



Western Shore District May 2018 Newsletter

May:

- 4-6: OA Chapter Spring Ordeal** - Summerseat Farm 26655 Three Notch Rd, Mechanicsville, MD 20659
- 9: Commissioner Meeting/OA Chapter Meeting** - 630pm-730pm Patuxent Presbyterian Church 23421 Kingston Creek Rd California, MD
- 9: District Roundtable** - 730pm-9pm Patuxent Presbyterian Church 23421 Kingston Creek Rd California, MD
- 18-20: OA Section Conclave** - Camp Rodney 400 Rodney Scout Rd, North East, MD 21901
- 18-20: CVOA Spring Venturing Camporee** - Camp Snyder
- 30: District Committee Meeting** - 730pm-9pm Southern Community Center 20 Appeal Ln Lusby, MD

June:

- 10: Trail to Eagle Brief** - St. Peter's Church 3320 St. Peters Dr, Waldorf, MD 20601
- 13: Commissioner Meeting/OA Chapter Meeting** - 630pm-730pm Patuxent Presbyterian Church 23421 Kingston Creek Rd California, MD
- 13: District Roundtable** - 730pm-9pm Patuxent Presbyterian Church 23421 Kingston Creek Rd California, MD
- 18-22: Day Camp St. Mary's County Fairground** - 42455 Fairgrounds Rd. Leonardtown, MD
- 25-29: Day Camp Kings Landing Park** - 3255 Kings Landing Rd. Huntingtown, MD
- 27: District Committee Meeting** - 730pm-9pm Southern Community Center 20 Appeal Ln Lusby, MD

July:

- 11: Commissioner Meeting/OA Chapter Meeting** - 630pm-730pm Patuxent Presbyterian Church 23421 Kingston Creek Rd California, MD
- 11: District Roundtable** - 730pm-9pm Patuxent Presbyterian Church 23421 Kingston Creek Rd California, MD
- 25: District Committee Meeting** - 730pm-9pm Southern Community Center 20 Appeal Ln Lusby, MD





District Chairman's Minute

“The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth.”

Professional athletes, or anyone who competes at very high levels, are constantly looking for ways to make themselves better than their competitors. They are not the only ones—most people are searching for that “something” to get the most out of life and to be successful.

Several years ago, I ran across a leadership blog by John Patrick Hickey titled “12 Things A Boy Scout Can Teach You About Being Successful”. As a Scouter, you can easily figure out what the article was

about—character as defined by the Scout Law. A non-Scouter, Hinkley’s view is from a business perspective. What is “[t]he importance of being [*one of the points of the Scout Law*]”?

Hickey’s article struck a chord with me. It explained exactly the character traits that, not only I subscribe, but those I look for when I’m in search of someone to hire and expect in those with whom I work. At work, we have managers control significant amount of taxpayer money, leaders of large teams, people who interact daily with other organizations, and those whose planning and conduct ensure the safe execution of our work—it really goes without saying that they need to be trustworthy. For me, this is the number one-character trait I look for in the people I associate.

Our quest to instill the values as defined in the Scout Law to our youth is sometimes a challenge. The Scouts repeat the Scout Law every meeting and at times very quickly and usually without thinking about what they are saying. We talk about during the Scoutmaster’s minute and the Scouts maybe challenged about it in a board of review. As leaders do we focus on the trait or do we put it in the context of what it really means outside of the unit and the school environment—the “so what”? What is the impact on our character building interactions in the future lives of our Scouts? Do they understand? Are they prepared?

I have used this article over the years to provide me some talking points when addressing Eagle Scout Courts of Honor or other Scout gatherings to address our youth. It’s something a little different than our traditional approach on the subject in our conversations with the Scouts. Essentially, it is that “so what” that will impact their everyday life—focusing on where they will spend most of their time when the schooling and their youth is behind them.

