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From the District Chairman

Patriot District Family,

Well, summer is over, school has started, we are starting to see a little color besides green in the trees and the new Scouting year is well under way.

I hope everyone is ready for a very active Fall. We are well into our Join Scouting Campaign and Popcorn sales right now. In October we have the Patriot District Fall Camporee with our Scouts cooking skills on display. November will include Scouting for Food, and December will be full of the Holiday Spirit. If you cannot find something to do you are not trying!

Everyone is invited to the District Committee meeting, always the 4th Tuesday of the month. We can always use more volunteers for the District Committee. Please stop in and take a look!

As always, THANK YOU for what you do for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your support to for Patriot District’s program.

Yours in Scouting,
Steve

Steve Smith
Patriot District Committee Chair

Something New: INFORMATION BITES

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Adding Scouts to Scoutbook does not register them. Either a paper or an online application, as appropriate, is still needed.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

An online application can be used only if someone is new to Scouting or is registering as a 'multiple.' Transfers and position changes require a paper application. Also (new to Scouting or not), an online application can't be used for any of the unit Key-3 -- COR, committee chair, unit leader (CM, SM, Advisor.)
From the District Commissioner

September is upon us and with it comes a lot of Scouting activities. Our Packs are planning their back to school nights and how they can best capture new Cubs. Our Troops are having transitions within their PLC. And our adults are beginning to look at next year as to who is going to fill what positions as we prepare for the annual recharter season.

We are offering recharter training at this month’s Roundtable and I highly encourage every unit Committee Chair and person who will be the unit recharter processor to attend. The training session will begin at 7:00 PM at St Stephens Methodist Church on Braddock Road. In preparation for rechartering, every unit should be validating their membership now. You can do this by reviewing the Member Manager in the my.scouting.org website. All adults and youth on this list are those who are actually registered in your unit. Don’t totally rely on Scoutbook if your unit is using it. We’ve had a couple of IT glitches where an individual is in Scoutbook and not actually registered and vice versa. Compare them for accuracy. We’re also beginning to get a lot of online applications. Unit Key 3’s need to stay up with them and not let them go more than a week without accepting. If there is a reason you’re choosing not to accept a person, please let us know. Remember, if you have a Scout or adult who is transferring into our Council from another, or from one unit to another, a paper application is required.

At our Roundtable this month we’ll be doing things a little differently. Instead of the usual breakout sessions starting at 8:00 PM, Rich Harrington, former Scoutmaster of our Troop 1533 and current Council Vice President for Marketing and Communication, will be presenting a talk on “using Facebook to promote your unit’s activities.” We’ll start this presentation about 7:50 PM and it should go for about a half hour. If your unit already uses Facebook or is considering it, I highly recommend that someone from your unit attend. One of the important facets of his presentation is what we DON’T do on social media.

The Council Endowment Committee is offering an Adult Scouting Skills and Fellowship lunch at Camp Snyder on September 14th. Its purpose is to provide an afternoon of Scouting skills for adults and fun structured on skill participation stations that include archery, trail cooking, first aid, tomahawks, STEM, rocketry and more! It’s actually a free lunch as the Endowment Committee is treating. There is a flyer on this event on page 12 of this issue, and registration (for lunch count) can be done by going to the calendar in the NCAC.org website. Find the 14th, open the event, and register. It’s the adults turn to do the fun things our Scout do.

Our Road to Scouting is on Sunday, September 15th. This is a Troop’s opportunity to promote your Troop to our Arrow of Light Scouts as well as non-Scouts who may wish to become one. For our Packs, this an event not to be missed. It’s your opportunity to see which Troop’s you may wish to visit in your search for that next step in Scouting. Information on this event is provided on page 8 of this issue.

David Astle
District Commissioner
Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

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All Cub Scout Leaders, Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!

