A Pack or Troop leading the Pledge of allegiance to open the meeting goes a long way.**

Chalk message on sidewalk: “Join Cub Scouts April XX” or “Join Scouts April XX” written wherever possible.

Sidewalk talk: Volunteers with something to catch the attention of the families as they are leaving school from being in uniform, to having a tent set up on the grass, will remind the families about the Join Night and prompt parents to ask any early questions before the Join Night. Talk to the families as they visit the tent and invite them to the rally. **Give them an extra flyer or sticker when they visit you.**

School email/constant contact: More and more schools are using email flyers for families. See if you can add our flyer there!

Peer-to- Peer: Youth want to be a part of something that their friends do, and they want to be invited.

Buddy Cards can be made for your pack for existing Scouts to personally hand to other youth inviting them to join.

Yard Signs and Posters: Yard Signs can be placed by the front doors, in the pickup line for parents, anywhere high traffic (for parents). Maybe the neighbor across the street from the school would let you place these in their yard? Posters should be put in school as early as possible placed in a high traffic area. Consider hanging the poster at a height that youth will see, and not quite level to draw the eye. **It is recommended that these signs go up at least two weeks before the Join Night.**

BeAScout.org Presence: All local and national publications point families to www.BeAScout.org to find a Pack or Troop. Make sure the most up to date information for your unit is available there by updating your Unit Pin through your my.scouting.org portal. Through BeAScout, you can advertise your meeting time, location, pack website, contact information, and more. **If you choose, families can even register for your pack directly online with no paper applications.**

GeoFence Your Unit's Join Scouting Activities: Attract new families and youth to your unit Join Scouting event by GeoFencing your event. A little unit funding can go a long ways in advertising your event for two weeks prior to the date within a couple of mile radius of your unit's location.

Aid Adult Volunteering: Make a list of small tasks that need to be done by Adults, this will allow busy parents to support the unit.

John R. Stewart

Vice Chair for Membership

john.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com, 571-318-0549

Sample JSN Agenda (One Hour Maximum!)

- 6:50-7:10** **Gathering and Greeting**
Greeters meet youth and adults
Have them sign in with Name, (next years) Grade, Phone, and Email Address
Give them a name tag
Guide them to their tables (each grade should be at a different table)
Provide a "gathering game"
- 7:10-7:20** **Opening Ceremony**
Introduce pack leadership
Explain and demonstrate Scout salute
Conduct a short flag ceremony
- 7:20-7:35** **Cub Scout Activity**
All current and new Cubs line up to do an activity
Several current leaders go with Scouts to teach them the Cub Scout Promise, Cub Scout Sign and Motto
- 7:20-7:35** **Explain parent involvement (while youths are doing activity)**
Brief overview of Cub Scouts (den meetings, pack meetings, Advancement, etc.....)
Explain parent involvement and why it is important.
Emphasize that Cub Scouts is a family activity.
Discuss Cost of membership, National Registration, and any Pack fees, along with fundraising opportunities and Scholarships
Answer general questions for new families.
Fill out applications and recognize new adult volunteers
- 7:35-7:45** **Youth Return and share new Skill**
Cub Scouts return and recite a Bobcat requirement together in the front of the room, then teach their parent the Scout Handshake
Collect applications and present youth with joining incentive item
Close with a brief flag ceremony
- 7:45-8:00** **After the Meeting**
Answer individual, or specific questions for families
Visit with new Den Leaders to add important pack dates to their calendars



**Want to solve the World's Problems?
Get into a STEM-ulating Career!
How? Come to the**

STEM Career Day

April 11, 2020 at the University of Maryland

The National Capital Area STEM Committee is proud to present this opportunity for youth, grades 7-12, to learn about careers in STEM! We look forward to welcoming 300+ youth, over 100 parents and 100+ volunteers. The day will feature

Keynote Speakers (STEM-ulating presenters, talking "shop") and
STEM-ulating Youth-centered Events including



- **A tour of UMD's campus,**
- **Hands-on classes and demos, and**
- **A career fair with STEM organizations/professional societies**



Themes are based on the UMD Ag Department's 5 focus areas:

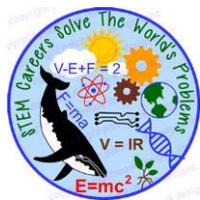
- **ONE HEALTH** - Improve Human, Animal & Environmental Health
- **CHESAPEAKE** - Ensure a Clean & Healthy Chesapeake Bay
- **FOOD & NUTRITION** - Establish a Healthy Food System & Ensure Global Food & Nutritional Security)
- **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGIES** - Optimize Urban Environments through Design, Green Technology & Community Engagement
- **AGRICULTURE** - Advance Innovative, Profitable & Sustainable Agricultural Production Systems)

The University of Maryland has **Adult Classes** for parents/guardians too, including a **Campus Tour**, **How to Apply to College**, and **Financial Aid**. Come join us!

