

White Oak District

National Capital Area Council

Boy Scouts of America



Program Launch Information Package 2016 – 2017

The purpose of this package is to provide information that each unit can use to help create their annual program calendar of events.

The package includes both a District and Council calendar as well as information sheets on a variety of events.

Please share this information with your unit committee members and all unit adult and youth leaders.

WHITE OAK DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

The Key-three

District Chairman	Bill Totten
District Commissioner	Rick Manteuffel
District Executive	Michael Werling

District Vice Chairmen

Program

VC Program	Marvin Arthur
VC Advancement	John Wnek
VC Training	Jeep Fortuna
VC Marketing	Theresa Garcia-Parks
VC Camping	Vacant
Order of the Arrow Advisor	Dennis Sayre

Administration

VC Membership	Dorothy Lanning
VC Finance/Development	Roger Petzold
VC Standing Nominating Committee	Dana Myers

Please check the WOD Website to contact any of these individuals.

White Oak District 2016-2017 Calendar Program Highlights

Monthly

- District Key-3 – 2nd Tuesday (District Chairman, Commissioner, Executive attend)
- District Roundtable – 2nd Wednesday – Every unit should have at least one representative attend
- District Eagle Board of Review – 2nd & 3rd Friday
- Order of the Arrow (OA) Chapter Meetings – 3rd Sunday – a TOAR from every Troop should attend
- District Committee Meeting – 4th Tuesday – All CORs should attend this meeting
- District Commissioner Meeting – 4th Wednesday – All District Commissioners

Annual

- Popcorn Kickoff and Training for Unit Kernels – June 14, 2016 – at NCAC Service Center
- Popcorn 1st Order Due – August 5, 2016
- Join Scouting Night Training (at WOD Roundtable location) – August 10, 2016
- Join Scouting Night – September 21, 2016
- New Scout Member Application Turn In – September 24, 2016
- Life-to-Eagle Conferences: – September 25, 2016 and March 12, 2017
- WEBELOS Weekend – October 28-30, 2016
- Tiger Hunt – October 29, 2016 (same location as WEBELOS Weekend)
- Scouting for Food – November 5th (Bag Distribution) & 12th (Food Collection), 2016
- Pow Wow (NCAC) – November 19, 2016
- Recharter Package Turn In Opportunity #1 – November 19, 2016
- Annual District Meeting, Joint Cub/Scout/Venture Roundtable, & Holiday Reception – December 14, 2016
- Recharter Package Turn In Opportunity #2 (Final) – December 17, 2016
- Klondike Derby (Montgomery Service Area) – January 13-15, 2017 (Run by Potomac District)
- Scout Sunday – February 5, 2017
- Scout Sabbath – February 11, 2017
- Merit Badge Day – February 20, 2017
- University of Scouting (All Levels Adult Leader Training) – (February 25, 2017)
- WEBELOS-to Scout Transition (All WEBELOS II to Boy Scout Troop) – Before March 1, 2017
- District Pinewood Derby – April 8, 2017 (planned for White Oak Middle School)
- District Camporee – April 28-30, 2017 (for those who can't go to Goshen)
- NCAC CAMPOREE –at GOSHEN Memorial Day Weekend May 26-29, 2017
- Program Launch – May Roundtable, May 10, 2017
- Buddy Hike & Spring Recruiting Day – May 13, 2017
- Annual District Awards Dinner/Reception – May 23, 2017
- Cub Day Camp @ TBD – June 19-23, 2017
- Summer Camp: All Packs (boys going into 4th & 5th grade) & Troops: Goshen, Snyder & High Adventure Locations
- Two-Day Cub & Family Day Camp – IN PLANNING - (Location TBD: Est: August 10-11, 2017)

White Oak District

WEBSITE

We hope to post everything on our website so that you have ONE place to look for White Oak information and ONE place to register for ALL White Oak District events.

Check it out:

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/>

We need your recommendations for making this website better. Please let us know your needs and your ideas for making this THE BEST website.

Donna Dietz is the WOD WebMaster. If you have time to help her, or have updates or additions for the website, please send her an email: WhiteOakDistrictWebmaster@gmail.com

FACEBOOK

A White Oak District Facebook page does exist and you do not have to be a Facebook member to access it.

Check it out:

www.facebook.com/WhiteOakDistrict

White Oak District

District Membership Committee

The District Membership Committee is a support team for all units in the district to help increase the registered youth and adult members. The Membership Committee also identifies opportunities for new units. Every unit should identify a membership point-of-contact to work with the District Membership Committee and provide that name and contact information to the Vice Chairman for Membership.

Three Annual Major events overseen by the Membership Committee and supported by District Commissioners include: Fall Join Scouting Night (JSN), Webelos-to-Scout transition (moving Webelos II from Packs to Troops), and Spring Recruiting, especially for new Tiger Cubs to join packs.

- The goal of Fall Join Scouting Night is for each Cub Pack to further develop new Tiger and Wolf Dens and to increase overall membership.
- The Goal of Webelos-to-Scout transition is to ensure 100% of Webelos register with a Boy Scout troop.
- The goal of Spring Recruiting is for each Cub Pack develop new Tiger Dens from boys who will be entering First Grade in the Fall, add new boys to Wolf Dens from boys graduating from First Grade, and include them in their Summertime Activity Program. It is also a time to increase overall membership.

A constant concern for the membership committee is to seek new ways of attracting older youth to Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews.

Annual Plan/Timeline

April/May

⇒ Develop fliers for Spring Recruiting, get them printed by Council, and distribute them to your local elementary schools – focus on Kindergartners who can become new Tigers and First Graders who can become new Wolves

⇒ Participate in Cub Activities Day – have a recruiting table and ask all of your current Cubs to bring a friend who might be interested in joining your Pack

June/July

⇒ Begin the process of renting public school facilities.

⇒ Contact all units regarding individual recruitment plan

August

⇒ Prep Packs for Join Scouting Night in mid-September.

⇒ Prep Boy Scout Troops with regard to beginning the next Webelos-to-Scout Transition.

⇒ Distribute JSN Flyers to schools

September

⇒ Provide Join Scouting Night support.

⇒ Staff application turn in locations at designated date and times.

⇒ Support Troop effort for direct mail to 2nd year Webelos

October

- ⇒ Assist with Webelos Weekend
- ⇒ Finish up loose ends from Join Scouting Night

November

- ⇒ Assist with charter renewal process
- ⇒ Assist Troops with follow up to Webelos Weekend
- ⇒ Provide pack assistance with second wave of recruiting

- ⇒ Assist with charter renewal process

December

- ⇒ Continue to assist with charter renewal process
 - ⇒ Goal: 100% of units to renew charter by January 30, 2016.
- January/February 2016
- ⇒ Boy Scout Troops begin planning bridging ceremonies
 - ⇒ Identify new unit potentials

March/April/May

- ⇒ Help plan and advertise Cub Activities and Membership Day scheduled for the following May
- ⇒ Prepare Program Launch Package

- ⇒ Use Cub Activities and Membership Day scheduled for the following May as the primary Spring Recruiting Event to Recruit New Tigers and Wolves into Packs

- ⇒ Build new Tiger Dens and promote your Summertime Activity Program

White Oak District Packs - Chartering Organizations

Pack	Chartering Organization
23	St Michael's the Archangel
33	Takoma Park Presbyterian Church
96	The Peoples Community Baptist Church
178	Mill Creek Parish UMC
205	Cissel-Saxon American Legion Post 41
220	Viers Mill Baptist Church
248	Marvin Memorial United Methodist Church
249	Marvin Memorial United Methodist Church
250	Scouting Parents Association
275	Christ Congregational Church
434	Norman Price American Legion Post 68
440	St Bernadettes Roman Catholic Church
442	Colesville Lions Club
452	Melvin J Berman Hebrew Academy
457	St Patricks Catholic Church
480	Liberty Grove United Methodist Church
492	Rotary Club of Rockville
493	BPO Elks 15
499	St John The Baptist Catholic Community
750	LDS Glenmont Ward Silver Spring Stake
759	Ashton United Methodist Church
763	Strathmore-Bel Pre Civic Association
774	Oakdale Emory United Methodist Church
1008	LDS Spanish Ward Montgomery-Silver Spring Stake
1012	LDS White Oak Ward Silver Spring Stake
1072	St Andrew The Apostle
1074	Olney Mill Community Association
1794	Lien Doan Potomac, Inc

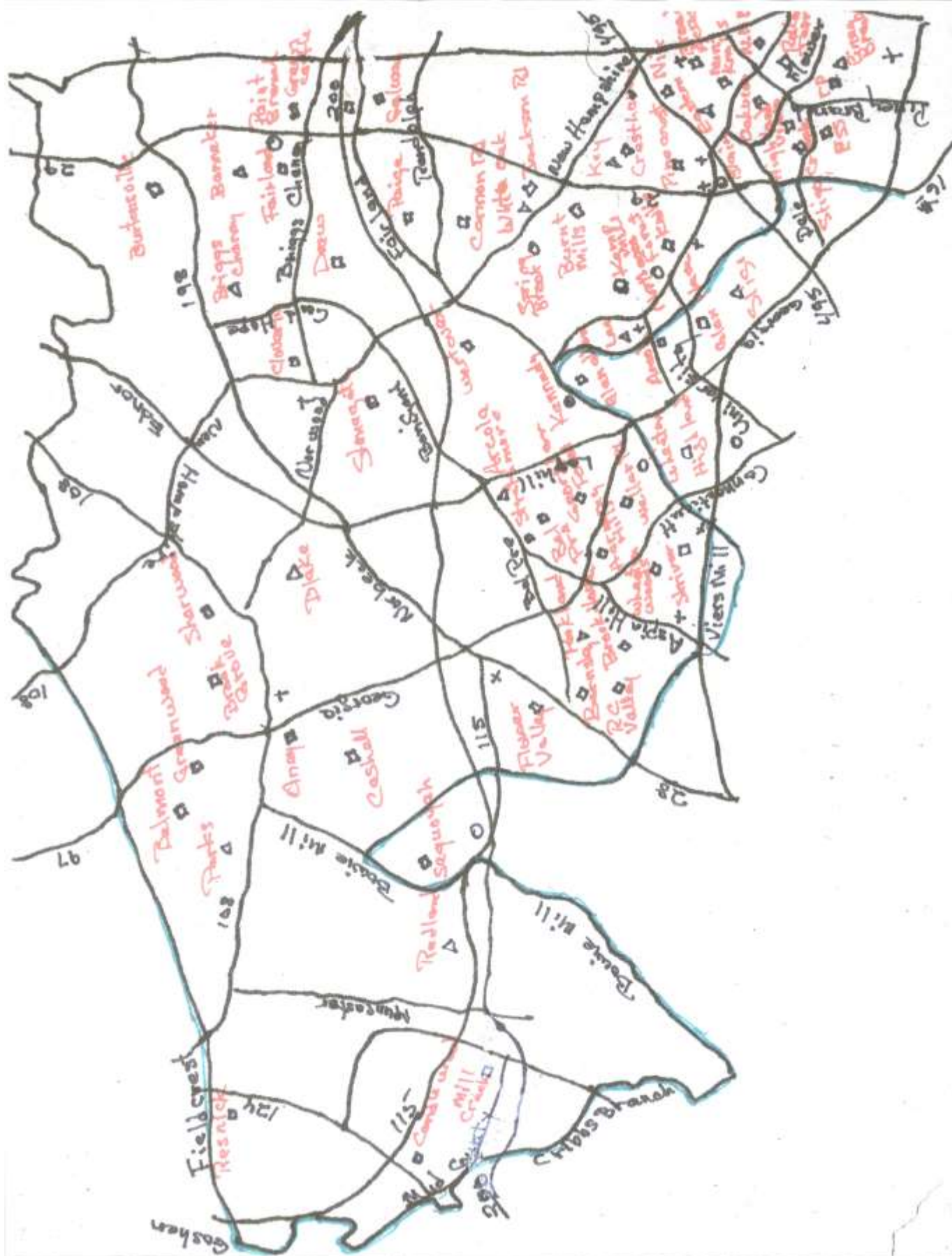
White Oak District Typical Elementary Schools and Pack Parings

1. The purpose of this list is to provide information on the elementary schools within the White Oak District and the typical Packs that could/should recruit from those schools. The Pack Membership Chairman should coordinate recruiting with both the District Vice-Chairman for Membership and their Unit Commissioner.
2. Two maps are provided in this program launch package that show the location of the elementary schools as well as the packs in the District.
3. BeAScout.org is an excellent map resource for the locations of all BSA units. Check it out. Keep your unit information accurate.