The Purpose of the Roundtable:
To provide the skill to do – skills, techniques, information, program ideas – and the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.
To provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

**When:** Thursday, September 12, 2019

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

**Recharter Training:** 7:00 PM

**Midway:** 7:40 PM, **Joint Session on Facebook:** 7:50 PM, **Roundtable:** 8:30 – 9:00 PM

**Topics:** Lost in Space with games and STEAM activities

**Word of the month:** Loyal

*Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner*

cweskridge@gmail.com

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**Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable**

*Not just for Scoutmasters*

Thursday, September 12, 2019

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

**Recharter Training:** 7:00 PM

**Midway:** 7:40 PM

**Joint Session on Facebook:** 7:50 PM

**Scouts BSA Breakout:** 8:30 PM -- 9:00 PM

**Topics:** Recharter Training, Facebook, Merit Badges

*Randy Witter, Scout Roundtable Commissioner*

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

Asst. Scout RT Commissioners: Joe Margraf, Rick Priest
Information Regarding Future Patriot Camporees

Fall 2019 Camporee

The theme for the Patriot District Fall Camporee is outdoor cooking. Scouts will have numerous choices to improve their cooking skills, challenge themselves and have fun. All different types of cooking will be available, including cooking over a campfire, Dutch oven cooking, and cooking using a camp stove. Meal events will range in difficulty from basic to advanced to expert. Everyone will have a chance to improve their cooking skills and also taste some good food.

At the camporee each Troop will sponsor a cooking station manned by their best adult and Scout cooks. At the station, the cooks will instruct Scouts and adults from other troops how to prepare their menu. Other Scouts and adults will visit different Troops and learn to prepare the other Troop specialties. At the end of the day, each Scout should know how to cook a different lunch and dinner.

Other Scout activities during the day on Saturday will include the climbing wall, marksmanship, archery, catapult firing, and ax throwing. Also, Scouts can play dodge ball and volleyball. Additionally, some Scouts will have an opportunity to take photography merit badge.

While Webelos Scouts can’t camp overnight at the camporee, we will run a separate Webelos Scouts program on Saturday. It will start with the Opening Ceremony in the morning and finish after the evening campfire. During the day, these Scouts will work on advancement requirements and participate in the fun activities such as the climbing wall, archery and dodge ball.

The Fall Camporee will take place the weekend of October 25-7, 2019 at Camp Snyder. Registration will be online and the cost is thirty-two dollars ($32) for Scouts and adults. This cost is higher because the fee includes the cost of food for Saturday lunch and dinner. Separately, troops will have to purchase food for Saturday and Sunday breakfasts. There is no charge for Scout adult staff members who are not camping. The cost for Webelos Scouts is sixteen dollars ($16). There is no cost for Webelos Scouts adults that are not camping.

Spring 2020 Camporee

The theme for the Patriot District Spring Camporee is fishing. Patriot District will join Bull Run District in a joint camporee that will focus on fishing. We will camp in an area that has two rivers flowing through it and three ponds overflowing with trout. One pond is stocked. Scouts will have an opportunity to fish, catch trout, clean trout, and cook trout. They will also have an opportunity to earn the fishing or fly fishing merit badges.

The camporee will take place April 3-5, 2020 at Grave’s Mountain Lodge/Farm in Syria, Virginia. Bull Run District conducts this camporee every two years and it is their most popular camporee. Other Scout activities on Saturday afternoon will include the climbing wall, marksmanship, archery, catapult firing, and ax throwing. Scouts will also be able to participate in dodge ball and volleyball activities.

While Webelos Scouts can’t camp overnight at the camporee, we will run a separate Webelos Scouts program on Saturday. It will start at the Opening Ceremony in the morning and finish after the evening campfire. During the day, the Webelo Scouts will have a chance to fish, work on advancement requirements and participate in many other fun activities.

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Fall 2020 Camporee

The theme for the Patriot District Fall Camporee is Civil War history. The camporee will be held on the New Market Battlefield in New Market, Virginia in October 2020. Join 1,500 Scouts and Scouters as we re-enact the Civil War battle of New Market. Scouts will be active participants in the re-enactment of the battle, participating as either Union or Confederate soldiers. During the camporee Scouts will:

1. Camp on the battlefield
2. Re-enact the Battle
3. Participate in a Civil War “Grand Review” where each troop will be announced and parade in front of the reviewing stand.
4. Visit the battlefield museum
5. Tour the Bushong farmhouse and supporting buildings
6. Walk the battlefield
7. Train as a Civil War soldier

Additionally, Scouts will attend a camporee Opening Ceremony and a fantastic evening campfire. Scouts will have a chance to attend an outdoor church service with several hundred other Scouts. There will be Protestant, Catholic, Jewish’ Muslim, and Interfaith services. Friday evening will feature a Cracker Barrel for Camporee Staff, Senior Patrol Leaders and Scout leaders.