For me, I’ve quietly brought our values to my workplace by “setting the example” to the best of my abilities. Overtly, at work I often email articles on leadership that I believe will improve performance and culture in our organization. They are sent to all levels of the organization from the most senior leaders, managers, the team members and, to me, most importantly to our young employees participating in our development program. The “12 Things A Boy Scout Can Teach You About Being Successful” was sent to them.

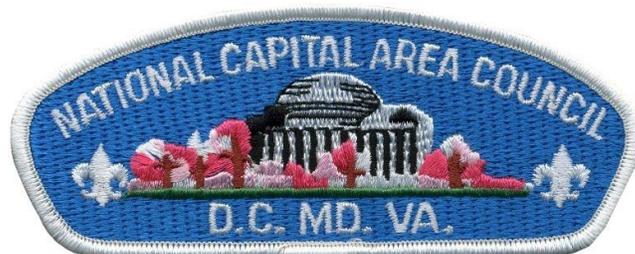
Where I work, the Scout Law receives good reviews.

See you on the trail,

Joe Mortensen

District Chairman

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Commissioner's Corner



Seeking Scouters to build our Roundtable Commissioner Teams!!!

Roundtables play a significant role in providing continuous supplemental training for unit leaders. This monthly event provides program topic guidance and structure suggestions for unit leaders.

The Western Shore Roundtable Commissioner Team is in search for Scouters who would like to assist in providing enthusiastic program and knowledge to fellow leaders, parents, and guests at our monthly Roundtables.

If you would like to assist on the Cub Scout or Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner Team, please contact District Commissioner John Howlin at johnhowlinjr@yahoo.com with your interested Roundtable Team and any questions.



Soon, we'll be gathering as a team to develop the 2018-2019 Roundtable Program and provide Roundtable Commissioner Training for those interested in being part of the Roundtable Team.

Yours in Commissioner Service,
Andrew Willis
 Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
andrew_d_willis@yahoo.com



Western Shore District would like to send a big CONGRATULATIONS to our final District Award of Merit Awardee: Winifred Niemmi



TRAINING

Every Scout Deserves Trained Adult Leaders!

The month of April was quite busy with the Western Shore Training Team. The Training Team provided BALOO, IOLS, and numerous in-person position specific training to ensure our leaders are prepared and ready to provide a solid program to the Scouts in Western Shore. Thank you to everyone who came out and attended or staffed the numerous courses that were offered in April.



Congratulations to our new Western Shore Den Chiefs!!!



Congratulations to our new BALOO trained leaders!!!



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For those who could not attend the WSD BALOO and IOLS offerings earlier this month, the classes will be offered in mid-May by the Four Rivers District, Baltimore Area Council in nearby Ann Arundel County. If you complete one of these classes be sure to advise me by e-mail to include your name, the name of the class, BSA id#, and the class completion date so I can give you credit in the BSA database.

BALOO – May 19-20

<http://www.baltimorebsa.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=1952762>

BALOO students must complete the prerequisite online training at the BSA Learn Center under my.scouting.org.

IOLS – May 18-20

<http://www.baltimorebsa.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=1952761>

Read the announcements carefully as there are \$15.00 fee discounts for those who register by the noted deadlines. The class announcements have contact info for more information specific to each class or you may contact Helen Loomis, Training Chair, 4 Rivers District at bobaloomis@gmail.com or 410 804 1778.



We are striving for 100 percent trained leaders in our Western Shore units. As many of you have heard me say at Roundtable – Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING UNIT WHO REACHED 100% TRAINED LEADERS

Troop 1780 – Good Shepherd Methodist Church

Which unit will be the next to join Troop 1780 on reaching 100% trained leaders???

We are still looking for someone to take on the position of Cub Scout Training Chair. If you think that person might be you, please contact me at jbaake@md.metrocast.net or 301-994-1706.

Jon Baake

WSD Adult Leader Training Chair

jbaake@md.metrocast.net

Direct Contact Leaders,

Effective April 30th, 2018 new direct contact leaders must complete Hazardous Weather Training to be considered position trained.