SCHOOL NAME & ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP	PACK
Broad Acres, 710 Beacon Rd	Silver Spring 20903	23
New Hampshire Estates, 8720 Carroll Ave	Silver Spring 20903	23
Oak View, 400 East Wayne Ave	Silver Spring 20901	23
St Michaels		23
East Silver Spring, 631 Silver Spring Ave	Silver Spring 20910	33
Piney Branch, 7510 Maple Ave	Takoma Park 20912	33
Takoma Park, 7511 Holly Ave	Takoma Park 20912	33
Candlewood		178
Judith Resnick		178
Mill Creek Towne, 17700 Park Mill Dr	Rockville 20855	178
Sequoyah, 17301 Bowie Mill Rd	Derwood 20855	178
Rolling Terrace, 705 Bayfield St	Takoma Park 20912	205
Sargent Shriver, 12518 Greenly Dr	Silver Spring 20906	220
Weller Road, 3301 Weller Rd	Silver Spring 20906	220
Wheaton Woods, 4510 Faroe Pl	Rockville 20853	220
Burnt Mills, 11211 Childs St	Silver Spring 20901	248
Montgomery Knolls, 807 Daleview Dr	Silver Spring 20901	248
Pine Crest, 201 Woodmoor Dr	Silver Spring 20901	248
Forest Knolls, 10830 Eastwood Ave	Silver Spring 20901	249
Kemp Mill, 411 Sisson St	Silver Spring 20902	249

Stonegate, 14811 Notley Rd	Silver Spring 20905	250
Highland View, 9010 Providence Ave	Silver Spring 20901	275
Sligo Creek, 500 Schuyler Rd	Silver Spring 20910	275
Greenwood, 3336 Gold Mine Rd	Brookeville 20833	434
St Bernadette		440
Cloverly, 800 Briggs Chaney Rd	Silver Spring 20905	442
Dr. Charles R. Drew, 1200 Swingingdale Dr	Silver Spring 20905	442
Cashell, 17101 Cashell Rd	Rockville 20853	457
Flower Valley, 4615 Sunflower Dr	Rockville 20853	457
St Patrick's		457
Cannon Road, 901 Cannon Rd	Silver Spring 20904	
Glenallan, 12520 Heurich Rd	Silver Spring 20902	
Westover, 401 Hawkesbury Lane	Silver Spring 20904	
William Tyler Page, 13400 Tamarack Rd	Silver Spring 20904	
Burtonsville, 15516 Old Columbia Pike	Burtonsville 20866	480
Fairland, 14315 Fairdale Rd	Silver Spring 20905	480
Galway, 12612 Galway Dr	Silver Spring 20904	480
Greencastle, 13611 Robey Rd	Silver Spring 20904	480
Lucy V. Barnsley, 14516 Nadine Dr	Rockville 20853	492
Rock Creek Valley, 5121 Russett Rd	Rockville 20853	493
Cresthaven, 1234 Cresthaven Dr	Silver Spring 20903	499
Jackson Road, 900 Jackson Rd	Silver Spring 20904	499
Roscoe R. Nix, 1100 Corliss St	Silver Spring 20903	499
St John the Baptist		499
Sherwood, 1401 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd	Sandy Spring 20860	759
Bel Pre, 13801 Rippling Brook Dr	Silver Spring 20906	763
Brookhaven, 4610 Renn St	Rockville 20853	763
Georgian Forest, 3100 Regina Dr	Silver Spring 20906	763
Harmony Hills, 13407 Lydia St	Silver Spring 20906	763
Strathmore, 3200 Beaverwood Lane	Silver Spring 20906	763

Brooke Grove, 2700 Spartan Rd	Olney 20832	774
Olney, 3401 Queen Mary Dr	Olney 20832	774
Arcola, 1820 Franwall Ave	Silver Spring 20902	1072
Glen Haven, 10900 Inwood Ave	Silver Spring 20902	1072
St Andrew Apostle		1072
Belmont, 19528 Olney Mill Rd	Olney 20832	1074



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Key

- - Elementary School
- △ - Middle School
- - High School
- + - Church
- ☆ - Synagogue
- - Paired schools
- - Recruited by same pack
- blue - pack
- red - roop

The map shows a network of roads connecting various locations. Locations marked with blue squares (recruited by same pack) include: Fieldcrest, Mid County, and several locations in the northern part of the district. Locations marked with red squares (recruited by different pack) include: Bowie Mill, and several locations in the southern part of the district. The map also shows several schools, churches, and synagogues. A large oak leaf is drawn in the bottom right corner.



White Oak District

District Membership

BeAScout.org

INFO / ACTION:

- Every Unit needs to maintain their “BeAScout.org” site.
- The Unit Key-3 (COR, Committee Chairman, and Unit Leader) can access, enter, and make changes to this data.
- It is your unit’s link to the world when someone is looking to join Scouting.

CHECK IT OUT:

- Go to <https://beascout.scouting.org> <- note change from last year
- Click on your TAB of Interest: Cub Scouts; Boy Scouts; Venturers & Sea Scouts; Adults.
- Enter your Zip Code.
- Look at the map – see all of the units available.
- Find your unit on the right side of the page.
- Click on “Show Unit”.
- If it says Contact National Capital Area Council, then NONE of your unit’s data has been entered.
- If it comes up with a name and contact information, it need to be current information for a person in your unit.

HOW TO ENTER OR CORRECT YOUR UNIT’S INFORMATION:

- Only one of the Unit’s Key-3 (COR, Committee Chairman, and Unit Leader) can access and make changes to this data.
- Go to <https://my.scouting.org> <-note change from last year
- Create a personal account or log in if you do not have an account.
- Click on “HOME” to see the menus available to you
- **LOG ON TO LEGACY MYSCOUTING**
- Look at the menu down the left side of the page for “Unit Tools”. Under that will be “BeAScout”.
- Once you enter “BeAScout” there will be point-of-contact, meeting information, and other slots that need to be completed for your unit.
- All of this information needs to be filled out specifically for your unit and kept up-to-date so that people wanting to join scouts can find appropriate units close to their area.
- This is a very important recruiting tool for your unit.
- Please keep this up-to-date.



Lion Program Information

A new Scouting program for kindergarten-age boys is available as a national pilot for select councils this Fall.

Research shows that childhood development accelerates around ages four and five, about the time youth begin formal education. To supplement the learning and growth boys experience at home and in an educational environment at that age, Boy Scouts of America has developed a pilot program for five-year-old kindergarten boys called “Lion.”

What Is the Lion Program?

The Lion program weaves traditional Scouting concepts of character development, leadership skills, personal fitness and citizenship into activities that are age-appropriate and fun for the boys and their parents.

The activities introduce the family to Cub Scouting, and provide an exciting way for the little guys to explore the world around them. The program will fuel their imagination, creativity and fun as they experience the growth Scouting can provide. At the end of the Lion year, they “graduate” to Tiger and advance through Cub Scouting.

The Lion program, like all Scouting programs, weaves the concepts of character development, leadership skills, personal fitness, and citizenship into activities that are age-appropriate and fun.

Lion Adventures, Uniforms and Pack Involvement

“Adventures” (themed sets of activities and experiences) will assist Lion families in exploring the world around them. As they complete the requirements for each adventure, Lions will earn an adventure sticker to be placed in their Lion Adventure Book. Lions earn stickers, not adventure loops (belt loops) as they will do in Cub Scouting. Additionally, Lions will be led by parents filling the role of “Lion Guides” and will meet as dens of six to eight kindergarten-age boys.

Lions will wear their own approved uniform, a Lion t-shirt! It will be available in pilot-approved Scout Shops to help the Lions feel unique and special. Lions should not wear the Cub Scout uniform until they are old enough to officially transition into Cub Scouting as a Tiger. Lion dens may be invited to participate in a few pack meetings, but care should be taken to ensure that any meetings they attend are fun and engaging for boys of Lion age. Boys are restless by nature, younger boys even more so. Late nights, long meetings, lots of sitting and listening should be avoided for Cub Scouts and Lions, alike. Instead, meaningful and fun activities should be planned for Lions in any meetings they attend. At the end of the kindergarten year, Lions will “graduate” into Cub Scouting as a Tiger – where even more fun and adventure will await!

Steps to Develop the Lion Program in Your Pack

District approval is required for a Pack to develop this program, as the Lion program is being developed and evaluated all at the same time. The identification of an experienced, trained adult leader who can be assigned as the Lion Leader will be the first step towards approval. For more information, attend the WOD June 2016 Cub Scout Roundtable.

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Join Scouting Night (JSN)

What is JSN?

Join Scouting Night is the major annual Fall recruiting event for Cub Scout Packs – scheduled for September. During this event, new tigers are enrolled as well as older boys for Cub Scouts and new adult leaders. Join Scouting Night is the single Fall event that ensures the longevity of the Pack and subsequently for Boy Scout Troops. The nature of Cub Scouting requires that a pack actively recruits at the beginning of each school year; if this is not done then the pack will soon fade away. The better the event is planned and advertised, the better the results. The Pack/Troop JSN Membership Chairman (lead adult; please provide the name and contact information to the District Membership Chairman) and a few team members should attend JSN training.

Where is it held?

It is left to the discretion of the individual packs as to the place, date and time of their events. The District membership team can help with renting public school facilities.

When is it held?

The target date is September 21, 2016, although events can happen at any time during September at the discretion of the individual packs. Hold it on a date that best work for your Pack/Troop, and coordinate with the District Membership Team.

Application Turn In

It is extremely important for all applications and registration monies be turned in as soon as feasible after the Join Scouting Event on September 21, 2016, or the date you have chosen to do your event. Central locations within the District will be announced as “Turn In” Locations and will be manned by the District Membership Team. This procedure is very important, so your Pack Membership Team needs to make sure all applications are filled out properly.

Considerations:

- ♥ Planning for the event should start at your very next Unit Committee Meeting.
- ♥ Each pack should have one adult (JSN Captain) overseeing the event with other parents as helpers.
- ♥ An advertising plan should include flyers sent home with students, personal contact at an event early in the school year and/or direct mailing campaign.
- ♥ JSN Capt (or other parent) from each pack should attend JSN training in August (8/10/16 at Roundtable).
- ♥ JSN Capt should communicate to District: JSN date/plan, requests for assistance.
- ♥ Packs are encouraged to seek assistance from their local Boy Scout Troop.

District JSN Role

The District Membership Team, headed by the Vice Chairman for Membership, and assisted by the District Commissioners, and the District Executive are available to assist packs in planning and executing a successful JSN. This help may include flyer distribution, providing volunteer support for your event, or troubleshooting your plan to improve event results. The District Membership Team, also, provides materials for the JSN, including scouting brochures, applications, posters, lawn signs and flyers for school distribution. These materials are distributed during JSN training in August 2016.

The White Oak District Vice Chairman for Membership is:
Dorothy Lanning (dslanning249@yahoo.com)

White Oak District
WEBELOS-to-Scout Transition Schedule
(From a Troop perspective – Packs need to work with Troops
to plan specific transition dates)

August

- **Get names, addresses, and telephone numbers of WEBELOS II Scouts.**
- **Record the information on a WEBELOS Scout tracking form.**
- **Plan to attend the joint Boy Scout Troop/WEBELOS den WEBELOS WEEKEND camping trip in October.**
- **Plan a program of upcoming events to present at a WEBELOS den meeting visit in November.**
- **Select a Den Chief for each WEBELOS den.**

September

- **Mail a letter of introduction from the Boy Scout Troop to WEBELOS II Scouts to introduce them to the troop.**
- **Put WEBELOS II Scouts on the mailing list to receive the troop newsletter.**
- **Have Den Chiefs attend a local council or district Den Chief Training Course.**
- **Continue planning the joint camping event (WEBELOS WEEKEND) for October.**

October

- **Attend the District sponsored WEBELOS WEEKEND with the WEBELOS Den. The WEBELOS I and II Dens should camp with the Troop that they expect to join.**

November

- **Attend a WEBELOS II Den meeting to teach the WEBELOS Scouts how the Boy Scout Troop works.**

December

- **Set a date for WEBELOS II Scouts and their parents to visit a Boy Scout troop meeting in January.**

January

- **Host WEBELOS II Scouts and their Parents at a Boy Scout troop meeting.**
- **Plan a bridging ceremony for the Blue and Gold Banquet in February to welcome graduating WEBELOS II Scouts to their new troop.**
- **Attend a meeting of WEBELOS I Scouts to introduce them to Boy Scouting.**

February

- **Hold the WEBELOS II-to-Scout bridging ceremony at the Blue and Gold Banquet or another Special Ceremony.**
- **Get new Scouts (former WEBELOS II) actively involved with the troop through troop activities.**
- **Recruit parents of new Scouts to become assistant Scoutmasters, troop committee members, or District Commissioners.**

March

- **Plan a troop activity for new Scouts to get them involved with their new troop**

April

- **Conduct summer camp orientation to encourage troop involvement.**
- **Attend a meeting of Bear Cub Scouts to introduce them to Boy Scouting.**
- **Sponsor a troop activity for the new Scouts.**
- **Attend the District sponsored Camporee**

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POPCORN SALES INFORMATION

Resource Information – GO TO THIS WEBSITE FIRST; FILL OUT FORMS

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/activitiesevents/popcorn/>

Why Trail's End Popcorn?