NOTE: The Camporee Guidance and Instructions document will be distributed to unit leaders within a few days.

William Dexter
Vice Chair, Program
Camporee Director
(703) 978-2632; wtdexterjr@gmail.com

Hooked on Scouting

Our Fall “Hooked on Scouting” event date will be announced soon. This event provides an opportunity for newly recruited Scouts to participate in fishing-oriented activities and fun. If you have an interest or experience in fishing please send contact Ashley Felton, Patriot District Executive at Ashley.felton@scouting.org or John Stewart, District Vice Chair for Membership, at john.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com

We must dare to be great; and we must realize that greatness is the fruit of toil and sacrifice and high courage.

~ William Howard Taft (b. September 15, 1857)
The YMHFA course that folks in the Patriot District help coordinate is a nationally recognized course of instruction. A Patriot Scoutmaster discovered this course while researching training options after a Scout in his unit committed suicide. It is not a Scout course in that it’s not organized by the BSA, but we do have local leadership (the NCAC Chief Executive) permission to be advocates for this training in scout units. We work with the Fairfax County Mental Health department who provide the trained instructors. The course is 8 hours long. You will receive a national certification after completion. More details describing the course can be found at: https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/.

We’re offering the next iteration during the Patriot District Fall camporee. You do not need to register for the camporee if you are only attending the class. If doing both (e.g., supporting your unit Friday and Saturday night, but taking the class during the day on Saturday), then you do need to register for the camporee separately. The training will take place on Saturday, October 26, at Camp Snyder from 9 AM – 6 PM with an hour for lunch (which you should bring). The cost is $30. All you need to register for the class is to send Mark Greer an email at mfgreer@verizon.net. He is also available to answer any questions at that email address.

We need YOUR Troop for The Road to Scouting

Help recruit your Troop’s next generation of Scouts BSA members from the Patriot District’s Cub Scout Packs!

WHAT: Road to Scouting (Webelos Scouts to Scouts BSA Transition)

WHEN: Sunday, September 15, 3:00 – 4:30 pm (setup begin at 2:15 PM)

WHERE: Redeeming Grace Church, 5200 Ox Rd. Fairfax, VA 22030

WHY: In the early fall Webelos Scouts II/Arrow of Light Scouts begin the process of searching for Troops to join. This is a chance for your Troop to get early exposure to area Webelos Scouts, advertise your upcoming recruiting events, and give our Webelos Scouts a sense of the adventure that awaits them in Scouts BSA! Bring a display of what you do! Bring written materials to hand out! Bring an activity. And plan to bring some of your Troop’s Scouts to talk to Webelos Scouts and their parents.

10 Troops have already requested space! To reserve your space, or for questions:

CONTACT: John Stewart at john.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com, or Ken Gaul at kgaul@verizon.net or kgaulbsa@gmail.com

We want all of our Patriot District Troops represented to have an opportunity to show a display and talk about their Troop to the participating Webelos Scouts and their parents.

John R. Stewart
Vice Chair, Membership
POPCORN! POPCORN! POPCORN!

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

Don’t forget – popcorn is a fundraiser AND an excellent way to help scouts build character! Whether it is knocking on someone’s door or standing at a storefront, popcorn sales help scouts build social skills and confidence by talking to others. They also learn that it takes hard work to make a sale and about rejection as not every interaction will result in a sale.

Reminder: It’s not too late to start selling – identify your Unit Popcorn Kernel and have them contact Carrie to get started!

KEY DATES / INFORMATION:

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

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

NEXT ORDER → September 13 @ midnight

NEXT DELIVERY → September 28

QUESTIONS? ISSUES?

