



# Western Shore District May 2019 Newsletter

## Upcoming Events/Announcements

### May 2019:

**3-5: OA Spring Ordeal** – Camp St. Charles Cobb Island

**4: Day of Training Event** – 8:30am – 12pm Patuxent Presbyterian Church 23421 Kingston Creek Rd California

**8: Commissioner Meeting/OA Chapter Meeting** – 6:30pm - 7:30pm Patuxent Presbyterian Church 23421 Kingston Creek Rd California

**8: District Roundtable** – 7:30pm - 9pm Patuxent Presbyterian Church 23421 Kingston Creek Rd California

**11-12: Joint BALOO/IOLS Training Event** – American Heritage Land Trust, Prince Frederick

**11: Council Court of Honor** – 9am – 12pm Camp Snyder Haymarket, VA

**17-19: OA Section Conclave** - Camp Snyder Haymarket, VA

**24-27: Goshen Family Camp** – 5pm – 11am Goshen Scout Reservation Goshen, VA

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### July 2019:

**No District Events. Enjoy your summer adventures with family, friends, and Scouts.**



# Congratulations



**District Award of Merit – David Nelsen**



**Western Shore District will be presenting the Trail to Eagle Brief on June 2nd from 1:30 - 5:00 PM at Lifestream Church, 5105 Leonardtown Rd, Waldorf, MD 20601.**

In addition to reviewing the Eagle Scout Rank Requirements, the Trail to Eagle Brief provides an explanation of and information on how to:

1. Use / complete the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook
2. Select a project
3. Develop a proposal
4. Get the proposal approved by the Beneficiary, Troop and District
5. Mature a plan
6. Execute the project
7. Complete the project write up
8. Complete the Eagle Scout Rank Application (Including a review of the process for submission for Troop, District and Council approval)
9. Prepare for the Eagle Board of Review
10. Submit the final paperwork

Intended audience is Star and Life Scouts and their parents/guardian, and Troop Adult Leadership (including SM, ASM, CC, Eagle Mentor/Advisor/Coach, Advancement Chair).

Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of the current version of the BSA Eagle Scout Rank Application and the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook.

## District Chairman's Minute



Let's go with the thank you-s first.

For the successful Spring Camporee on 5-7 Apr, the thanks go to the Western Shore Chapter of the Order of the Arrow for hosting the event— nice job guys.

We recognized some of our outstanding Scouters last month at the Awards Dinner in March and the special thanks goes to the man behind the curtain, Terry Wilt our District Awards Committee Chair who puts many many hours to ensure that we advertise the awards, receive the nominations, processes them, and ensure we have the certificates and plaques to present.

We had a successful Scouts BSA rollout and to make it run smoothly required a lot of work from the district committee, charter organizations, and the new Troop leadership—my thanks goes to Steve McDanal who led our entire effort through his dedication and hard work.

And finally, on the financial side, thank you to Ms. Laura Essex for managing the challenging Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign in meeting our benchmarks for 2019. We could not do it without her and her team. The District Committee is on the business end of Scouting. District leaders mobilize resources to ensure the growth and success of units within the District territory and carry out four standard functions: membership, fund development, program, and unit service. Your district committee is carrying out its responsibilities. Our strategy for 2019 is to look in to the future with advance planning to ensure the success of our function areas. The most challenging areas are financial and our major product is membership. Without membership we have no need to raise funds or have programs. Membership is an everyone responsibility—Not only to attract youth to join but to keep youth in our programs. Western Shore had a youth retention rate over 80% last year--the NCAC average.

On the financial side, we raise funds through popcorn and camp card sales, special events and the Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign in order to support the delivery programs. We are well into our FOS Campaign and camp card sales. To run the Scouting program in the National Capital Area Council it requires approximately \$250 per Scout. While National Council of the BSA depends on the scout stores and high adventure camps to fund their operations, councils depend on the kindness and generosity from the communities we serve. If you have not donated to FOS please consider making a tax-deductible donation today.