Hazardous Weather FAQ's
April 2, 2018



Q. Is this a membership requirement like Youth Protection training?

A. No. This is a direct contact leader positioned trained requirement effective April 30, 2018

Q. Why is Weather Hazard Training important?

A. Our program takes place in an outdoor classroom. This training discusses how to manage risks from the weather to our Scouting family. There are several incident reviews which are appropriate to share with leaders who may question why an appreciation of the risks in our outdoor classroom are important. The most impactful: Lighting, head and Hydration, Hypothermia.

Q. If I am trained in my current position, will I be required to take Hazardous Weather now to retain the trained designation?

A. No. If you are currently trained in your position you will not be required to take the additional course now. We recommend if you have not taken the updated course (SCO_800) that you do so to have the most current content.

Q. What happens to my previous credit for Hazardous Weather (WS81)?

A. Course code WS81 is being retired. To stay current, the new course (SCO_800) will need to be taken after WS81 is two years old.

Q. At what point in my training do I need to take Hazardous Weather (SCO_800)?

A. The course is available for you to take at any time but is recommended in the third and last section of courses offered to be a trained leader. It is recommended that you take the course before an outdoor activity.



Q. What direct contact positions are now required to take Hazardous Weather to be considered position trained?

A. Cubmaster (CM)
Den Leader (DL)
Webelos Den Leaders (WL)
Scoutmaster (SM)
Leaders of 11-year old Scouts - LDS (10)
Crew Advisors (NL)
Skippers (SK)
Post Advisor (AA)

Q. Is there a classroom course?

A. No, the course is available only online. This is by design and not a new requirement.

Q. How do we grant group credit when training staff for camp?

A. Your registrar can grant credit in ScoutNET to SCO_800.

Seven receive Eagle Scout honors



Seven young men of Troop 777 sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were honored with the highest Scouting award on April 3, an accomplishment that only 4 percent of all scouts achieve. This makes for a total of 15 Scouts to achieve Eagle rank in Troop 777 in the past 12 months.

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CVOA Venturing Camporee May 18 to 20, 2018

Western theme

Location - Camp Snyder

Cost is \$25 until May 10th then it goes up to \$35.

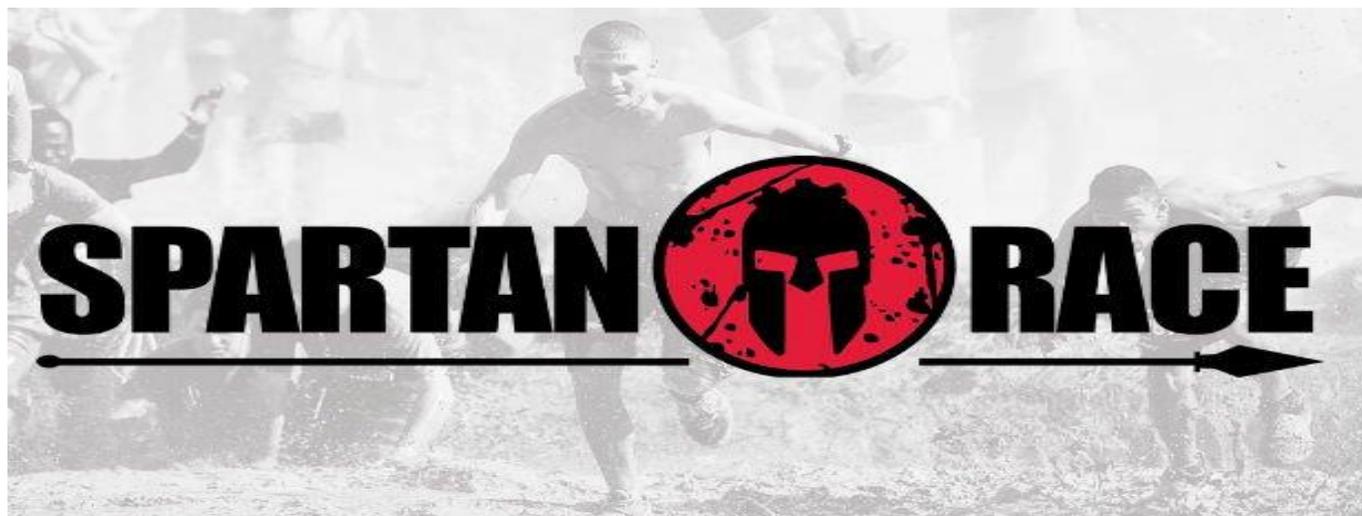
The event is open to ALL Boy Scouts 14 yrs and older, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and Venturing youth and adults!!!