- **High profit return**—Trail's End returns more than 70% of the purchase price to local Scouting. The high profit margin earned provides many units enough money to fund their scouting program needs for the entire year. The Council uses its portion of the funds raised to support Scouting programs, camping, training programs, camperships and other important needs.
- **No up-front money required**—This Council-administered fundraiser enables units to order and pay for only the products they sell.
- **A turnkey program**—Everything you need for a successful fundraiser is included: order forms, online ordering, Scout prizes, training videos and other sales tools.
- **Proven product quality**—Trail's End provides superior products and pricing with high consumer appeal. Their products include no Trans-Fats and microwave products are made with canola oil. Ninety-two percent of consumers are repeat customers.
- **Teaches life lessons**—Popcorn sales help build self-confidence, while teaching each Scout the responsibility of "Earning Their Own Way." Scouts also learn leadership and financial skills, and have the opportunity to earn advancements and merit badges.
- **Program Support**—Council staff and volunteers are available to assist and provide training locally to guide you through a successful sale.

Who: ALL SCOUT UNITS: Packs, Troops, Crews, Teams, Ships, Posts

What: Popcorn Sales

Popcorn Sales are a great opportunity for your unit to make money for supporting your unit or providing scholarships for your summer camping.

Besides making money for your unit, popcorn sales are a wonderful learning experience for your Scout. It provides an interaction between a Scout and an adult that will help your scout learn to speak to an adult and make a sale. Confidence can be built. Finance – build a sales goal and look at the money that is earned.

While an adult taking popcorn orders at work is a great way to make money for your unit, the Scout must be involved in direct sales to learn the interaction, salesmanship, and confidence this program is designed to build.

When: Sales: August through December 2016

National Capital Area Council - 2016 Key Dates

- August
 - Units Orders Due: Friday, August 5 (due by midnight)
 - Moyer Home Deliveries: August 16-19
 - Distribution Day: Saturday, August 20
- September
 - Units Orders Due: Friday, September 2 (due by midnight)
 - Moyer Home Deliveries: September 13-16
 - Distribution Day: Saturday, September 17
- October
 - Units Orders Due: Friday, September 30 (due by midnight)
 - Moyer Home Deliveries: October 11-14
 - Distribution Day: Saturday, October 15
 - Redistribution
 - Returns Due: October 24-29
- November
 - Units Orders Due: Friday, November 4 (due by midnight)
 - Moyer Home Deliveries: November 15-18
 - Distribution Day: Saturday, November 19
- December 9th - Due Dates
 - Payments: Friday, December 9
 - Prize Orders Due: Friday, December 9
 - Scholarship Forms: Friday, December 9

Actions Required:

1. Each Unit: Assign a Unit Kernel
2. District Kernel and All Unit Kernels: Attend Popcorn Sales Training on Tuesday, June 14 @ 7:00pm @ Marriott Scout Service Center; 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814. Training is conducted by the Council Kernel.
3. District Kernel: Plan and build the sales plan and sales team; present to Unit Kernels and District Committee
4. District Kernel (or person assigned by him) needs to reserve space at:
 - Most Giant stores in the District for the last two weekends (Usually Friday evening 5 PM thru 9 PM and Saturday 8 AM thru 8 PM - Giants do not permit Sunday sales) in August, half the weekends in September, all the weekends in October and the first two weekends in November.
 - Most Safeway stores in the District for the month of September and the first two weeks of November (Usually Friday evening 5 PM thru 9 PM, Saturday 8 AM thru 8 PM, and Sunday from 11 AM thru 7 PM).
5. Units sign up to do sales during the available stores at reserved times.

WHITE OAK DISTRICT

ADVANCEMENT

LIFE-TO-EAGLE (L2E) CONFERENCES

The district will hold L2E conferences on dates specified on the District Calendar.

Changes to the Eagle process often occur during the year, and are announced by National BSA. It is imperative for any Life Scout, Leader, Advisor and/or parent assisting the scout to understand the complete process and to be sure that the most current requirement specifications are being used.

These L2E conferences are conducted by the White Oak District Advancement Committee to present the current requirements for the entire path from Life-to-Eagle, including the timeline, the documentation, and the required approval process.

Any errors in the Life-to-Eagle process may jeopardize or delay the scout's opportunity to achieve Eagle Rank, so the Scout must ensure the correct information is being used.

The Life-to-Eagle process is strictly enforced by the District Eagle Board chairpersons, so it is imperative that the Life Scout keep in contact with one of them throughout their process to ensure they stay on track.

To ensure your Life-to-Eagle process goes smoothly, this L2E conference is a must attend event.

Point-of-contact: John Wnek, Vice Chair, Advancement, 301-607-8770, jwnek1007@aol.com

White Oak District - Camping Opportunities for 2016-2017

There are many different opportunities for outdoor adventures within and outside of the National Capital Area Council (NCAC). Here are some ideas and information regarding ways to get units into the great outdoors.

Who Goes Camping? Units should take their Scouts to camp together as a unit.

Ideally, Scouts moving from:

- K to 1st Grade – Go to District Day Camp (needs an adult partner)
- 1st to 2nd Grade – Go to District Day Camp
- 2nd to 3rd Grade – Go to District Day Camp
- 3rd to 4th Grade - Should go as a Pack to an overnight camp (Goshen or Snyder)
- 4th to 5th Grade - Should go as a Pack to an overnight camp (Goshen or Snyder)
- 5th to 6th Grade - Are no longer Cub Scouts and should be transitioned to a TROOP for their camping experience.
- 6th through 12th Grade – Overnight (Goshen) and High Adventure Camping with their Troop
- Age 14 to 21 – Scouts and Venturers (Boys and Girls) should experience High Adventure Camping

If you need assistance or have questions about camps or camping activities feel free to contact your Unit Commissioner.

Family Camp and Pack Overnights

Cub Scout family camping falls into two categories: council-organized family camps and pack overnights.

- Council-organized family camps are overnight events involving more than one pack, with the local council providing all of the elements to enhance the outdoor experience such as staffing, food service, housing, and program.
- Pack overnights are events involving more than one family from a single pack focused on age-appropriate Cub Scout activities and conducted at council-approved locations.

Webelos Den Overnight Camping

Webelos Scout overnights introduce a boy and his parent to the basics of the Boy Scout camping program. These campouts are conducted under the leadership of a trained Webelos den leader and include two to six nights of camping.

Other Types of Camping Activities

- Troop Camping
- Weekend overnights
- Camporees

- Webelos Weekend
- Summer Day Camps
- Summer Resident camps (overnight) at William B. Snyder and Goshen
- Jamborees, including U.S. and World gatherings
- Other opportunities outside of NCAC, including Sea Base, Northern Tier, Bechtel Reserve, Philmont
- Other BSA Councils
- Private provide

White Oak District Cub Scout Day Camp

June 20-24, 2016;

Cub Scouts and Webelos

See the Day Camp Flyer included in this package.

For more information or to register for Cub Scout Day Camp, visit our White Oak District FB page at

www.facebook.com/WhiteOakDistrict Visit our FB Cub Scout Day Camp event page at

www.facebook.com/events/229291590747604/

White Oak District Cub Scout Day Camp

August 4 & 5, 2016

1:00pm till 5:00pm

Cub Scouts, Webelos, Family Members

\$39.00/day for youth; includes annual Membership

See additional details on the White Oak District Website

White Oak District Cub Scout Day Camp

June 2017

Cub Scouts and Webelos

2017 Day Camp will be approximately the same dates as in 2016. Updated information will be listed on the White Oak District Webpage as soon as it becomes available.

White Oak District Cub Scout Day Camp

August 2017

Cub Scouts, Webelos, Family Members

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N.C.A.C. Camp William B. Snyder
Cub Scout Resident Camp - Day Camp - Webelos Camp
www.gotosnyder.org

The 325-acre Camp William B. Snyder, located in Haymarket, Virginia, is the latest and greatest camping experience offered by the National Capital Area Council and the Boy Scouts of America. Camp Snyder, open since 2008, serves as a multi-functional camp that can meet the needs of packs, troops, Venturing crews, Varsity teams, and other outside organizations looking to develop a partnership or quality outdoor experience.



2015 Summer Programs - Cub Scout Resident Camp, Day Camp, Webelos Camp
This year's theme at Camp William B. Snyder is "A World of Scouting." During each of the sessions, activities and events will be intertwined with a discovery of international scouting programs, global sports, games and activities. Since this is summer camp, there will be plenty of traditional outdoor theme activities as well.

Camp William B. Snyder summer programs will continue to offer advancement opportunities for Cub Scouts during our summer programs. Throughout the course of their stay, Scouts will be given the opportunity to complete requirements for various achievements and electives for their prospective rank along with activity badges for Webelos. These opportunities will be mixed in with the day-to-day fun activities that are a tradition at Camp Snyder.

Goshen Scout Reservation

www.gotogoshen.org/



Goshen Scout Reservation, a fully accredited camp, is the home of three resident Boy Scout camps, two resident Webelos camps, and the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Base, all centrally located around beautiful, 450 acre, Lake Merriweather. Each summer, Goshen Scout Reservation welcomes thousands of Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and adult leaders. In continuous operation since 1967, Goshen Scout Reservation provides the premier summer camp experience in our area.

Goshen is located about 4 hours from NCAC. The address is 340 Millard Burke Memorial Hwy, Goshen, VA 24439.



Not sure which camp is right for your unit? Visit the Goshen webpages to visit our Camp Program Highlights page for a general overview of the camps that make up Goshen Scout Reservation. Learn why Goshen is the place for you and your unit and view details about the camps to help you decide which one, or ones, interest you the most.

National High Adventure Opportunities

The NCAC High Adventure Committee is comprised of volunteer Scouters that are dedicated to promoting high-adventure programs in all NCAC districts through our district high-adventure coordinators. This committee provides information and assistance to NCAC youth and adults concerning high-adventure program opportunities and conducts council contingent expeditions to Philmont Scout Ranch and other national High Adventure bases.

To visit the NCAC page, visit <http://www.ncacbsa.org/council-committees/outdoor-adventuring/high-adventure/>

Troops and crews can go directly to each high adventure base's website to book their trips or, for small groups, NCAC offers a 'Provisional' contingent made up of multiple individuals and small crews and troops.



Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit is a training, scouting, and adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America and anyone who loves the outdoors. The Summit is home to the National Scout Jamboree and the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base which complements the three existing bases: Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier and Florida Sea Base.

Get ready for the next century of Scouting. With incredible facilities and amazing outdoor programs, The Summit is a place that takes Scouts and Venturers to the limits of what they think they can do, and then pushes them further.

The Summit is more than just a place for Scouts; it's where future leaders are shaped.

Summit Base – Adirondack High Adventure

www.summitbase.com

Summit Base Is...

unique collection of **challenging outdoor activities**. Surrounded by the tremendous opportunities of the Adirondack Park, our program creates a **full experience** for any skill level.



Our **trek program** will carry you anywhere in the Park. In camp, you can **rock climb**, participate in **Project COPE**, use our **indoor climbing wall** or take advantage of our **guide services** within our local mountain ranges.

Summit Base is located at Curtis S. Read Scout Reservation in the Adirondack Park of New York State. The six million acre Adirondack Park is comprised of breathtaking mountain ranges, inspiring valleys, thousands of pristine lakes and miles of rivers and trails.