Many ask “what do the event fees go to?” That is a fair question that I don't think has been adequately answered nor has the district has been transparent in this regard. This leads to the next question “what is the district committee doing?”. In order to answer the first question, you need to know what has change on the district committee to ensure success of our units. Since the start of this fiscal year beginning in 1 January your District committee has been spending several months planning our programs activities for 2020—we needed to do that in order to determine our revenues and expenses—our budget. We have completed our remaining 2019 and our 2020 program schedule. At our next roundtable we will announce the schedule, make it available for download at our website, and it will be on the council calendar. This will help our units plan for their 2020 activities and allow us to have better program participation.

The schedule also informs our budgeting process. To facilitate successful budgeting Mr. Paul Eiff volunteered to lead our budgeting efforts. Committee is currently scheduled to meet Wednesday May 29 to complete the Western Shore Budget in an open forum. I high encourage our CORs to attend this meeting. On completion, our budget will be submitted to council. The Committee intends to be transparent and will post our budget on our Western Shore District website.

All these business efforts at the district level required dedicated and skilled volunteers. We don't have enough. So, if you are looking for something different to do for Scouting, please consider volunteering on the District Committee. Please let me know your desires and we'll get you signed-up.

I look forward to seeing you on the trail and thank for your outstanding service to the youth of SoMD. See you on the Trail,

**Joe Mortensen**  
**District Chairman**  
**WSDcommitteechair@gmail.com**

## Commissioner's Corner

Do you remember the band Dead or Alive? They had a song called, "You Spin Me Round (Like a Record)" that was mild hit in the mid-1980's. (If you haven't heard of it, I think it is worth a quick search and I apologize for showing my age). Anyways, sometimes as your District Commissioner, this is how I feel as it is only May and I am going to bring up my broken record thought.... Recharter. And yes, I know beyond the one line, it is not really relevant.... Recharter for the district is finally completed. We had many issues this year. Some were due to National, but many were self-inflicted. What I am asking is that you help me make this easier next year so here are a couple of tips/thoughts:



1. Please check your my.scouting roster. This is the official roster and what national looks at. It should match what you have in Troop/Packmaster or Scoutbook, or whatever program you are using. It is what national uses for recharter.
2. Make sure your Arrow of Lights have crossed over on paper. If they are still on a pack's roster, then paperwork has not been done. If they are not on the Troop's roster, then paperwork has not been completed.
3. Have your adults take YPT if they completed yet. Don't wait. 2020 is when we will see expiring YPT's so maybe getting ahead of the game is good.
4. Make sure an adult is not working off 2 BSA's.
5. If you are in a Venturing Program or Post, monitor those who are turning 18 this year. Get their adult applications once they turn 18. Chasing them down when they are away at college and recharter is due was not a productive endeavor this year.
6. If you have any questions, please ask now.

The Commissioner Staff is here to help. Please let us help you by communicating you need assistance. Yours in Service,

**John Howlin, johnhowlinjr@yahoo.com, 443-684-1852 (Note the new phone number)**

# TRAINING



Every Scout Deserves Trained Adult Leaders!

The following classes are being offered by the WSD Training Team May 4th (8:30am to 12pm) at the Patuxent Presbyterian Church. Online registration (<https://www.ncacbsa.org/western-shore/resources/training/>) is requested, walk-ins will be accepted.

- Merit Badge Counselor Training
- Chartered Organization Represented (COR) Training
- Chaplains Aid Training (Youth and Adult)
- Den Chief Training
- American Heritage / Citizenship in the Nation Seminar

A combined Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) is scheduled for Western Shore District. The class will be May 11-12<sup>th</sup> at the American Heritage Land Trust outside Prince Frederick, MD. Take one class and get checked off for both IOLS and BALOO. Full details and registration information is at ([https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsd\\_iols\\_baloo](https://scoutingevent.com/082-wsd_iols_baloo)).

We are striving for 100 percent trained leaders in our Western Shore units and completing these training opportunities will help us achieve that goal. As many of you have heard me say at Roundtable – **Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader**

Links to more information and registration for the above class are on the WSD website under the training link

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

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## Red Cross Training for Scouts and Scouters



The locations of the following courses have been confirmed. Additional courses will be added based on need. Contact Lynn Kaltwasser at [kaltwass@netzero.net](mailto:kaltwass@netzero.net) to register or for more information.