**Register at www.scoutingevent.com/082-STEMcareers
Questions? Email: stem@ncacbsa.org**

STEM Career Day: Solving the World's Problems

Save the Date



The NCAC STEM committee is planning a big event on **April 11 at the University of Maryland, College Park**: a STEM Career Day, for older youth, grades 7-11. The theme is "Solve the World's Problems" based on the UMD motto in their AGNR Department (see www.agnr.umd.edu). Special note: This year is the fiftieth anniversary of Earth Day!

Event Overview: Our day will have a few keynote speakers, hands-on classes, a Career Fair of STEM organizations/professional societies, and demonstrations. We will welcome 350 youth + 100 parents and ~100 volunteers. Special thanks to the University of Maryland for their support!

Participating youth will have the opportunity to attend three classes during the day. During registration, please pick a theme for each class block:

- Establish a Healthy Food System and Ensure Global Food & Nutritional Security
- Ensure a Clean and Healthy Chesapeake Bay
- Advance Innovative, Profitable, and Sustainable Agricultural Production Systems
- Improve Human, Animal and Environmental Health
- Optimize Urban Environments Through Design, Green Technology, and Community Engagement

Schedule:

- 9:00 AM Check-in begins
- 9:30 AM Opening Ceremony, Speakers
- 10:30 AM Class 1
- 11:45 AM Lunch & Career Fair Open session
- 1:45 PM Class 2
- 3:00 PM Class 3
- 4:00 PM Check-out (collect patch)

Event Requirements and Details

Uniforms: Because you may be entering labs, we require close-toed shoes. Be prepared to travel indoors and outdoors (on campus) between classes. Youth are not required to wear Scouting uniforms but they are welcome to do so!

Food: Catered lunch by University of Maryland will be provided for all youth registrants and is included in the youth registration fee. Please do not bring any beverages to the event except water. Adults, volunteers, etc. may purchase a lunch ticket at the door or visit the food court in STAMP.

Food allergies: Youth with food allergies must bring their own snacks and lunch.

Parents and guardians: UMD has classes for you, too! They include a UMD campus tour, Financial Aid, Applying to College, and more. Please select your sessions during registration,

Volunteers: We need you! Send us an email at volunteer@ncacbsa.org and our coordinators will reach out. Thank you!

Registration Fee: \$40 per youth.

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?**



Michael's Woodshop News Spring 2020



We Have a Busy Spring Ahead!

Upcoming Shop Activities



Woodwork Merit Badge Sessions (monthly): Michael's Woodshop at Camp Snyder offers "Classroom Sessions" focused on shop safety, first aid and the other non-tool requirements and "Shop Sessions" which provide Scouts the opportunity to work on the project requirements in the shop. **Sign up soon - our sessions are filling up quickly!**



Woodworking 101 (monthly): Open to Scouts and adults, this class teaches basic woodworking terminology, tools & techniques and walks students through the process from rough sawn lumber to a completed project.

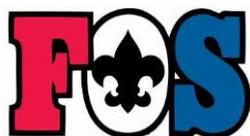


Paddle Making Class: Make your own canoe paddle! Take advantage of a great opportunity to learn this specialized skill set directly from an expert paddle maker. (Sponsored by the Aquatics Committee)

Schedule Your Own Event: Michael's Woodshop may be reserved by units for a wide range of activities. Our experienced Shop Stewards are available to help you plan and carry out a successful event. Many events are already scheduled but there are still dates available to hold your own Spring or Summer event.



To learn more about shop capabilities, planning an event, reserving the wood shop, or volunteering, please visit the Camp Snyder website <https://www.gotosnyder.org/> or email us at MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com



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. Many presentations have already been made. If you have not yet scheduled your presentation, please contact Patriot District Executive Sarah McKee at Sarah.McKee@Scouting.org 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.