The 'North Country' is an abundance of opportunities for an individual to test oneself physically, mentally and emotionally against country as rugged and untamed as it is beautiful.



Florida Sea Base

www.bsaseabase.org

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is a unique Scouting program that offers aquatics programs found nowhere else. Whether your interests lie in sailing, scuba diving, rustic camping on an undeveloped barrier island, fishing or a combination of all, this is the place for your troop or crew.

Sea Base operates 11 different adventures out of three different locations: two in the Florida Keys and one in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas. Scouting's most complete aquatic facility offers a complete variety of water activities from scuba diving to sailing "Tall Ships." All of our participants have the opportunity to swim, snorkel and fish among the most beautiful coral reefs in the northern hemisphere.

Our Council's High Adventure Committee sponsors a Council Contingent Expedition to Sea Base each year. The expedition is a provisional style crew made up of Scouts/Venturers from various units under the leadership of Council-approved scouters.

Northern Tier High Adventure Bases

www.ntier.org



Northern Tier is the Boy Scouts of America's gateway to adventure in the Great Northwoods. In the Summer, scouts from Northern Tier's three wilderness canoe bases explore millions of acres of pristine lakes, meandering rivers, dense forests and wetlands in Northern Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Northeast Manitoba. In the winter, Northern Tier is home to the OKPIK Cold-Weather Camping program, the BSA's premier winter high adventure program. Fall programming is also available.

Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, N.M.

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest national High Adventure Base. Its 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps provide an unforgettable adventure in the country along hundreds of miles of rugged, rocky trails.



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Born in 1938 as Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp, today's Philmont Scout Ranch is a bustling center for high adventure and training. Youth and adults take advantage of the Ranch's camping, training and work programs. Most activity takes place during the summer, but Philmont also offers Autumn and Winter Adventure programs.

More than one million Scouts, Venturers and leaders have experienced the adventure of Philmont since its first camping season. Throughout its existence, conscientious attention to low-impact camping techniques has helped maintain the Ranch's wilderness.

http://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/HAC_2017_philmont_provo.pdf

2016 White Oak District Cub Scout Day Camp

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP



Camp Dates: June 20-24, 2016

Same location as last year!

Camp Location: Our House Job Training Center, located at the intersection of Route 108 and Zion Rd in Brookville MD



Camp Hours Monday 6/20, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Friday 6/21- 6/24,
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Note: Hours for other days subject to change due to extended school year

Who Can Attend?

Registered Cub Scouts and Webelos between the ages of 6 and 10 (grade 1 and up) are eligible for day camp. First year Tiger Cubs (becoming a Tiger Cub on or after June 1, 2016) are considered to be in first grade on September 1, 2016 and are eligible for the discounted Early Bird fee no matter when they sign up for camp (they must sign up 'hard copy' through the district leadership rather than online). **Each Tiger Cub will need to have his Tiger Cub Partner attend camp with him every day.**

Activities:

Day Camp activities at this location include archery instruction, target shooting (BBs and/or slingshot), nature, crafts, fishing, sports, Scout Skills, and other activities.

Advancement is not the specific goal of Cub Scout Day Camp. However, many times a specific camp activity may focus on rank achievements. In this case, if the participants are fully active, they may complete the rank achievement during day camp and the Pack Coordinator will be notified of the completion. Packs purchase the awards and present the advancements and/or achievements at a future den or pack event.

Camp Fees:

Register on or before	April 15, 2016	\$190
Register between	April 16 and May 20, 2016	\$210
Register after	May 20, 2016	\$230

Registration for this camp closes June 5, 2016

**Registration Now
OPEN!!**

Each Cub Scout will receive the Early Bird discount if registered by the early bird deadline in April 2016. Later registrations will incur a higher cost. To allow for proper planning and to have all materials available for your child, registrations will not be accepted after the Tuesday prior to the start of each camp *unless* prior arrangements have been made with the camp director or professional assigned to your camp.

Registration:

Packs sign up as a group, either online at www.boyscouts-ncac.org or by filling out and mailing or bringing the registration to the Marriot Scout Service Center, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814. No individual campers will be accepted...they must attend with their pack or have alternate full-time leadership.

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Only have one or two boys who can attend? Small groups are welcome. Feel free to pair up with another pack or contact the camp director for more information on individual campers from a pack or small groups.

Registration fees for regional day camps include participation in all camp activities and programs, one themed tshirt, commemorative patch, and water bottle. Extra t-shirts can be ordered prior to camp through our online trading post specific to day camps. **Lunch is not provided** and should be sent with the camper.

Returning to White Oak CSDC this year!

We're again partnering with Smart Lunches to offer parents and staff an opportunity to order hot and cold lunches for delivery to camp for campers, adults and staff members.



Smart Lunches delivers fresh, nutritious lunches to kids and adults at schools, camps and daycares. Parents use an innovative website (www.smartlunches.com) to order nutritionist-approved lunches from a menu that's been customized to their child's preferences and dietary needs. Smart Lunches ServSafe-certified local catering partners prepare the meals bright and early every morning, and their delivery professionals bring them to the camps by lunchtime. Hot meals arrive hot and cold meals arrive cold, all in eco-friendly packaging and clearly labeled for each child. Smart

Lunches is based in Boston and serves nearly 300 schools and camps in four metropolitan areas (Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Washington DC). Sample menus (items are subject to change) are available for review through your pack coordinators.

We will share more information about Smart Lunches in the next few months. Ordering will open by mid May. Campers, Den Walkers and Staff are all welcome to order and make this a great success!!!

Important information!

Each group of five boys requires *at least* one adult who will walk with the den all day (not considered to be a staff member). Den Walkers and Adult Staff (over 18 years) must complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) and provide proof of completion. Remember that YPT must be renewed every two years.

Each youth, den walker, and staff member is expected to have an appropriate medical form on file at the camp. These forms will be available online at the day camp website. Only parts A and B are needed for Day Camp. No visit to a doctor is needed with these forms. These are to be turned into your Pack's Day Camp coordinator in advance of camp. **PLEASE ATTACH A COPY (FRONT AND BACK) OF YOUR MEDICAL**

INSURANCE CARD

TO THE HEALTH FORM. This includes youth, adult den walkers, den chiefs and youth and adult staff.

Note that camper shirts and bottles will not be distributed to Pack Coordinators without all of the necessary paperwork, which includes a den walker schedule. Please turn in all payments, forms to your pack coordinator.

Adults, do you want your son or daughter to attend camp for \$70 (and have a great time as well)?

Youth, do you want to earn SSL hours or Goshen Credit and have a great time working at camp?

Full-time, approved adult staff members aged 18 and older will receive up to 2 discount registrations for camp (and should **not** pre-pay for this child's registration). Adult staff must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America. Youth staff must be at least **14 years** of age or serving as a **Den Chief** or **Program Assistant** per council. SSL, Goshen credit (\$75 for a full week of service, 14 and older) and leadership experience is available for Boy Scouts, Venturing Scouts, Girl Scouts and Explorers. Contact the Camp Director for more information.

Questions?

Feel free to contact any of our experienced camp staff for more information:

Camp Director: Theresa Garcia-Parks garcia_parks@yahoo.com 301-603-8810

Program Director: Michelle Manning michelle_manning@hotmail.com 301-906-1022

District Executive: Michael Werling Michael.Werling@scouting.org 703-350-8628



Visit our White Oak District FB page at www.facebook.com/WhiteOakDistrict

Visit our FB Cub Scout Day Camp event page at www.facebook.com/events/229291590747604/

Outdoor Ethics

Leave No Trace

These three items concerning Leave No Trace (LNT) are the most important at the unit level, and they underscore BSA activity nationally. Entire chapters are devoted to encouraging and explaining LNT principles in the Boy Scout Handbook and Fieldbook. LNT is also covered in the first volume of the 2015 **Program Features for Troops, Teams and Crews**. – *Axel Anderson, White Oak District LNT Advocate*

1. Troop Outdoor Ethics Guide: An official troop position*

An **Outdoor Ethics Guide** helps minimize impact on the land by teaching members the principles of Leave No Trace and improving Scouts' outdoor ethics decision-making skills. A senior patrol leader may appoint a Scout to serve as the troop Outdoor Ethics Guide. While a 16-hour Leave No Trace trainer course is no longer required for a Scout who holds this position, it is highly recommended.

**Can be used for Star, Life, and Eagle*

2. NCAC Leave No Trace Trainer TRAINING 2015-16 Program Year Courses

Location: Germantown MD Fall 2016: Sept. 30 (5pm) to Oct. 2 (10am) Spring 2017: April 21 (5pm) to April 23 (10am) Cost: \$40, nonrefundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals are not included. Contact: Paul Schimke at paul@schimke.org or 301-906-0069	Northern Virginia Fall 2016: Sept. 23 (5pm) to Sept. 25 (10am) Spring 2017: March 31 (5pm) to April 2 (10am) Cost: \$75, nonrefundable, which includes fees and materials. Meals are included. Contact: Victor Bieniek at vbieniek@gmail.com or 703-855-8428 (cell)
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3. Boy Scout and Scouter Outdoor Ethics AWARDS

Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award

Boy Scouts and Scouters interested in learning more about outdoor ethics and Leave No Trace should begin by exploring the **Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award**. The requirements are as follows:

1. Recite from memory and explain the meaning of the Outdoor Code.
2. Watch the National Park Service Leave No Trace video. [It's on the right side of the page.](#)
3. Complete the Leave No Trace online youth course [It's on the right side of the page.](#) Print the certificate.
4. Earn the Tread Lightly! online course [It's on the right side of the page.](#) certificate. Print the certificate when you are done.
5. Participate in an outdoor ethics course, workshop, or training activity facilitated by a person who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course or is a BSA outdoor ethics trainer or master.



Outdoor Ethics Action Award

The **Outdoor Ethics Action Award** challenges Scouts and Scouters to take affirmative steps to improve their outdoor skills. The requirements for the Outdoor Ethics Action Award are:



Recognition name tag can be personalized.

Boy Scout Action Award Requirements

1. Do the following:
 - a. Unless already completed, earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.
 - b. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.
 - c. Explain how each of the four points of the Outdoor Code guides your actions when outdoors.
2. Do the following:
 - a. Read Chapter 7 of the *Boy Scout Handbook* on Leave No Trace.
 - b. Teach a skill related to the Outdoor Code or Leave No Trace to another Scout in your troop or another Scouting unit.
3. Complete one of the following:
 - a. Successfully complete a term as your troop Leave No Trace Trainer.
 - b. Participate in an outing that emphasizes the complete set of Leave No
 - c. Trace or relevant Tread Lightly principles. All members of the troop participating in the outing should use the outdoor ethics and the specific skills needed to minimize impacts from their use of the outdoors.
4. Follow the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly principles on three outings. Write a paragraph on each outing explaining how you followed the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, and Tread Lightly! Share it with your unit leader or an individual who has completed the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.
5. On a troop outing, help your troop on a service activity that addresses recreational impacts related to the type of outing. The project should be approved in advance by the landowner or land manager and lead to permanent or long-term improvements.
6. Participate in a report at a court of honor or similar family event on the service activity in Requirement 5.

Scouter Action Award Requirements

1. Do the following:
 - a. Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award.
 - b. Complete the BSA outdoor ethics orientation course.
 - c. Discuss with your troop how each of the four points of the Outdoor Code guides your actions when outdoors.
2. Read the *North American Skills & Ethics* booklet to learn about the principles of Leave No Trace. Review the principles of Tread Lightly. Review Chapter 7 of the *Boy Scout Handbook* and *Fieldbook* chapters about Leave No Trace, using stoves and campfires, hygiene and waste disposal, and traveling and camping in special environments.
3. Facilitate your troop's leadership in planning and leading an outing that emphasizes the complete set of Leave No Trace or Tread Lightly! principles. All members of the troop participating in the outing should use outdoor ethics and the specific skills to minimize impacts from their use of the outdoors.
4. Help plan and participate in at least three outings where your troop can follow the Outdoor Code and practice the principles of Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! Facilitate a discussion at the end of the outings.
5. Assist your unit in arranging for a service project emphasizing outdoor ethics with a local landowner or land manager. The project must be approved by the landowner or land manager in advance. Participate in that project. The project should lead to permanent or long-term improvements.
6. Make, or facilitate youth in making, a presentation at a roundtable or similar gathering about what your troop did for Requirement 4.
7. Help at least three Boy Scouts earn the youth Outdoor Ethics Action Award.