~Adult and Child First Aid/CPR/AED - May 11 - Lusby - This is the course for Cub Scout Day Camp Staff

~Wilderness and Remote First Aid - May 17-18 - Solomons - Prerequisites: Adult CPR/AED and must be age 14



## Archery Range Master Training

Certification required to run an archery or slingshot range at Cub Scout Day Camp. Training will be held the afternoon of May 11th in Lusby. Contact Lynn Kaltwasser at [kaltwass@netzero.net](mailto:kaltwass@netzero.net) to register or for more information.

## Troop 1785 Celebrates 50 Years of Scouting Adventures



Boy Scout Troop 1785 of Mechanicsville, Maryland celebrated its 50th anniversary by inviting past and present Scoutmasters and Eagle Scouts of Troop 1785 to join them for a campout and potluck dinner on April 27, 2019. Troop 1785 currently has 38 active scout members. Throughout their 50 year history, 42 scouts have earned the rank of Eagle Scout through Troop 1785, many of whom have become teachers, doctors, engineers, military officers, and law enforcement officers who continue to serve their communities. One Eagle Scout joining the reunion earned his Eagle Rank dating back to 1996, and took the opportunity to bring his two young sons to camp overnight with the troop. Scoutmasters in attendance served Troop 1785 as far back as 1997. 100 guests enjoyed smoked pork, fried chicken, a variety of side dishes, and desserts galore, followed by a campfire, s'mores, and a flag retiring ceremony. In addition, the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office provided an exciting police K-9 demonstration. Tokens of appreciation were given to each Scoutmaster and Eagle scout recognizing their lasting contributions to Troop 1785. The Maryland General Assembly thanked Troop 1785 for their dedication and commitment by issuing an official citation in recognition of "50 years of volunteering time and effort to the community, and for the young scouts who have been able to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout".





# 2019 Webelos Weekend

## Western Shore District

**Long Farm, Hollywood, MD June 7th – 9th, 2019**

[https://www.scoutingevent.com/082-wsd\\_webelos\\_weekend\\_2019](https://www.scoutingevent.com/082-wsd_webelos_weekend_2019)

The purpose of Webelos Weekend is to allow Webelos to experience a day in the life of a Scout. They will learn some important skills to begin or continue their quest to earn their Webelos Badge and Arrow of Light. Also, it gives them a chance to work as a patrol and visit other Troops. For the Scouts BSA Troops, this is a chance to mentor young Webelos in the skills they would like them to know when they cross over; as well as a chance to begin the recruiting process.

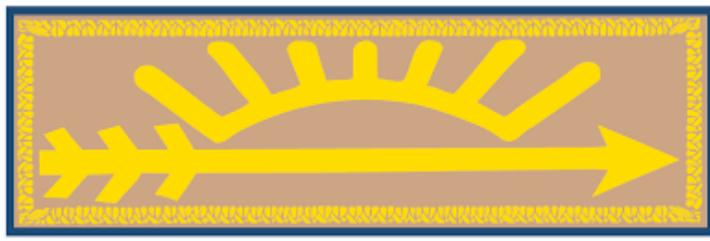
Many Scouts BSA Troops and Venturing Crews have relationships with associated Cub Scout Packs. Typically, the host Troop will make arrangements with the Pack(s) to determine equipment needs and to establish dining arrangements. Packs should not wait to be contacted by the Troop, they should reach out to troops to find one to camp with. If you need help connecting with a Troop or Pack, please contact the event organizers as soon as possible. Pre-Registration is essential in determining the needs of your group. Please make every effort to register prior to the May Roundtable on the registration page on the District Web site. An estimated head count is better than no head count at all. A Walk-In fee of \$20.00 per person (youth/adult) is available for those that do not register online by the 11:59 PM deadline on Friday, May 31, 2019.