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

The Patriot Press, Patriot District National Capital Area Council

The Patriot Press is the monthly newsletter of the Patriot District, NCAC, Scouts BSA. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the official policies of the National Capital Area Council or Scouts BSA. This newsletter is provided eleven times each year (not in July) and posted at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotPress>

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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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

On my honor, I promise to do my best to comply with this Boy Scouts of America Scouter Code of Conduct while serving in my capacity as an adult leader:

- 1. I have completed or will complete my registration with the Boy Scouts of America, answering all Questions truthfully and honestly.**
- 2. I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law, obey all laws, and hold others in Scouting accountable to those standards. I will exercise sound judgment and demonstrate good leadership and use the Scouting program for its intended purpose consistent with the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.**
- 3. I will make the protection of youth a personal priority. I will complete and remain current with Youth Protection training requirements. I will be familiar with and follow:**
 - BSA Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting: www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/
 - The Guide to Safe Scouting: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss
 - The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16
- 4. When transporting youth, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.**
- 5. I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, BSA policies, and BSA-provided training, including but not limited to those relating to:**
 - Unauthorized fundraising activities
 - Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of the BSA uniform and brand
 - Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind
- 6. I will not discuss or engage in any form of sexual conduct while engaged in Scouting activities. I will refer youth with questions regarding these topics to talk to their parents or spiritual advisor.**
- 7. I confirm that I have fully disclosed and will disclose in the future any of the following:**
 - Any criminal suspicion, charges, or convictions of a crime or offense involving abuse, violence, sexual misconduct, or any misconduct involving minors or juveniles
 - Any investigation or court order involving domestic violence, child abuse, or similar matter
 - Any criminal charges or convictions for offenses involving controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, firearms, or dangerous weapons
- 8. I will not possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies:**
 - Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana
 - Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives
 - Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values
- 9. If I am taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing my functioning or judgment, I will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.**
- 10. I will take steps to prevent or report any violation of this code of conduct by others in connection with Scouting activities.**

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

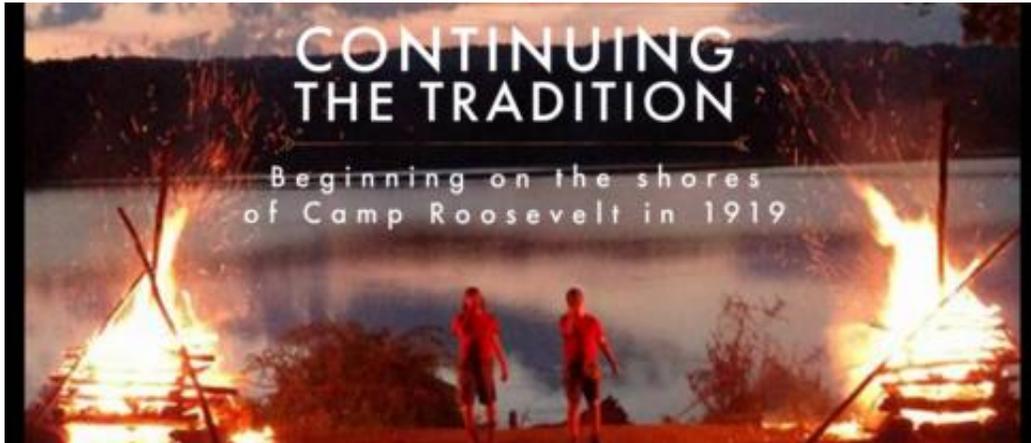


High Adventure Opportunities for this Summer!

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>



NOVA PASSPORTS

NOVA Passports is a useful and simplified tool created by Matt Baker in order to help mentors guide Scouts to obtain NOVA awards. Check it out!

Cub Scouts NOVA PASSPORTS



Science

	Wolf	Bear	Webelos
Science Everywhere	Link	Link	Link
Down and Dirty	Link	Link	Link
NOVA Wild	Link	Link	Link
Out of This World	Link	Link	Link
Uncovering the Past	Link	Link	Link



Technology

	Wolf	Bear	Webelos
Tech Talk	Link	Link	Link
Cub Scouts Can Code	Link	Link	Link



Engineering

	Wolf	Bear	Webelos
Swing!	Link	Link	Link



Math

	Wolf	Bear	Webelos
1-2-3 Go!	Link	Link	Link
Fearful Symmetry	Link	Link	Link



Supernova

	Wolf	Bear	Webelos
Dr. Luis Walter Alvarez	Link	Link	Link
Dr. Charles H. Townes	Link	Link	Link



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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.

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

