“”Youth is a wonderful thing.

What a crime to waste it on children.””

= George Bernard Shaw =

**White Oak District Scout Round Table News**

***Round Table*** *… Mark your calendars :*

WHEN: Second Wednesday, commencing 7:00pm for GATHERING, *Official* Stuff at 7:30pm.

WHERE: The Peoples Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Rd. Silver Spring MD

about 1/4 mile WEST of New Hampshire Ave***.***

After all, **"the work is done by whoever shows up”**

**WHO** will show up from **YOUR** Pack? **YOUR** Troop? **YOUR** Crew?

***Go to***  copy and paste to your brwzr… <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/>

*“Favorite” mark this one now!* Updating and corrections ongoing!

AND on FACEBOOK!!

<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteOakDistrict/?fref=ts&ref=br_tf>

**Where Can We Hike, Camp? Where are the GOOD places? Who’s been there, done that?**

**We have ! ! The OA Outdoor Guide . . .**

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Where-to-Go-Camping-Guide-.pdf>

\* \* SEE (newly updated) Program Launch Calendar for alotta details. <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2015/10/2017-18-Program-Launch-Packet-White-Oak-District.pdf>

12 December Holiday Par – Tay **goodies to partake, friends to share,**

***plan to attend* if you have NEVER come to R/T.**

***\*\**Even numbered Units bring DRINKS.**

***\*\**Odd number Units bring GOODIES .**

***\*\**District folks bring REAL FOOD *.***

**AGENDA: JOINT CS , BS , VS all together… Elect/Affirm our District Leadership.**

**<< See the included/attached “Leadership Slate”>>**

**CORs vote, those present represent if the COR is not present…**

**THEN…. Some awards to give out, some sticky sweet stuff to eat….**

**Getting Personal** **Sometimes we do the right thing…..**

Oh, we know what you’re thinking. Why should I come to RoundTable, why even come to the Scout’s Camporee. I don’t know how to tie a knot, how to stay dry and warm on a trail…. But you DO know what makes a good Scout. Your support, your time and attention. When was the last time you LISTENED to a Scout? To your friend’s Scout?

Sometimes all the kid needs is an ear to hear, a face to look at that looks back. Sometimes all the kid needs is someone to say “go ahead, that sounds like fun. Let’s see you do it.” You can do that. Or you can watch the fourth season of Game of Thrones.

Your choice.

See you on the trail.

**<< >> << >> << >> TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT !**

From the National Commissioner: Position-specific training courses for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts (Scouts BSA) are being updated and will be available January 2, 2019. Any progress on current training materials will not carry over to the new learning plan so plan to complete any in-progress training before December 31, 2018. Look for more official information on **my dot scouting dot com**

< > < > < > Winter Coat and (Mitten? Hats?) Drive …

**Troop 96, our RT Hosts are collecting } Gently used/new coats/gloves/hats/scarves**

**for folks lacking same…**



**Bring your donations to the ROUNDTABLE. . .**

< > < > < > Peace Light Comes To America, To Bethesda,

To The Marriott NCAC BSA Center !

The **PEACE LIGHT** starts it’s journey, much like the Olympic torch, in Bethlehem . . .

Read about it HERE: <https://www.scout.org/node/21837>

When it arrives in America, the flame is passed on to many communities. It will be at the Marriott BSA Center 9190 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD

Saturday,  December 15, 2018   Come by at    1:00 pm (to receive the flame).

? Possible Messenger of Peace Project eligible ? See

<https://www.scouting.org/international/messengers-of-peace/>

If you plan to attend, Please RSVP Anthony Malone, [amaltwo@aol.com](mailto:amaltwo@aol.com)

or Jay Eidson, [ir.ncac.je@gmail.com](mailto:ir.ncac.je@gmail.com) by December 10th. Thank You !

<< >> << >> Model Railroads and Christmas?

Bawlmer calls them “TRAIN GARDENS “

**Take your family, Cubs, RRMeritBadgers to see . . .**

<http://www.wvmgrs.org/TrainGardens.htm>

If you have never had the pleasure, you will be very pleasantly surprised and pleased with the effort, artistry and craft that folks will expend in the small recreation of a railroad scene, either fictional, or from real life. Peruse the list, find an evening or afternoon to visit them. You and your kids will *NOT* be disappointed.

> < > < > < In Particular . . . B & O Museum Holiday On Rails….

<http://www.borail.org/holiday/>

> > > > > Tired of Your “USUAL” Camporee ?

“Trapper’s Rendezvous” . . .

<file:///C:/Users/James/AppData/Local/Packages/Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge_8wekyb3d8bbwe/TempState/Downloads/2019-Trappers-Herald-c-1%20(1).pdf>

Hey, you think the local Camporees are “too regulated” ? Too “soft” ? Not “challenging” enough ? **Klondike Derby** is a beach outing compared to **THIS !** Read thru the “brochure” and salivate… Makes me wish I could maybe take a week off to visit Burrton Kansas ! Read thru the ”brochure”… 6,000 (!) plus Scouts….