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-SpringVenturingCamporee>

Activities include:
 Shooting Sports - air rifles
 Tomahawks
 Archery
 Gaga Pit
 Field Games
 Giant Jenga
 COPE course
 STEM
 Training - ALPS
 Arts n Crafts
 Costume contest
 Friday movie/game night



Exciting happenings at Summit Bechtel this August



Aug 24-26, 2018 West Virginia Trifecta Presented by West Virginia Tourism

The Summit Bechtel Reserve, Glen Jean WV

<https://www.spartan.com/en/race/detail/3510/overview>

Summit Bechtel Reserve is widely known for its natural beauty, its unbeatable white-water rafting, and the fact that every four years, its 10,000+ acres of pristine land play host to the National Boy Scouts Jamboree. This year, SBR's rolling hills welcome a different kind of gathering: their first-ever Spartan Race.

Top Reasons to Take on this Course:

1. The Boy Scouts of America have turned SBR into the capital of outdoor adventure. Enjoy kayaking, hiking, mountain-biking, and zip-lines in southern West Virginia.
2. As one of four facilities managed by the National Council of Boy Scouts of America, SBR is a hallmark of American sustainability and preservation. Their Sustainability Treehouse is equipped with a rainwater recovery system and a full-blown wind-powered generator.
3. SBR's vast array of hills, steep inclines, water features and technical terrain will test your athleticism like nothing else.
4. After taking in the view from the summit, you can see SBR's stunning landscape from another point of view: looking down from the 800-foot-long Triple Walkway Suspension Bridge.



Hello St. Mary's County STEM Partner,

We wanted to tell you about Race X Maryland, a professional drone racing event we are hosting at St. Mary's College of Maryland on June 16th and 17th!

This is a great event for STEM programs and organizations located in the County and Southern Maryland to showcase what they do and engage the public. STEM programs have the opportunity to set up a static display or demonstrations at the event. We are expecting anywhere from 1000-1500 people at the event. There will be specific sections geared towards children as well as a more general audience.

Race X Maryland: International FPV Drone Race and Show will be taking place on June 16-17th from 12 p.m.- 6 p.m. both days at the St. Mary's College of Maryland Soccer Stadium. The event will feature the new gravity-defying sport of drone racing along with demonstrations and static displays by local drone companies, an obstacle course for visitors to test their mettle, food trucks, a Kid's Zone, and more. For more information, you can visit our website at <https://www.racexmaryland.com/>.

If you are interested in participating in the St. Mary's County Drone Races or if you have any questions, you can contact me at 301-475-4200 ext.*1401 or by email at adam.mawyer@stmarysmd.com. Thank you, and we hope to see you the 16th-17th!

Sincerely,
-Adam Mawyer



RACE X MARYLAND
INTERNATIONAL FPV DRONE RACE & SHOW
JUNE 16 & 17 2018
ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

DEMONSTRATIONS FROM LOCAL STEM PROGRAMS SOLO DRONE RACING COMPETITION











www.racexmaryland.com



Western Shore District Website

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/western-shore/>

Have you visited our District website lately? We are always looking for suggestions or information to share with our members.

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