Please contact Carrie Messersmith by phone at 703-915-9383 (leave a message) or via email at patriotdistrictpopcornkernel@gmail.com

Webelos Scouts, you are invited to an OUTDOOR SKILLS DAY Hosted by Troop 50

When: Sunday, October 6, 1:00-4:00 PM
Where: Holy Spirit School Backyard (8800 Braddock Rd., Annandale)

Webelos from the Patriot District area, come enjoy an afternoon of outdoor fun while you learn the skills for some of your Webelos and Arrow of Light Adventures. Some of the things you’ll be doing are:

• Fire Building • First Aid Basics • Knots • Emergency Shelter Building • And More!

Webelos are welcome to come as a patrol or individually, but please let us know to expect you so we are well-prepared. Please RSVP to Scoutmaster RJ Levin at rlevinjr@aol.com or (202)999-2833. If you’ve got questions, be sure to reach out to Mr. Levin for the answers.

And, of course, if it’s cold we’ll make sure to keep you warm with hot chocolate or cider! So, come ready to learn and to have FUN!
FREE PINEWOOD DERBY CAR KITS

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

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

• “Scout Me In” is this year’s recruiting theme
• All paid new Cub Scout applications submitted by October 31st will receive a Pinewood Derby Car Kit.
• All Patriot Packs have JSN’s scheduled already ☺, Spring Recruiting is underway
• GeoFencing—units provide the info on their Join Scouting Events at least 3 weeks prior to the events, the event will be advertised for the two weeks prior to the event. The Radius of the advertising can be adjusted as needed. Both Packs and Scouts BSA units can participate.
• New Parent Guides are available for use at Join Scouting/recruiting events
• Road to Scouting September 15th, 5200 Ox Road, Fairfax (Redeeming Grace Church), Set-up starts at 2:15 PM; event runs 3:00-4:30 PM; clean-up 4:30-5:00PM.
• New Unit Formation—one new Scouts BSA Troop (G) JAN2020
• As of mid-August, the following Packs have this breakout of female Cub Scouts

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• All of our Scouters are encouraged to refer interested parents of girls to these units.

John R. Stewart  
Vice Chair for Membership  
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The Patriot Press, Patriot District
National Capital Area Council

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

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To Join the Patriot District Committee
Great Jobs for Great Volunteers

Take your Scouting leadership to an exciting and rewarding new level.

Work with other great Scouters providing great programs for great Scouts.

Contact Steve Smith: smithfamilyzoo@cox.net

B-P Still Wants You!
Celebrate 100 Years Of NCAC Camping!

Save the Date!
2019 Adult Scouting Skills & Camp Snyder Fellowship Lunch

To provide an afternoon of Scouting skills and fun for adults through stations that include archery, trail cooking, first aid, tomahawks, STEM, rocketry, and more!

Scouters join us as we celebrate Scouting and experience what our scouts enjoy at summer camp!

Register today at www.ncacbsa.org/adultscoutskills

Free Fellowship Lunch served at noon in the Dining Hall.
(Registration required for planning purposes).

Saturday, September 14, 2019, 11 AM to 4 PM
Camp William B. Snyder, 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169
Sponsored by The Endowment Committee & NESA DC

For more info, please contact Chief Development Officer, Jenna Welle
@ (301) 214-9113 jenna.welle@scouting.org

Connect with Scouting Alumni!
A WORD FROM THE CHIEF SCOUT EXECUTIVE

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

Michael Sciallo
Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America

FROM ONE PARENT TO ANOTHER

"I am amazed at how much my child has grown in the Lion program. He had such a great time seeing his child learn and grow. It was fun to do things together, but also to be there by new things on their own. It was definitely worth our time this year."

— Clare R.

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 25% of parents at school-age children rely on after-school activities as an extension of learning and development.

— Massachusetts Department of Education, 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!"
- "Hands-on and active!"
- "Builds character!"
- "A good way of learning!"
- "It simple and easy to implement!"

Lions have just a few of the great activities your child will get to participate in:

- "Lions’ House!"
- "Build My Path!"
- "Gadgets and Gizmos!"
- "Build It Up, Fix It Down!"

Other adventures that will instill a sense of respect for their peers and emphasize the importance of family, courage, and making good choices.