.<< >> << >> Venture Fest At The Summit !

Make your plans *NOW !*

First, ya gotta be a Venture Scout… <https://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/>

< > < > < > Tired of Popcorn? Too much Carbohydrate?

Try CAMP CARDS ! Speak with your DE . . .

**easy program, discounts in grocery, restaurants, all types of places:::**

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/support-scouting/camp-cards-sign-up/>

**< > < > < > Ice Skating Scouts ! !**

**SPECIAL PRICING AND BEFORE EVENTS OFFERS.**

[http://www.gaylordhotelsnews.com/NationalBoyScoutss](http://www.gaylordhotelsnews.com/NationalBoyScoutss:)

> > > > Philmont Spots Available !

Troop 233 has FOUR open slots for some adventurous Scouts… .

 Troop 233 has been awarded 12 slots for a 12-day Philmont backpacking adventure, from lunchtime on July 22 to breakfast on August 3, 2019.  Eight slots are filled, four are lacking…

The trip will likely depart Washington on July 20 and return late on Aug. 3. We will use the extra day at the beginning to do some sightseeing and get used to the altitude. To be eligible, a Scout must be 14 by July 22, OR have completed the eighth grade and be at least 13 by July 22. 

The total Philmont cost is $970 per person. Including airfare and extra activities, the total price will be about $1800 per person. 

A deposit of $535 is due to hold a spot.

Make your check out to "**Troop 233**" and get that check ASAP to Mr. Mac Thornton, Asst Scoutmaster, Troop 233.

Contact Mr. Thornton ASAP [potomacgorge@gmail.com](mailto:potomacgorge@gmail.com) or call (301-814-4155)

**DO IT TOMORROW !!**

> > > > > Merit Badges Galore . . .

Fairfax Parks Offer a LARGE Program of Merit Badges.

**See’m here:** <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows/scout>

> > > > Speaking of Merit Badges… **Merit Badge College ,** **lots of possibilities…**

**What:** Merit Badge College, many, many MBs offered.

**Where:** Elkton High School (110 James St., Elkton, MD**)**

**When:** two days, Saturday 5 January and Saturday 23 February, 2019.

(some MBs may require attendance BOTH days ! )

**Who:** Any registered Scout.

**How & How Much:** [delmarvambc2018@gmail.com](mailto:delmarvambc2018@gmail.com) $25. The day…

SEE: <http://www.delmarvacouncil.org/area1mbc>

Pay attention especially to the “prerequisites” ! !

> > > > > And MORE Merit Badge Opportunity . . .

**Jewish Committee Sponsors a Merit Badge and Faith Award Day.**

**Open to ALL Scouts:**

**DETAILS**:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-JCoS-Merit-Badge-Fair-Flyer-Jan-6-2019.pdf>

> > > > > > Scout Led? ABSOLUTELY !

National Youth Leadership Training :

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training/>

**This is the ultimate Scout training around. Two heavy duty weekends. Your SPLs and Troop Guides and Instructors and PLs and APLs …. any Scout aspiring to greatness should consider it. Ideas for the Troop when they return? Resume for school? Apply to life? I should hope so. Excuse for camping? Of course. Make new friends? Added plus !**

**(Hint: They need a Bugler)**

<< >> << >> Enough Boy Led, Already. Adult Lead**…. WOOD BADGE**

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>

Yeah, yeah,,, any excuse to go camping….

Scouting’s PH.D of Scouting. Often accepted as academic credit. Yes, it is a serious commitment of time and pelf. ***Any*** adult registered leader (Cub, Scout, Venture, Sea Scout, Explorer) is eligible. It is recommended you have a year or two of Scout Leading and all your appropriate position training completed . Scholarship help can be found: in Council, at work, from your AFofL-CIO union, your Scout unit…

Do not let such trivialities hold you back. Back? BACK ? Back to Gilwell, happy land….

Scouter Classifieds

\*\* **Full Size Basketball outdoor pole, fiberglass backboard, hoop and net.**

Good condition. Help me pull it out of the ground (PLEASE !) , it’s yours. Call James Lehman.

\*\* Still some more **small trees and saplings** to cut down. Contact James Lehman for

availability. Flag poles, lashing practice, hiking staves, etc.

\*\*\* Firewood future: Contact James L., we may have lots of cordwood to dispose of in the near future. Either the Arborist, or you can haul it away…

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To have names added or deducted from our email list OR to suggest/donate/forward stuff of interest to Scouters, Write to James Lehman, Jr., Esq. below….

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**Past issues of the WODSRTNews now archived and available** (thanks, Donna**):**

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/roundtable/boy-scout-roundtable/jim-lehman-newsletter/>

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**Everything About the Scout Year** (the **EASY** Chair?): *Oh, so very vacant*