Axel Anderson

White Oak District Outdoor Ethics Advocate

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White Oak Chapter

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge 470

Order of the Arrow

This short history of the Order of the Arrow provides a list of advantages that a strong OA organization can provide for your Troop and Scouts.

Order of the Arrow Background

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society. The OA began over a 100 years ago in 1915 and exists to serve the local council. Members of the OA are referred to as Arrowmen, and their main duty is to serve their unit. They wear red and white sashes and a patch on the right pocket flap of the Scout uniform to identify their lodge affiliation.

Benefits to the Individual

The Order of the Arrow has several key benefits for the individual.

First, the OA is a way for peers to recognize Scouts who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. In order to gain membership into the OA, a Scout must meet certain criteria and be elected by his peers in the unit. A Scouter must meet the same criteria and be selected by the troop or team committee. This recognition instills a sense of pride within an individual.

Second, the OA gives Scouts an opportunity that might not be found at the unit level. They have a chance to sharpen their leadership skills by leading others at a local council or national level, by planning and promoting events, by communicating, and by attending leadership programs. They are then able to return to their troops and provide leadership. By allowing Scouts to actively participate in the OA, troop and team leaders are allowing them to develop their leadership skills, which will improve the unit.

Third, the Scout may actively participate with his troop or team for a longer period of time if he is active in the OA. Arrowmen are more likely to continue to participate in troop or team functions because they are still involved with Scouting.

Fourth, there is also a nationally recognized leadership position for rank advancement: the troop/team representative. The troop/team representative acts as a liaison between the unit and the OA lodge or chapter and communicates future program opportunities to unit members. Your representative would also coordinate any interaction between the unit and the OA (i.e., help with activities at troop meetings or outings). This is a great way to strengthen leadership skills in a younger Scout to prepare him for further unit leadership.

Fifth, the Order of the Arrow operates three great high-adventure programs—Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier, and the Florida Sea Base. These programs are open to youth Arrowmen at a discounted rate.

Benefits to the Unit

The Order of the Arrow is full of knowledgeable Scouts and Scouters who are dedicated to the BSA program and are willing to assist your unit. When you have tried new approaches and nothing seems to be working, or you are just looking for a fresh idea, feel free to contact the OA. Arrowmen could assist with a skill that is going

to be taught at a troop meeting, attend a troop or team outing, help promote weekend and summer camp, help with leadership activities, or be present at troop functions to serve as a positive role model for those troops with many younger Scouts. The Order of the Arrow is not designed to take older Scouts away from the unit. The Order is designed to keep Scouts in Scouting as they mature. When Scouts go through their Ordeal, the first interaction between the Scout and the OA program, it is stressed to them to remain active in their unit.



The White Oak Chapter of the OA meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Transfiguration Episcopal Church, 13925 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

The Chapter holds Troop OA elections from November through May of each year. Each troop should schedule an election with the Chapter Chief. Scouts who are elected must complete an Ordeal (a weekend intended to emphasize service and selflessness) within one year of their election to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow.

The White Oak Chapter holds two Ordeals each year. The final one for this year is October 21-23, 2016 and the first one for next year is May 12-14, 2017.

The dues for members in the OA are \$14.00 per year and are collected anytime between December and May.

OA members can also attend OA Fellowships (gatherings of the Chapters in NCAC) and Conclaves (gatherings of Lodges in our section). Every two or three years, the OA holds the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) where members from around the country gather.

This year, we began supporting the White Oak District by helping run the District Camporee and holding an OA Call-Out of newly elected members.

White Oak District WEBELOS WEEKEND 2016

October 28-30, 2016

A WEBELOS-to-BOY SCOUT Transition Event

(Location: To be determined)

(Version 04/26/16)

What Is WEBELOS WEEKEND? In a word – FUN!

This is a camping and learning event for First and Second Year WEBELOS, one (or more) of their parents (sorry younger Scouts or siblings may NOT attend), and for Boy Scouts and Scout Leaders. It is a chance to camp with a Scout Troop, learn Scout Skills, and play a few games. Boy Scouts attending the event teach skills, tell WEBELOS about Scouting, and run the scheduled events. This is a GREAT opportunity for WEBELOS to see Boy Scouts in action and for parents to meet Troop Leaders.

PACKS & TROOPS SHOULD START DETAILED

PLANNING NOW: Hopefully you will start planning to attend this event right after Program Launch. Encourage WEBELOS and parents to attend. Scout Troops should contact their feeder Packs and arrange for planning meetings. Scout Troops should also look for an opportunity to lead an event.

Registration: We are fully transitioned to online registration to register all participants. The registration cost is expected to be \$10.00 each for WEBELOS and WEBELOS Adults; \$8.00 each for Scouts & Scout Adults. Registration and full payment will be due no later than the **October 12, 2016. The on-line Registration System is the ONLY way to register for this event. Please DO NOT attempt to register at the NCAC office.**

First Aid. Each Pack/Troop should come prepared to handle their own First Aid. If an injury is more than can be handled with a basic first aid kit, "911" should be called by the Unit Leader and the WEBELOS Weekend Event Chairman should be immediately notified.

Camping: You must provide all of your own camping gear, and **be able to carry ALL** of it from your parking spot to your designated campsite. **Parking is NOT allowed near any campsite** – ONLY in the designated parking area. You can expect the distance to be up to **200 yards**. Don't bring more than you need. **A wheelbarrow or wagon makes it easier to carry coolers and heavier camping gear.** Pack for the weather. Make sure you have the proper warm clothing, rain gear, and sun block. **We will have weather every day!**

Food: Eat before you come on Friday or bring a "bag supper". Plan 3 good meals for Saturday, but we do recommend that Troops host their Feeder Packs for Saturday night supper. Do a simple breakfast and lunch; something bigger for supper. Plan exciting meals, but something you can let your Scouts do – get them to cook. Sunday, make a nice big breakfast. We'll try to be packed up and on the way home by NOON.

Trash: Everything you bring to camp MUST go home with you.

Water: We will ****NOT**** provide water. You need to bring at least two gallons of water per person in your group. Start saving one-gallon milk jugs and lids; and fill them before you leave home. Encourage your Scouts (and adults) to drink plenty of water every day. Bring enough to drink, cook, and put out your fires.

Fires: Campfires must be built OFF THE GROUND (DO NOT DIG HOLES), so that the grass is not damaged. A 50 gallon steel drum cut in half, an old "Webber" grill, or a wheelbarrow pan placed sturdily on concrete blocks and filled with sand works well. Propane stoves or charcoal grills are recommended for cooking.

Latrines: A handicap latrine will be available. Males should not use latrines designated for females. Bring extra toilet paper for your unit as an emergency ration. Units may be randomly assigned duty to clean latrines. Cleaning gear will be supplied.

Uniform: Wear your Scout uniform, but do not bring special items (pin on items) that you could lose. Dress for the weather!

Pack/Troop Flag: Bring it. Show your Spirit.

Location: To be determined.

BE READY FOR SOME FUN



White Oak District Tiger Hunt

Troop Lead: Troop 763

Who: All new Tiger Cubs and Their Partners

What: Tiger Hunt is a fun activity to learn about Scouting. It will be co-located with WEBELOS Weekend so that you will be able to see WEBELOS and Boy Scouts in action and visit some of their events such as: a model campsite, a rope bridge, and Scout cooking methods. You will also complete some of the requirements for your Bobcat badge and learn more about being a Tiger Scout.

When: Saturday, October 29, 2016; From 1:00 till 5:15

Where: (Same location as WEBELOS WEEKEND)

Planning:

1. Individuals (Tiger & Partner) register with your Pack. Cost for the pair is \$7.00.
2. Packs register for the event online for all of your Tigers & Partners:
<http://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/>
3. Dress for being active outdoors and for the day's weather (rain or shine). Be prepared!
4. Bring water to drink and a light snack to eat.

Anticipated Schedule of Events:

Event	Start Time	Stop Time
Check In & Ice Breaker Games	1:00	1:30
Welcome to Tigers	1:30	1:35
Learning About Cub Scouts – The Bobcat Trail	1:35	2:15
ROTATION EVENTS		
Craft	2:15	2:45
Cooking	2:55	3:25
Rope Bridge	3:30	4:00
Model Campsite	4:10	4:40
ALL TOGETHER AGAIN		
Closing (Event Patches)	5:00	5:15

White Oak District

Scouting for Food

Lead Troops: Olney Area – Troop 264
Cloverly Area – Troop 96

Who: Packs and Troops

What: Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food collects food for local area food banks. This food collection is an annual service project that collects a huge percentage of all of the food that is collected for local area food banks.

Canned and dried boxed foods are collected by Scouts from homes in the neighborhoods of their unit and then delivered to collection locations at local food stores (specific location information will be provided as we get closer to the collection date).

Plastic grocery style bags are distributed at the **October Roundtables** to every unit. Units then deliver bags to homes in their local neighborhoods on one Saturday, then they return the following Saturday to pickup the donated food. An option you might consider is to place signs at the entrances and exits of local neighborhoods two weeks or so in advance of the collection date, then go house to house on collection day asking for food donations. This process will only require your unit to make a full day on the collection date

All Scouts and Scouters should be in uniform and use the buddy system while going door-to-door for distribution and collection days.

When: Bag distribution day: **November 5, 2016**
Bag collection day: **November 12, 2016**

Where: Get food from neighborhoods in the vicinity of your unit.
Deliver food to designated collection locations (to be provided at a later date)

Report: 1. Number of pounds of food collected at NCAC website (www.ncacbsa.org/sff)
2. Service Hours through the Unit Advancement website

White Oak District

**Joint Cub/Scout/Venture/Explorer
Roundtable - Holiday Party
and
Annual District Meeting**

December 14, 2016

Who: All White Oak District Adults Leaders;
Chartered Organization Representatives should be present to vote at the District meeting.

What: Joint Cub/Scout/Venture Holiday Roundtable, Holiday Party, and Annual District Meeting

This Roundtable is a multi-purpose meeting that will include a very short Roundtable, the Annual District Meeting to elect the new District Committee Members and a reception for all White Oak District Adult Leaders.

The time provides an opportunity to meet District leaders, Commissioners, and all Unit leaders, and informally discuss District issues.

Bring a dessert, finger food, or drink for eight people to share (you don't have to make it yourself).

When: December 14, 2016; 7:30-9:00

Where: Roundtable (People's Community Baptist Church)

White Oak District Annual Meeting

December 14, 2016

The principal purpose of the District Annual Meeting is to elect district leaders, specifically:

District Chairman

District Vice Chairman:

Membership/Relationships

Finance/Development

Standing Nominating Committee

Marketing

Program

Training

Advancement

Camping

The Chairman of the Standing Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating people from the district to fill these positions annually and when vacancies occur. The current Chairman of the Nominating Committee is Dana Myers who may be contacted at:

nominating@whiteoakDistrict.org

Nominations for these district positions should be submitted to the Chairman of the Standing Nominating Committee between 90 to 60 days {9/14/16 – 10/12/16}, but no later than two weeks (November 30, 2016), before the Annual Meeting.

Chartered Organization Representatives and District Members at Large are the official voting members for this annual meeting and are expected to be present.

Each Chartered Organization should have only one registered Chartered Organization Representative no matter how many units the Chartered Organization may charter; accordingly a Chartered Organization gets only one vote.

White Oak District

Scout Sunday / Scout Sabbath

Who: Packs, Troops, Crews, Teams, Ships, Posts

What: Scout Sunday / Scout Sabbath

A Scout is reverent. February is traditionally used to celebrate this event because it is the month that Scouting was founded in 1910.

Scouts are encouraged to worship together with their unit and family. Units chartered by a religious organization should consider worshipping with the Chartered Organization. Participate in the processional by carrying the American, Church, and Troop or Pack flags, serving as ushers, and by reading passages or prayers during the service.

When: Scout Sunday – February 5, 2017
Scout Sabbath – February 11, 2017

Or on a date that is appropriate for your religion or most convenient for your unit

Where: Consider your Chartering Organization if it is a religious organization, otherwise get your Pack or Troop Committee to choose an appropriate location - look for invitations from units chartered by religious organizations. Get your Scouts to do their own service at a selected location and invite their families to attend.

White Oak District

Merit Badge Day

District Committee Lead: Vice Chairman for Advancement; Merit Badge Dean; Vice Chairman for Program

Troop Lead: Troop 1441

Who: All White Oak District Troops

What: Merit Badge Day

Merit badge opportunities will be provided for all levels of Scouts, based on merit badges that are recommended and on available Merit Badge Counselors.