Fees Webelos - \$15.00

Scouts & Venturers - \$10.00

Adults - \$5.00 (no patch) \$10.00 (patch)

Walk-In Fee (Late/On Site Registration) - \$20.00



## Western Shore Order of the Arrow Chapter News

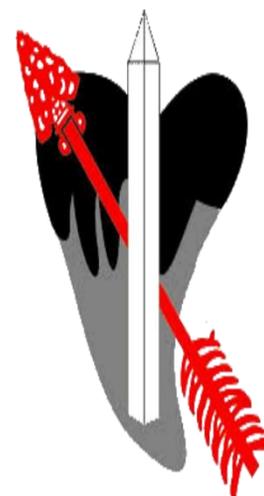
Follow the chapter on Instagram @ **chapterwesternshore**

The Lodge's GOAT program is now accepting applications at  
<https://www.ncacbsa.org/program/order-of-the-arrow/goshen-order-of-the-arrow-trail-crew/>

~Ordeal May 3-5 @ Camp St. Charles near Cobb Island  
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-WesternShoreSpringOrdeal2019>

~Section Conclave May 17-19 @ Camp Snyder  
<https://www.ne6a.org/conclave.html>

Yours in Brotherhood and Cheerful Service  
 Western Shore Chapter Chief & Western Shore Chapter Adviser

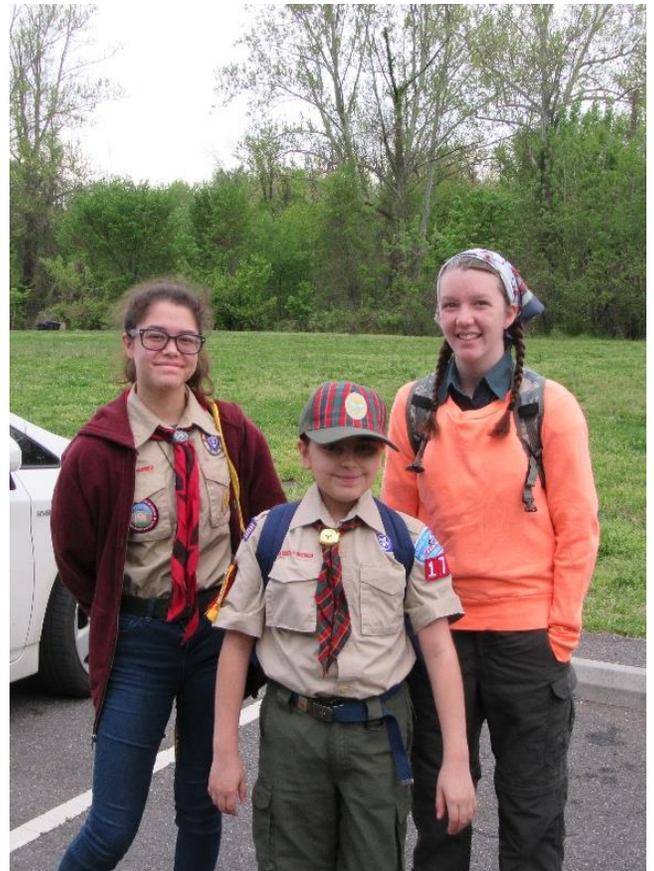
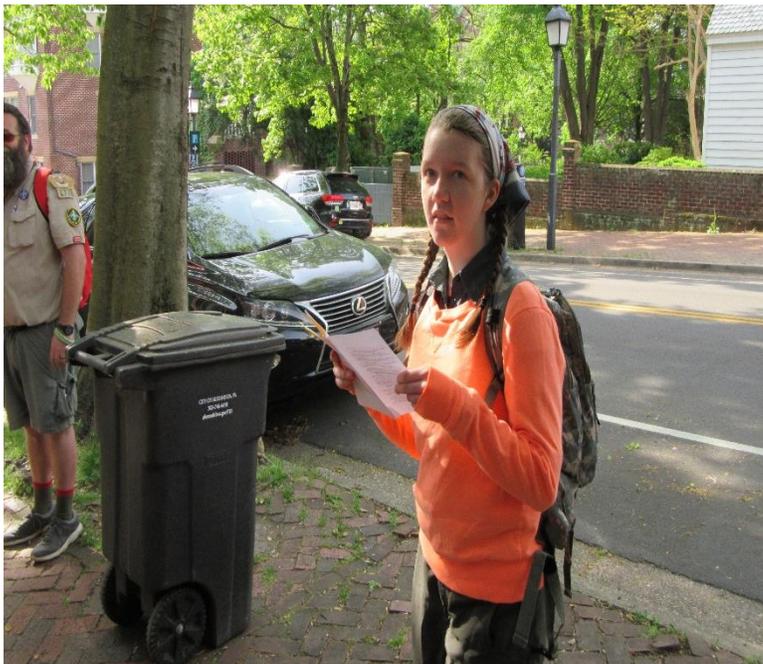


