

Resources for Unit Planning

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The internet contains a wealth of information and ideas for your unit program planning. Some of this information is official, and much is not, although may still be useful. You need to use common sense when evaluating the information, and understand the source. The following resources are mostly from approved sources, but may be dated – especially in the current (Spring/Summer 2020) environment.

Camping / Outdoor

Where to Go Camping Guide. <https://wipit470.org>. Just scroll down and you will see this link on the main page. In addition to a lot of Camping Tips and tricks, this document includes a lot of camping and Health and Safety related links. It includes a fairly comprehensive catalog of local, regional, state and national parks and campgrounds – both public and commercial. It also includes sections on Balloo-approved sites for Cub Scout camping as well as High Adventure opportunities. [Note: many of the links in this document are not “hot” in that they cannot be reached with a single click, but they can be copied and pasted into your browser. Also, some of the links that reference the <https://ncanbsa.org> site were broken when the Council site was re-hosted and redesigned, but much of the information still exists under the Resources > Outdoors pages.

NCAC Web Site <https://ncacbsa.org>

This includes the most recent information from the Council. It includes the calendar, and a page for each District. The site is relatively new, and some of the pages copied from the old site may be old or broken. Copies of the Patriot Press and Roundtable presentations can be found in links in our own Patriot page. : <https://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot/>;

Under “Resources > Outdoors,” there are pages for the outdoor-related camping sub-committees:

Camping Aquatics Shooting Sports Cope/Climbing High Adventure

Pages within these categories contain additional points of contact and resources for the various activities. The

Quick links to each of the Council camping opportunities:

Goshen Reservation: <https://gotogoshen.org> Rockbridge County, VA

Camp Snyder: <https://gotosnyder.org> Prince William County, VA

Camp Wall: <https://www.facebook.com/CampWallUSVI> St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Camp Airy: <https://scoutcampatairy.org> One week camp in Thurmont, MD

Patriot calendar and all things specific to Patriot District can be found in the Patriot page on the NCAC web site. at

Also check out “**Patriot District, National Capitol Area Council**” on **Facebook**. If you “Like” it, you will get alerts when new information is posted.

The website [scouting.org](https://www.scouting.org) contains a wealth of information and resources under categories such as Health and Safety, Training, Outdoor Adventure, Awards and many others.

Health and Safety / Risk Management

Scouting.org is the best location for all things related to Safe Scouting, and includes not only the most up-to-date version of “Guide to Safe Scouting”, but links to many other very useful resources to a site that contains one-page “Safety Moments” that can be printed and shared with both you youth and adults, as part of a program. There are also videos and forms that can be used for Incident Reporting.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety>

- Safety Moments: One-page presentations on a safety-related topic. These can be used as Scoutmaster Minutes or your Scouts can use them to develop/augment a presentation to the Troop
- Safety-related training
- Safety Awards
- Safety Newsletter
- Incident Reporting videos and forms.



Scout Training

Again, **Scouting.org** is the best location for all things related to both Scout Youth and Adult Training. The quicklinks at the bottom of the page identified below will take you to a variety of types of training: Cub Scout Leader, Scouts BSA Leader, Chartered Org Rep Training, Committee Training, etc. Almost 500 course codes are listed in the Training Course Code list. If you set up an account in my.scouting, the online courses you take will be recorded in your my.scouting record.

<https://www.scouting.org/training/>

Order of the Arrow

If you need information about the OA, the best sources are our local Lodge website <https://wipit470.org> and the National Web Site <https://oa-bsa.org>

Up-to-the-minute news and articles about Scouts

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<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org>