When: February 20, 2017 (Monday - Washington's Birthday Holiday)

Where: To be determined

Actions:

1. Recommendations for merit badges to be offered will be accepted from 10/01/16 until 12/31/16.
2. Send your merit badge recommendations to the Vice Chairman for Advancement.
3. Register for this event online at the White Oak District webpage.

2017 WHITE OAK DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

Pack Information Form

GENTLEMEN START YOUR ENGINES!!!!!!

Please bring your car and spend a fast-paced day full of fun, racing, and awards at this year's district derby!!

Eligibility: ONLY the fastest car from each pack for TIGER CUBS, WOLVES, BEARS, WEBELOS I, WEBELOS II, Den Chief, and Parent are eligible to participate. In addition, each pack can send one car to participate in the appearance competition (maximum of EIGHT cars).

- *Parents, sponsoring adults, leaders, friends, guests, and others are welcome on race day.*
- *Awards for Top Racer for each scout rank – Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos I&II and overall district.*
- *Awards for appearance*
- *Awards for Den Chiefs*
- *Awards for Parents*
- *All cars must comply with the 2017 White Oak District Pinewood Derby Rules*
- *There will also be an opportunity to win the “White Oak District Derby Cup” awarded to the pack with the fastest average times (TIGER CUB, WOLF, BEAR, WEBELOS I, and WEBELOS II racers ****MUST**** be entered and present for a Pack to be eligible. See White Oak District Pinewood Derby Rules for details!)*

DATE: - Saturday, April 8, 2017

PLACE: - White Oak Middle School (to be finalized)

TIME: - Check-in & Inspection between 11:00am – 12:30 pm (please arrive on time)

- **NO CARS ARRIVING AFTER 12:30 WILL BE PERMITTED ENTRY**

- Racing begins at 1:00pm

COST: - Registration fee is \$40.00 per pack or \$8.00 per car up to max of \$40.00 (covers the entire pack and guests)

- Registration and payment ****ONLY**** online

ALL REGISTRATION and PAYMENT is done online.

Registration will require: telephone and e-mail information to permit reminders to be sent.

	Racer Name	Telephone	Parent or Sponsoring Adult Name	Parent or Sponsoring Adult's E-mail
Tiger				
Wolf				
Bear				
Webelos I				
Webelos II				
Appearance				
Den Chief				
Parent				

Each participating pack is required to provide one adult volunteer to assist with race day activities. This parent needs to arrive at the established set up time - 10:00am – and stay until the cleanup is completed after the event. Please provide their contact information.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Our competing Scouts and their parents or sponsoring adults will have been given a copy of the 2016 White Oak District Pinewood Derby Rules and must agree to abide by them.

Pack: _____

Unit Leader Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Please contact District Pinewood Derby Chairperson anytime at with question -

Kurt Nordstrom [doseofvitamink@gmail.com]

White Oak District

BUDDY HIKE

Event Lead: Troop 97

Who: Packs and Troops

What: Buddy Hike

Buddy Hike is a Pack and Troop event designed to cement relations between Packs and Troops; for Cub Scouts and WEBELOS to learn Boy Scout skills and become familiar with Troop Scouts and Scouters.

Packs and Troops should plan this event together and use the available trail resources provided by Troop 97.

When: May 13, 2017

Where: Silver Spring – Sligo Creek Historic Trail

The hike will begin in the parking lot of the **Woodside Methodist Church** on Georgia Avenue, just north of Spring Street. Hikers and bikers can step off any time between 9 AM and noon using the maps that will provide at the registration desk. Additional information will be provided on the White Oak Website.

Actions: Register online.

White Oak District CAMPOREE

**<<A Troop is needed to Head Up and Plan this Event for 2017.
Other Troops are needed to help with the event.
Please contact the District Vice Chairman for Program to Volunteer**

**Or
GOSHEN 50th ANNIVERSARY CAMPOREE>>**

Who: Troops & Packs (WEBELOS I may visit during the day on Saturday)

What: CAMPOREE - Welcomes all new Scouts who just transitioned from WEBELOS Scouts

CAMPOREE is designed as a fun orientation for new Scouts, former WEBELOS II who just transitioned into a Troop from a Pack and completely new Scouts. Experienced Scouts will welcome the new Scouts to their Troops and have some great fun together with all of the activities available at CAMPOREE. This event will help new Scouts acclimatize into the Troop so that they will be ready for Summer Camp with the Troop.

When: April 28-30, 2017

Where: To be determined

Actions:

1. Volunteer to lead or help with this event. Contact the District Vice Chairman for Program, Marvin Arthur; 301-622-4523; islandfox6@aol.com
2. Look for additional details at the White Oak District website; they will be provided as soon as it becomes available.
3. Register at the District website not later than 30 days prior to the event.

Goshen@50 Council Camporee
Memorial Day Weekend 2017
26 – 29 May 2017

Theme:

“Past, Present, Future” - Celebrates 50 years since the opening of Goshen Scout Reservation to campers.

The program will include traditional, popular Goshen activities like Shooting Sports, Aquatics and COPE/Climbing. Also, there will be competition among the units for “past” and “present” skills (for example, Orienteering and Geocaching) **AND MUCH MORE!**

This event will be on the same scale as the 2010 Centennial Camporee at Goshen, with about 7,000 participants. It will be **HUGE** and an event to remember!

Participants:

Cubs and their Families

Scouts and Venturers

Goshen Alumni

Basic Schedule:

Afternoon, Friday, May 26 – Early arrival for units/families

Mid-morning to mid-afternoon, Saturday, May 27 – Arrival and/or participate in traditional Goshen activities – shooting sports, aquatics, COPE/climbing, etc

Evening, Saturday, May 27 – Campfires

All day, Sunday, May 28 – Competitive events for units and cubs

Evening, Sunday, May 28 – Celebration and Recognition Arena Show (tentative)

Mid-morning to mid afternoon, Monday, May 29 – Unit and family departures

Registration Opens in September, 2016

Please put this event on your district and unit calendars

Recruiting Volunteers for Goshen@50 Camporee

Urgent Need: Publicity and Marketing Director

Camping Committee:

Director of Aquatics

Director for Shooting Sports

Director for COPE/Climbing

POCs for Other Areas:

Administration – Tony LaCava, tjklown@gmail.com, 571-436-7948

Logistics – Doug Carlson, doug.carlson@verizon.net, 703-667-0174

Alumni – John McGovern, canoerat@verizon.net, 202-327-4600

Program – Dave Seitz, dbseitz@gmail.com, 703-895-7729

Camp Commissioners – Jim Hardter, jhardter@msn.com, 703-874-0499

Overall POC – Craig Weston, craigweston16@gmail.com, 703-232-7712

White Oak District Unit Service Reporting Requirements

Scouting was founded on the premise of doing a Good Turn daily. Community service is very important in the character-building process and, as Scouts, we have made the commitment to give back to our communities.

Information on the complete concept behind Service Projects may be found at:

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/awards/journeytoexcellence/unit_tips.aspx

Planning and Doing the Service Project is the most important thing, but reporting the project is a very important piece too. Many people in our community and nation have no idea of how much Scouting gives to both. Having the data available as proof of what we do is also very important.

Please check the above link to see everything you need to do, then have you unit submit the required data. After you go to the above link, there is another link on the first page that will take you to the report. The below information is provided there, but a quick review here will get you ready. Please review this and record your data after every Service Project. You already do a lot of service, now document it.

Recording Service Hours

You will need your unit ID (five to 11 digits) and your unit number (four digits, no letters). You can get this information by calling your council service center.

Go to our website at www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence. Look for the “Service Project” area of the screen. Click on “Enter service hours here.” Choose “Click here to log in or create an account.” Volunteers with a MyScouting account can also reach the Journey to Excellence service hour website by clicking on the service hours link on the left side of the screen in the “Unit Tools” section.

First-Time Users

Select “Click Here” to register. Complete your information and create a user name and password. The user name must be unique (you may have to try again). Your e-mail address will be used only if you forget your password.

Returning Users

Enter your user name and password, then click “Login.” Select an option.

View All Previously Recorded Projects

To select the project you want to view or edit, click on the project name. To edit the project, click on the field, type in the correct information, and press “Update.” To print a certificate, press “Print Certificate.”

Report a Service Project

Select one service project type that best describes your project. Input the data requested:

- Date of the project
- Number of registered Scouts participating
- Number of non-Scouts (brothers, sisters, friends)
- Number of adult leaders participating
- Number of other adults participating
- Total hours worked (number of people times the length of time they worked)
- Organizations that joined you on the project
- Who or what organization benefited from the project
- Number of items collected (if applicable)

Click on “Submit.” When you submit your information, you will be asked whether you have any additional projects to record. To print a certificate, press “Print Certificate.”

How can an Eagle Scout record his service hours?

There are 2 ways for Eagle project information to be entered.

1. The preferred method is to let the council registrar enter the project date and number of service hours as part of the Eagle Application verification process that is done when the Life Scout has completed all requirements and the application is submitted to the service center for “verification” before the Eagle board of review.
2. The second method is data entry by someone with the unit login and password and the Eagle Scout’s BSA member ID number. Follow the instruction below for this method: You will need to have the Eagle Scout project workbook handy. Input the data requested:
3. The applicant’s full name
4. The project completion date
5. Number of Scouts working on the project
6. Number of non-Scout youth working on the project
7. Number of leaders working on the project
8. Number of other adults working on the project
9. Total hours worked on the project (number of people times the length of time they worked)

10. Cost of materials required to complete the project
11. Project category (selected from the drop-down box)
12. Type of group benefiting from the project
13. The specific group that benefited from the project

How does an Order of the Arrow lodge record their service hours?

Each local council has an OA lodge ID that can be used to log Order of the Arrow service hours. Anyone from the lodge can create an account and record hours with that lodge ID. All OA units are "Lodge" unit type. The unit number is a 1, 2 or 3 digit number that matches the council number. Council 1 OA unit number is 1, council 212 OA number is 212. If the council has units with the same number as the council number, that is not a problem because the unit ID will help the computer differentiate between the various accounts. Follow the same instructions for units recording their service hours.

How do Lone Scouts record their service hours?

There are two options available, and Lone Scouts should contact the local council to determine the best option.

One option is to find a unit in the area and ask them to report your service hours along with theirs. Lone Scouts can also report their hours through the local Order of the Arrow lodge. Each local council has an OA lodge ID that can be used to log Lone Scout service hours. In order to track Lone Scout hours, it is suggested that in the area to list partners, you type in "Lone Scout."

NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL, BSA STEM PROGRAMS 2016

STEM stands for **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**. **The Boy Scouts of America** has created a new program which emphasizes STEM and gives Scouts an opportunity to explore these skills and be recognized for their achievements.

STEM – it's in everything we do!

White Oak District STEM Coordinator:

Kevin Hopson, Email: stemcoordinator@WhiteOakDistrict.Org

2016 COUNCIL STEM EVENTS



Monthly First Tuesdays (Montgomery), First Thursdays (Tysons)

Tech Talk! Tuesdays at Microsoft Montgomery

May 3, 2016 | 6:30PM – 8:30PM

Tech Talk! Thursdays at Microsoft Tysons

May 5, 2016 | 7PM – 9PM

Microsoft has worked with Boy Scouts of America to design curriculae that meet Cub Scout advancement requirements. Cubs will earn requirements 3-5 of the Tech Talk! Nova Award.

Register <https://scoutingevent.com/?STEMicrosoft>

Digital Technology Merit Badge at Microsoft Montgomery

This event is now full. When we schedule more dates we will post them here.

Humans to Mars Summit

Out of this World Nova! for Cub Scouts

Shoot Nova! for Boy Scouts

May 17, 2016 | 5PM – 7:15PM

The Human 2 Mars Summit is producing two workshops for Cubs and Boy Scouts to earn their Nova Awards! This will be an interactive experience with hands-on activities for the scouts to work on Nova requirements — led by Janet from Janet's Planet (educational TV entertainer), Holly Melears from New World Institute, Vera Mulyani from Mars City Design and possibly Astronaut Abby! This is a free event, but we ask that you register. More info is

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/blog/2016/04/20/h2m/>

STEM Day Camp at Camp Snyder

July 18 – 21, 2016 | 9AM – 4PM

Scouts will enjoy all of the shooting sports and outdoor activities that Snyder has to offer, but they will also learn about geology and pan mine for gems, build electronic airboats for a raingutter regatta competition, and design Mars Rovers. Cub scouts may earn 3 of the newly published Nova Awards through their explorations. Don't miss it! Registration is

<https://scoutingevent.com/?CWBSSTEMDayCampe>.