# Scouts Out and About...Pack 1778 and Troop 1781

On Monday, 22 April, Scouts from Troop 1781 and Pack 1778 journeyed to Old Town Alexandria for a Historical Trail hike around town. The route was about 8 miles long but was conducted over about the same 12 blocks. Along the way the Scouts learned the cobble stone streets and who laid the stones, where George Washington was first publicly addressed as the President of the United States and the tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary Soldier among a total of 49 different stops during the hike.

The trail taken for the hike is produced by the American Historical Trails out of Monroe, N.C. and is set up much like a scavenger hunt with questions about various sites around the city. The directions make it easy to get from site to site – if you're looking in the right direction to begin with.

Afterwards we treated ourselves to some pizza at one of the local restaurants and then headed home.



## STEM Academy's Eagle Scouts



**Pictured l-r: Alan H., Adam L., Kevin M., Jack O., Finn O., and Jay L.**

The St. Mary's County Public Schools STEM Academy has something to brag about. Thirty-five percent of young men in the STEM Class of 2019 are Eagle Scouts.

Only 4-6% of members of the Boy Scouts of America earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Up until now, all of those scouts have been young men, so when you look at the total number of young men in the United States only about 1.5% of them earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Six out of seventeen young men in the STEM Class of 2019 are part of that elite group.

According to the St. Mary's County Public Schools website, the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy at Great Mills High School is "a rigorous and unique program of study emphasizing the core areas of mathematics and science with an infusion of technology and engineering." Students take as many as twelve Advanced Placement courses during their high school career and complete an internship in a STEM field during the Summer before their senior year.

The scouts represent four different troops throughout St. Mary's County. Troop 303 in Valley Lee, Troop 793 in California, Troop 1785 in Mechanicsville and Troop 2819 in Town Creek. In addition to their school work, each of these scouts completed at least twenty-one merit badges in subjects such as citizenship, first aid, cooking, camping and personal fitness. Some of the merit badges they earned were STEM related, with topics such as environmental science, mammal study, robotics, weather, and energy. They each completed a leadership project to benefit their community.

If that were not enough, four of them participated in school sports during high school, including track, cross country, tennis, lacrosse, and soccer. Three are active in the National Honor Society. Two competed with robotics teams and one participated in several school plays.

Their future plans include degrees in paleontology, biology, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, aerospace engineering, and environmental planning.

## Winter? Not a time to hibernate! Adventures with Venturing Crew 1785



Just because it was winter, didn't mean that the Venturing crew went into hibernation. On the contrary, we took advantage of the cold weather to show we can still have fun.

The crew continued with training hikes to get ready for our Summer 2019 expedition to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM along with Boy Scouts from Troop 1785. The crew has been refining its backcountry skills and learning the importance of layering when it comes to the clothes we wear to stay warm. Even though we're backpacking in New Mexico in July, mountain temperatures can drop into the 30's and 40's at night.

January yielded yet another rainy day hike at the American Chestnut Land Trust in Prince Frederick where we practiced setting up dining flies and how to rig a bear bag. After enjoying a trail lunch, we drove down to the NAS Patuxent River Drill Hall for some physical training, working on strengthening our leg and core muscles and some cardio as we begin to prepare to tackle more vertical terrain.

February found us hiking in the sun around the central perimeter at Catoctin Mountain National Park in Thurmont, MD. It was our first exposure to some steep hills. Despite some unexpected snow and ice on the trail, the crew did well.

Finally, we took advantage of the offer for the use of a cabin to do some hiking in Moorefield, West Virginia a couple of weekends ago. It was sunny all weekend and in addition to a hilly loop hike from the cabin, we stopped on the way home Sunday to tackle another big hill hiking Wolf Gap to Big Schloss along the WV/VA border in the George Washington National Forest.





Backpacking wasn't the only thing we've been up to, though. In January, the crew again competed in the Klondike Derby in Harpers Ferry, WV with other Boy Scout troops and Venturing crews. We tackled more stations this year including first aid, "fishing" and roasting a marshmallow to perfection.

We went skiing and snowboarding again in February on the slopes at Liberty Mountain. Despite the warm weather and rain earlier in the week, Liberty was blowing snow all night Friday and into Saturday so snow conditions were excellent. Warm cabins with wood-burning stoves at a nearby Scout camp served as our lodging for the weekend.

On Shrove Tuesday, we fed pancakes and sausage to a sell-out crowd. We were deeply gratified with the turnout this year and thank everyone so much for your support and enjoying breakfast for dinner with us. We ended March camping at John & Brenda Bowling's farm in Hollywood. We were nearly blown away by the high winds Friday night but survived to go to Sanners Lake Sportsmen's Club on Saturday for a morning of archery and an afternoon of .22 rifle shooting. All of the youth managed to qualify for a marksmanship award. The winds died off Saturday evening and we enjoyed pineapple upside down cake for dessert and a campfire under the stars.

Finally, we enjoyed bowling and a couple of video game nights in lieu of regular meetings. You can also check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Crew1785/](http://www.facebook.com/Crew1785/) to keep up with our activities. If you're 14 or 13 and completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade but under 21 and you'd like to join in on the fun, contact David Nelsen at 301.884.4631 or [danelson@alum.rpi.edu](mailto:danelson@alum.rpi.edu).



Kings Landing Day Camp is still in need of staff volunteers for camp this summer, June 24-28. In addition to a fun week, you will be able to get a discounted rate of \$50 for scouts (up to two) to attend camp. We also welcome siblings in special groups (age potty trained-10 for \$25 each) and youth volunteers ages 11-18.

Great positions are still available! Please contact Amanda Zimmermann at [azimm1080@gmail.com](mailto:azimm1080@gmail.com) or come to our next staff meeting on Sunday, April 28th at 3:30pm (HEB Community Center - Prince Frederick).

## Under the Sea

Explore a new world "Under the Sea" with Cub Scouts

### KING'S LANDING DAY CAMP (Huntingtown, MD)

June 24th-28th 2019

9 AM – 4 PM M-TH - - 9 AM – 12:30 PM FRI (Family Day)

*Day Camp is open to registered Cub Scouts Boys and Girls!*  
Tigers entering 1st grade – Arrow of Light entering 5th grade

#### 2019 Camp Highlights:

- Nova Award—Uncovering the Past
- Shooting Sports: Archery & Slingshots
- Swimming at Kings Landing Pool
- New Scouts: Bobcat Bootcamp
- Water Games
- Obstacle Course
- Webelos and AOL: "Shipwrecked" special activities



*Ready to register?*

*All registration goes through your Pack Coordinator*

**Want a reduced price on registration?**  
**Contact the Camp Staff to find out how!**



For more information: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/>

On Facebook like us at: Calvert County Cub Scout Day Camp

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Amanda Zimmermann, Program Director, [azimm1080@gmail.com](mailto:azimm1080@gmail.com) 443-624-4419



2019  
St. Mary's County  
Cub Scout Day Camp  
17-21 June 2019



St. Marys' County Fairgrounds  
Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Stations:

- |                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Arts and Crafts    | Archery                  |
| Science and Nature | BB Guns                  |
| Obstacle Course    | Cooking                  |
| STEM               | Sling Shot (Friday only) |

Volunteers Welcome!! Contact the Camp Director if interested.

Camp Director: Tracy Fairbourn:  
541-556-9812 [tracy.fairbourn@navy.mil](mailto:tracy.fairbourn@navy.mil)

or the

Program Director: Nichole Schlais:  
(904) 616-1845 [nicholeschlais@gmail.com](mailto:nicholeschlais@gmail.com)

-We are looking for some recycled items if you can spare them:  
egg cartons, toilet paper rolls, pringles cans, food magazines, soup cans





## **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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Marketing/Communication Chair: Andrew Willis ([Andrew\\_d\\_willis@yahoo.com](mailto:Andrew_d_willis@yahoo.com))