Marriott Project – STEM Week at Goshen

July 30 - August 6

The program includes a mix of Merit Badges, STEM NOVA

Venturing

camp mystery,

engineering skills to

more!

Explorations, and activities. Use forensic science to solve an at-
camp mystery, explore energy and forces on the COPE course, put your
the test building catapults, examine the natural world, and much

<https://scoutingevent.com/?2016Marriott>

Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet

October 2016

Scout Energy & Nuclear Science Merit Badge and Nova Start Your Engines!

U.S. Energy Information Administration

October 2016

<http://www.eia.gov/kids/activities/meritbadge/>

Inventing Merit Badge Class at U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

November 2016

Noche de Ciencias

November 2016

This yearly event is sponsored by the organization of Hispanic
Professional Engineers and the Patent and Trademark Office.

Geology Lab & Tour Class – Down & Dirty Nova

November 2016

Northern Virginia Mineral Club & George Mason University

Department of

Atmospheric, Oceanic and Earth Sciences

TRAINING EVENTS

STEM University

June 18, 2016 | 1PM-3PM

The STEM Committee is hosting leader training on STEM, Nova Counselor training, Supernova
Mentor training, hands-on activities for Cub, Boy Scout & Venturing Novas. See

here: <https://scoutingevent.com/?STEMUniversity>

Summit Bechtel Reserve Youth and Adult STEM class
Jun 26-July, 2016 See here: <http://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/>

Philmont Training Center STEM Week
July 17-23, 2016
<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc.aspx>

POW WOW
November 2016
Supernova Mentor and Nova Counselor Orientation & What is
STEM classes
<http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/pow-wow/>

COMMUNITY STEM EVENTS

Humans to Mars Summit
May 17-19, 2016 | 12PM-5PM
This Summit will take place at George Washington University, Washington D.C. A captivating speaker and panel line-up is set, and the organizers are planning special scout activities. Event website is <http://h2m.exploremars.org/>

Scouting is a perfect fit for STEM. The National Capital Area Council, BSA is committed to making America No. 1 in these disciplines and creating a future workforce that is not only technically superb, but exemplifies the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
<http://ncacbsa.org/stem>

Find the latest news, here <http://www.ncacbsa.org/blog/category/stem/>

STEM PROGRAM INITIATIVES FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL, BSA



STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. These disciplines are considered by many to be the foundation of an advanced society. A STEM trained workforce is viewed as an indicator of a nation's ability to sustain itself.

The Boy Scouts of America has created a new program which emphasizes STEM and gives Scouts an opportunity to explore these skills and be recognized for their achievements.

The National Capital Area Council, BSA is recognized nationally for its leadership in this new STEM program. Our Council organized a STEM Committee in 2012 to push forward this National Initiative.

2015 Accomplishments:

- Inventing Merit Badge Class with the US Patent and Trademark Office – one scout has an actual utility Patent!
- 100 youth participated in the Geology Day with the Northern Virginia Mineral Club and George Mason University
- STEM Day Camp Theme was Take Flight! In 2015
- Special STEM Camping weeks
- Youth earned over 100 Cubs/Webelos Supernova Awards & 3 Boy Scouts Supernova awards
- One Scout earned all Cub Scout Nova awards, Supernova and the Webelos Supernova!
- Over 1400 youth attended a NCAC STEM event, earning at least a partial Nova Award
- Great partnership with the Microsoft Store offers STEM workshops to Cub and Boy Scouts throughout the program year
- Monthly STEM curriculum engages 350 Explorer Scouts in STEM Clubs
- 17,989 STEM merit badges earned

The National Capital Area Council serves more than 56,500 youth members in the Washington, DC metro area, including 16 counties in Maryland and Virginia, and in the US Virgin Islands.

Scouting is a perfect fit for STEM. The National Capital Area Council, BSA is committed to making America No. 1 in these disciplines and creating a future workforce that is not only technically superb, but exemplifies the Scout Oath and Scout Law. <http://ncacbsa.org/stem>

HOW TO GET STEM STARTED IN YOUR UNIT - *Get in on the FUN!*

1. Make sure you get a copy of the NOVA award books (Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing books) for your unit or per youth - sold in the local Scout shop or at scoutstuff.org or read [online](#).
2. Any adult in the unit can help "Counsel" the youth on the NOVA level awards / approved by unit committee and following Youth Protection Guidelines. [Here's how.](#)
3. Get award worksheets from the Council office or online [HERE](#) or [HERE](#).
4. Recruit an adult to be the Unit STEM Chair (STEM professional background optional)
5. Get familiar about the Nova program resources on this website and at scouting.org/stem
6. Recruit adults with a STEM background to be Supernova Mentors. They will need to apply thru the District STEM Chair or District Advancement Chair. [Here's how.](#)
7. Find online training for STEM Counselors, Mentors, and for general information at this [LINK](#)
8. Supernova Mentors nearby can be found by contacting your District STEM Chair
9. Turn in Nova awards timely at the Scout Shops to purchase patches and pins.
10. Turn in Supernova awards timely to your District STEM Chairs or the Council Office for approval by the STEM Chair.
11. Catch up with your District STEM Chair to find out more about local resources (see this [page](#))
12. and lastly check out the cool STEM events taking place around the Council

<http://ncacbsa.org/stem>

White Oak District

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)



White Oak District STEM Coordinator:

Kevin Hopson

stemcoordinator@WhiteOakDistrict.Org

All units (Cubs, Scouts, Venturers) should implement the STEM Program.

References:

<http://www.scouting.org/stem.aspx>

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/activitiesevents/stem/>

booklets are available at the Scout Shop

Description of every Nova and Supernova Award

**Detailed guide for Nova Award counselors and Supernova Award
mentors**

**Adults (age >21) within your unit need to be registered (multiple registration
{it's free}) as either a:**

Nova Counselor (Position Code 58)

Supernova Mentor (Position Code 52)

Training is available for both

**Program uses existing STEM-related adventures or badges in scouting in various
combinations to obtain STEM awards.**



Nova



Nova Awards Program

➤The Nova Awards program is Scouting's newest and most exciting adventure. With an emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Scouts can explore the wonders of different STEM fields as they work toward Nova awards. Cool experiments, awesome field trips, and fun activities are just part of the full STEM experience for interested Scouts.

➤The Nova program encourages Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Scouts to explore the STEM aspects of the Cub Scout belt loops, Boy Scout merit badges, and Venture activities that they are already doing as well as having other fun activities like:

- Be a rocket scientist! Design and fly a rocket and discover how to make it go higher.
- Explore biology, nature, weather, and gravity. How do water slides work?
- Build a catapult and research how to make it shoot farther.
- Design and use a secret code. Explore computer simulations of moving objects.
- Research how things work and how to do science experiments.
- Hang out with an engineer, scientist, or mathematician and learn what they do.



Parents & Adult Leaders

Be a Nova Counselor

The Nova Award Counselor is similar a Merit Badge Counselor. Parents and unit leaders may serve as Nova counselors even if they have little or no background in STEM, but they do need to understand the material well enough to work with Scouts, help them explore the topics, ask questions that get them to think and make connections, and help them work toward completing the awards. Scout units approve their own Nova counselors. To a NOVA Counselor, complete an adult application (indicating Code 58) and a copy of your Youth Protection Training certificate and turn it into the Marriott Scout Center. You must age 21 or older.

For additional Information (NCAC STEM FAQ)

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/activitiesevents/stem/stem-faq>



Supernova



Supernova Awards Program

➤ Supernova awards challenge the Scouts who have a greater interest in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields to experiment, understand the outcomes of these experiments, and present their findings to their Supernova Mentor. These Supernova awards build on the Nova awards, with activities providing greater learning and increasing complexity in the Scout's knowledge. Completing the requirements takes more work than the Nova awards and includes some research. Most Supernova activities take several weeks or months to complete.

➤ Each STEM field offers a choice of three Supernova activity topics. These are two-part, hands-on, high-level activities created to challenge Scouts along the STEM journey to excellence. Part 1 involves research, preparation, set up, coordination, and/or organization. Part 2 includes items such as analysis, reflection, experimentation, design, or invention, and culminates in a report created by you.

- Explore Coke™ and Mentos™ explosive chemistry.
- Explore communications technologies.
- Survive the Egg Drop Contest.
- Explore simulations of bungee jumping and geyser eruptions.
- Research how things work and do science experiments.
- Research a famous engineer, scientist or mathematician and learn what they did.
- Teach other Scouts about science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- With your Supernova Mentor, explore science and technology and earn the awards.

The Supernova Mentor

➤ Because the Supernova program is more complex and demanding, it requires an adult Mentor who has had a career in a STEM field or who has other subject-matter expertise (such as an avocation or other special training) and is willing to share accumulated wisdom and experience. The mentor works closely with the Scout for weeks or months, providing significant input and guidance to the Supernova candidate.

➤ To become a Supernova Mentor, complete an adult BSA Supernova Mentor application* and turn it into the Marriott Scout Center along with an adult application (indicating Code 52) and a copy of your Youth Protection Training certificate. Note: Parents may not serve as Supernova mentors with their own children unless working with more than one Scout in a group setting.

* <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>

For additional Information

<http://www.scouting.org/stem.asp>

Go to the <http://www.ncacbsa.org/activitiesevents/stem/>

Five groups who benefit from the BSA's superb STEM programs

Posted on February 18, 2016 by Bryan Wendell in STEM // 33 Comments



Some young people react to time spent outdoors with delight. Others with dread.

The outdoors-averse are just one of the groups that can benefit from the BSA's programming in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

The Boy Scouts of America offers life-changing experiences for every young person. And they can get those experiences wherever they want — in a state park, in a classroom, on a sailboat or — more and more these days — in a laboratory.

STEM comes in two flavors. There's STEM in traditional Scouting, which includes the Nova awards program, STEM-based adventures in Cub Scouts and STEM-related merit badges in Boy Scouts. And then there's STEM Scouts, a hands-on, all-STEM program currently serving 14 cities. (I went over the differences between STEM in Scouting and STEM Scouts in this post.)

Any young person who experiences STEM in Scouting or STEM Scouts will benefit. But Dr. Richard Stone, a Greater Alabama Council volunteer on the BSA's STEM/Nova committee, sees five specific groups who seem to fit especially well.

1. Youth not interested in the outdoors

"Some youth are just not interested in the outdoors," Stone explains. "Do they not deserve the benefits of a full Scouting experience?"

Most of us would argue they do. STEM Scouts, with labs for elementary through high school students, offers a way to deliver the values of Scouting in a unique setting.

2. Young people with disAbilities

First off: What's up with that spelling? Dr. Stone and his colleagues use that unusual capitalization to emphasize a young person's abilities, not his or her disabilities.

For example, Dr. Stone tells of a young boy named Michael who has Down syndrome. The boy's mother told Dr. Stone how STEM activities have changed this Scout's life.

"This program was a great way for Michael to interact with his fellow Cub Scouts," the mother wrote. "Michael learns best in a hands-on environment, and the STEM program provided that for him. As a parent of a son with special needs, I would like to applaud the Boy Scouts of America for encouraging all kids of all abilities to participate in the STEM program. It was a great experience for Michael."

And then there's Todd, a Scout with high-functioning autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Todd's dad observed how STEM programs within Scouting have helped Todd improve his social skills, develop friendships and have a greater view of the world.

3. Webelos and Arrow of Light Cub Scouts

Sometimes these oldest Cub Scouts (and their leaders) are looking for something new to try as they anxiously await the transition to Boy Scouting.

STEM offers just the thing. They can start with the Dr. Charles H. Townes Supernova Award, which takes Webelos Scouts on a journey through science, technology, engineering and math.

4. Scouts looking for a leg up in the workforce

STEM offers career opportunities galore, and by starting early in STEM Scouts or STEM in traditional Scouting, young people are getting a head start.

"The public, schools and future employers see STEM as preparing youth for their future," Stone says. Promoting STEM programs within the community will make it "easier to convince the public that Scouting is relevant and useful."

5. Young women

STEM Scouts adds to the BSA's range of programming another co-ed opportunity. That means girls as young as third grade can join a lab, become Scouts and enjoy Scouting's values.

These young women can continue in STEM Scouts until they graduate high school — or, if so inclined, move to Venturing or Sea Scouts once they're older.

Reference Link: <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2016/02/18/stem-is-the-bsas-answer-to-scouts-who-are-less-interested-in-the-outdoors/>

During November 2015 and January 2016, I asked YOU: scouts, parents, scouters, scouting friends, and organizations in White Oak District for your input about the value of STEM in Scouting. Your testimonials and comments were well received by the BSA National STEM NOVA Committee and contributed to the generation of this article. Many Thanks. Kevin Hopson, WOD STEM Coordinator

White Oak District Friends of Scouting (FOS)

Each Unit Should Designate an FOS Chairman and submit their name to the WOD Finance Vice Chair.

Please use persons within your Unit to make an FOS Presentation; it's better to work this project within your individual unit.

Every year the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) has a campaign for funds to support Scouting within our Council. This past year it cost about \$200 for every Scout above and beyond the registration fees and payments you make for the different events your Scout participates in.

Each Unit needs to pick up FOS pledge materials and brochures when it is announced that they are available, typically in the fall, from either Roundtable or the Council office.

FOS is a job someone in your unit needs to do; a once-a-year challenge to contact each of your unit's families and get them to support Scouting to the best of their ability. Set a goal for your unit to raise and let everyone know what it is. The "Fair Share" for giving is \$200 – the cost to support each one of your Scouts beyond what it costs within your unit. See if you can raise at least that much. I realize that not every family can afford to give that much, but every family can afford to give something, and that is why I am asking you to reach out to each of your families and ask for a contribution. See if you can get 100% of your families to give something. Ask for \$10 from each family, you will be surprised to see how much more they will give you if you just ask and let them know the fair share.

A Blue & Gold Banquet or a Troop Court of Honor may be your best chance to see every family, BUT you know your unit best. I spoke to a Pack Committee Chairman not long ago and she thought it was best to ask families at Den meetings, because every scout was usually accompanied by a parent – each parent could be approached on a more direct scale than at a Blue & Gold. You know your unit best, please talk with each family so that we can make an overall impact within Council from our District.

Gifts may be given with Cash, Check, Credit Card, or Pledge (you can be billed one to several times during the year to make it easier for you).

Recognitions are available:

Gift Giving Levels are typically:

\$10.00 (or your chosen unit minimum)

\$200.00 Patch

\$300.00 Patch & Hat

\$500.00 Patch & Hat & Special Gift

\$1,000.00 Patch & Hat & Special Gift & Extra Special Gift

Our District Finance Chairman is Roger Petzold, Finance@WhiteOakDistrict.Org or you may also contact me if you have any questions.

We need your help and would appreciate an email when you have finished your FOS drive – please let us know how much you collected. Your gifts will be collected and recognitions provided when we get your email.

Thank you for helping.

Commissioner Conference - NCAC

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/>

Merit Badge Counselor Orientation Training

April 23, 2016 - S

Fall 2016 TBA - S

NCAC Training Page

<http://www.ncacbsa.org>. Click on Program

Drop down to Training

Courses below are located on NCAC Training page

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills

(BCOLS) NCAC (S77,SSD,SA,S74,S76,D74)

National Youth Leader Training

Conference - NCAC

(NCAC Impessa - NYLT Committee)

Wood Badge (A90) -NCAC

Trainers EDGE (H96) - NCAC

Online Training Center

<http://my.scouting.org>

NCAC Home Page

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/>

To have your training records updated

contact: Mary Lou Gundersen

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MONTGOMERY MD SERVICE AREA

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Seneca (Over All) Training Chair, Mary Lou

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Organization Representative)

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301-404-1521, cbrown@livya.com

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Paula Prunier, 301-528-0753,

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Director, Matt Ogden, 301-461-8001

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Jeep Fortuna

(Course Director Boy Scout Indoor & IOLS)

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Cub Scout Course Director, Bill Totten

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District web pages:

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/potomac/>

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/seneca/>

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/>

Montgomery County SERVICE AREA



2016 - 2017

Registration information for all trainings are located on each of the Districts web pages and calendars.

Potomac = P

Seneca = S

White Oak = WO

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This document is updated throughout the year. Please check back for added or deleted courses.

Charter Organization Representative

Training (COR) (D72)

March 5, 2016 - S
September 17, 2016 - S
March 4, 2017 - S
September 16, 2017 - S
and Upon request - S

All Cub Scout Leader Positions Specific Trainings are offered online at my.scouting.org

In person Cub Scout Leader Position Specific

Training classes:

October 8, 2016 - WO
December 3, 2016 - S
October 7, 2017 - WO
December 2, 2017 - S

All Den Leader & Assistant Den Leader Position Specific (C42)

Cub Master & Assistant Position Specific (C40)
Pack Committee Member Position Specific (C60)
Pack Trainer Position Specific (C60)

Outdoor Leader Skills for WEBELOS

Leaders (OLSWL) (C33)

Within Montgomery Field Service Area: Attend an
IOLS course, indicate you are a WEBELOS or
Arrow of Light Leader and you will receive 2 cards
(OLSWL & IOLS)

BALOO Training (C32)

Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation

February 27, 2016 - University of Scouting
March 12, 2016 - P
April 10, 2016 - P
October 2, 2016 - P
November 19, 2016 - POW WOW
February 25, 2017 - University of Scouting
November 18, 2017 - POW WOW

Den Chief Fast Start Training

(WCF5) This class is online at
<http://www.scouting.org/Training/Youth.aspx>
and should be taken before the in person
class

Den Chief Training (C31)

June 4, 2016 - S
November 13, 2016 - S
November 19, 2016 - POW WOW
November 12, 2017 - S
November 18, 2017 - POW WOW

Troop Committee Challenge (S10)

Offered online at myscouting.org
Will come to your Unit upon Request -S

Scoutmaster Position- Specific

Training (S24) (Indoor session)

Course is for Scoutmasters, Assistant
Scoutmasters and anyone 18 years or
older.

March 5, 2016 - S
April 23, 2016 - WO
September 17, 2016 - S
October 8, 2016 - WO
December 3, 2016 - S
March 4, 2017 - S
April 22, 2017 - WO
September 16, 2017 - S
October 7, 2017 - WO
December 2, 2017 - S

Introduction to Outdoor Leader

Skills (IOLS) (S11) (Boy Scout Outdoor)

You are required to attend all dates listed:
March 19, April 2, 3, 2016 - P
May 7-8, 2016 - WO
Oct 9, 15, 16, 2016 - P
October 29-30, 2016 - WO
May 6-7, 2017 - WO

October 28-29, 2017 - WO

Venturing Leader Specific Training (P21) and Venturing Committee

Specific Training (WS12)

February 27, 2016 - University of Scouting
March 5, 2016 - S
September 17, 2016 - P
December 3, 2016 - S
January 22, 2017 - P
February 25, 2017 - University of Scouting
January 22, 2017 - P
September 16, 2017 - P
December 2, 2017 - S

Varsity Coach Leader Specific

Training (VLA5T) (V21) and

Team Committee Challenge (WS11)

February 27, 2016 - University of Scouting
September 17, 2016 - S
September 16, 2017 - S

Cub Scout POW WOW (C30)

November 19, 2016 - NCAC
November 18, 2017 - POW WOW

University of Scouting

February 27, 2016 - NCAC
February 25, 2017 - NCAC

Commissioner Basic Training

Complete (D20)

Cub & Boy Scout Roundtable

Commissioner & Staff Training (D24)

March 5, 2016 - S
September 17, 2016 - S
March 4, 2017 - S
September 16, 2017 - S

Scout Ranger Certificate and Patch

Source: <https://www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/youthprograms/how-to-earn-a-scout-ranger-certificate-or-patch.htm>

The National Park Service is offering a Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger program to Scouts. Greenbelt National Park is very close to us (Greenbelt Road), so this is a great opportunity for all Scouts.

How to earn a Scout Ranger Certificate or Patch



How to earn a certificate:

Scouts participate in organized educational programs or volunteer service projects for a minimum of **five (5)** hours at one or more national park sites. Scouts are eligible to receive the Scout Ranger certificate upon completion of the program requirements. The certificate can be downloaded from the source link listed above. Use of the certificate is on the honor system, as the certificate should only be downloaded after contributing five hours to a project.

Scouts can also share their experience by sending an email and photographs through the source link listed above. Scouts are also encouraged to submit a short narrative to the BSA Good Turn for America website describing their participation and lessons learned.

How to earn a patch:

Scouts participate in organized educational programs or volunteer service projects for a minimum of **ten (10)** hours at one or more national park sites.

Scouts will be awarded a patch upon verbally reporting their completion of the program requirements to an NPS employee or volunteer at a visitor center or information center.

Scouts can also share their experience by sending an email through the source link listed above. Scouts are also encouraged to submit a short narrative to the BSA Good Turn for America website describing their participation and lessons learned.

Scouts interested in keeping a log of their hours may use the tracking sheet available in the source link listed above. This is not a requirement, but keeping track may assist you in determining how many hours you have completed.

How to get started

Below are some guidelines on how to get involved in the Scout Ranger program.

Find a park:

Visit the ***Find a Park*** webpage to find a park in your state or any park of interest.

Learn about the park:

Visit and explore the parks website to learn a little about its history; the natural, cultural or historical resources it protects; and the activities the park offers such as hiking, biking, wildlife watching, canoeing, or snowshoeing.

Brainstorm activities to participate in:

Once you have learned a little bit about the park, think about activities that interest you. Many of the parks describe the interpretive and educational programs they offer to the public and various volunteer opportunities on their website. Record a list of ideas for possible activities.

Contact the park:

Contact the park to discuss the possible activities. Once on the park's website, click on the *Contact Us* link in the left corner and call the park information number. Identify that you are interested in participating in the Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger program and would like to speak to the person who handles the program for the park.

Coordinate and plan with the park:

Work together with the park representative to determine the appropriate program or project. The park representative can also suggest ideas for activities. The park representative will work with you to ensure that the project is going to be fun, informative and help you gain a better understanding of the national parks and the many natural, cultural, and historical resources they protect!

Have Fun!

Once all the logistics are set up, go and have fun with the Scout Ranger program!

WHITE OAK DISTRICT

2016-2017 Recharter Notification

MAJOR CHANGE: NO GRACE PERIOD

At the end of unit charter year, if a unit has not finished its recharter process, the unit will be considered dropped. A 30-day window to finish online recharter submission will be in place.

After 01 February 2017, all online access goes away. No rank advancement patches for Blue & Gold banquets. No Eagle Board of Review.

We need your full cooperation for on-time rechartering. Remember – WE are all Volunteers and are also busy with other things. This time line will help you recharter your unit on-time.

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| 10 August 2016: | Roundtable: Unit Leadership in place; JSN Training |
| 01 September 2016: | Recruit at Back-to-School events;
Review Membership via My.Scouting.org to know whose is and is not registered. |
| 14 September 2016: | Roundtable: Heads-up on Recharter Process |
| 21 September 2016: | Join Scouting Night Recruiting events (or on a date close to this date that is best suited for your unit): Gather new applications: Turn in new member applications: 24 Sep 2016 from 9:00am till 12:00pm to Commissioners stationed at Aspen Hill McDonalds. |
| 01 October 2016 | Production of recharter packets should begin |
| 12 October 2016: | Roundtable: Hand out recharter packets and access codes. Unit Registrar Training: On Line Software Recharter Training (Primary) |
| 01 November 2016: | Opening of online recharter
All new member applications should be turned in to WOD District Executive
Keep copies of applications to include in recharter packet. |
| 09 November 2016: | Roundtable: Unit Registrar Training: On Line Software Recharter Training (Backup) |
| 19 November 2016: | Recharter packet turn in session (Early Turn In Date): 09:30am till 12:30pm Transfiguration Parish {New Hampshire and Hobbs Drive} |
| 14 December 2016: | Roundtable: Annual District Meeting: District Holiday party; No planned turn in |

- 17 December 2016: **Recharter packet turn in session:** 09:30am till 12:30pm **Location:** Transfiguration Parish {New Hampshire and Hobbs Drive}
- 01 January 2017: BSA national membership numbers needed. **Units not posted dropped from membership reports, but still considered active.**
- 11 January 2017: Roundtable: Last chance for recharter turn: no guarantees on posting by 31Jan2017
- 01 February 2017:** **Units not posted are lapsed: No access to: Online advancement, trip permits, no insurance.**
- 01 March 2017:** **End of Access to: online recharter.**