“” The world has enough beautiful mountains and meadows, spectacular skies and serene lakes.

It has enough lush forests, flowered fields and sandy beaches. It has plenty of stars and the promise of a new sunrise and sunset every day.

What the world needs more of is for people to appreciate and enjoy it . “”

 = Michael Josephson =

**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>

**Happy New Scouting Year !**

 **Next Up: Wednesday 9 January 2019**

 **\*\* KLONDIKE ! Cold weather camping clues . . .**

 **\*\*JTE ? \*\*\*Wither the White Oak District?**

 **\*\*PWD?**

**13 February :: A Scout is Reverent…**

**Who is this Scout, anyway? Duty to God, discussion of awards, requirements,**

 **Scout Sabbath ?**

**Getting Personal** **Is it possible?**

Well, Happy New Gregorian Calendar…. Time is counted by humans, we consider the past and **MAYBE** (maybe) learn from it to plan for the future. It was not too long ago that scientists succumbed to the conclusion that even animals have a sense of time passing, plan ahead (squirrels bury nuts, chimpanzees take care of their elders?) , but is it “instinct” or “intellect”?

Our Scout year progresses. We help each other along. I was recently asked to drive a good friend to the hospital (“yeah, I can’t ignore the chest pains, I guess”) because his 23 year old daughter hadn’t gotten her driving license. We plan for health issues, fun times, possibilities, future stuff (“What If….”). We bury our acorns in IRAs. It’s that **Be Prepared** thing, I guess.

Your “usual suspects” would like to discuss the future of our White Oak District. Did you know the WOD has been around a respectable more than 5 years? Well, the District is the framework on which we hang our Scout program, (Cub Day Camp, Merit Badges, Eagle BoRs, Camporees, Klondikes, Cub-a-Rees, ) at least the one beyond your Pack and Troop. We would benefit from YOUR discussion, YOUR input, YOUR feedback. PLEASE come out and join in .

So we plan and expect. Next RT will be about Cold Camping (we may do that occasionally too) , So after our usual opening ceremonies and (yawn) announcements and **a** **special ceremony** (hoot hoot, Phil Piety will be Wood Badged !)), us Cub and Senior Scouts and Crew Scout folks will discuss our future WOD. Then break out to discuss some cold stuff .

THEN > > > **wool socks**.

OH,,, and check out **the HOST Project**, contact waaaaay down at the bottom of the WODSRTNews. Gear accepted, passed on to them that need…..

See you on the trail.

 < < < > > > Free Is Good. National Parks Free Admission !

 Come experience **your national parks!** On five days in 2019, all National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee will offer **free admission** to everyone. Mark your calendar for these entrance fee–free dates in 2019:

🌳 January 21: Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
🌳 April 20: First day of National Park Week
🌳 August 25: National Park Service Birthday
🌳 September 28: National Public Lands Day
🌳 November 11: Veterans Day

See this link for more info: [bit.ly/-freedays](https://bit.ly/-freedays?fbclid=IwAR21DOLJaXn2CLptP50hYLbsGSK19c8UV_UKgoSiTFQ3tUqKrTg3zxthzDA)

<< >> << >> International Scouting Day At The Mexican Embassy ! !

 Muy Chévere ! Scouts are invited to set foot in Mexico for half a day, learn about the nation, its culture, and its scouting program at the ***Mexican Cultural Institute*** Whether you are getting ready for the World Jamboree, or you are just interested in Mexico, do not miss this event ! **AND** it is an incredibly fun and interesting way to meet requirements for **Citizenship in the World Merit Badge** orthe **International Spirit Award.**

**What:** International Scouting Day
**When:** February 2, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
**Where:** Mexican Cultural Institute 2829 16th St., NW, Wash. DC

**By Who:** International Committee of the National Capital Area Council

and the Mexican Cultural Institute which is part of the Mexican Embassy.

**For Who:** Any Scout and Scouter escorting.
**How Do & How Much:** $10 per participant , sign up is limited. Do it SOON !

 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25073-59795>

<< >> << >> Willie Nelson ? On The Road Again ? Naw.

On The **Journey To Excellence** . . .

Just another form to fill out? **Not that simple.** The **JTE** is a means to judge your Units success at meeting your goals, a way to help you plan your Pack/Troop/Crew’s next year… Is Scouting worth the effort? We hope so. When you re-chartered, did you consider the **JTE** form? Not too late. Call up <https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/2018-2/>

 For your Pack: <https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2019-JTE-Pack-Scorecard.pdf>

 Your Troop: <https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2019-JTE-Troop-Scorecard.pdf>

 Your Crew: <https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2019-JTE-Crew-Scorecard.pdf>

 Or your Ship: <https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2019-JTE-Ship-Scorecard.pdf>

 > > > > Journey : Life To Eagle Conference

 Yes, there have been changes… Discuss the Scout’s needs and requirements

on the trail to Eagle . This is where you can have your questions answered.

**What:** Life To Eagle Conference

**When:** Sunday 10 February 2019, 1p to 4p

**Where:** Medstar Montgomery Med Center, 18101 Prince Phillip Dr. Olney MD

 (look for the signs in the lobby as to what room)

 **For Who:** The prospective Scout Eagle candidate and their parent

and Scout Leaders.

 **Why:** Because the nuances have changed.

 **How Much & How Do:** Free, bring your notebook, wear your uniform,

register by email: WhiteOakAdv@aol.com with Scout name(s), Troop number, space MAY be limited.

 **Questions? :** John Wnek, WOD Advancement VChair,

301-607-8770 or 301-728-2858. Jwnek1007@aol.com

 << >> << >> Messing About In Boats

If you will cast your mind back a few months, we had a visit from the U S Coast Guard about boat safety, Jean and Gordon Riel . They are still very willing to come and speak to YOUR Scout Unit. Here is their info:

Jean Riel, CGA Public Education Officer for CGA Flotilla 24-01.Maryland Boating Safely Course and Training  Contact:  jeanpitt3@aol.com

**AND . . . Info about Sea Scouts** (wanna form a Ship ?)

**Bruce Johnson,**District Sea Scout Liaison,

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410-707-1682 (mobile) 202-707-1652 (office) 202-707-6629 (telefax)

<< >> << >> << A Scout Is Helpful

**Your Pack/Troop/Crew can lend a hand.**

**Many possibilities for the**

 **“MLK Day Of Service” 21 January 2019 and later . . .**

 **This is the Main Page:** <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/volunteercenter/volunteers/MLK.html>

 **This is for Olney area:**

<https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/detail/?need_id=388784>

 **This is for “Silver Spring” and elsewhere:** <https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/need/>

 >> << >> << Blood Drive In Cooperation with MLK Day of Service:

If you are old enough (18 and up, 16 with Parent permission) consider a blood donation. Might take an hour, max, if things are not busy. Easy, worthwhile…

 **What:** Red Cross Blood Drive

 **When:** Monday 21 January 2019, 10am to 2pm.

**Where:** Shaare Tefila Congregation, 16620 Georgia Ave. Olney MD

**Why:** Because it could save YOUR life, or someone you know.

**How Much & How Do:** No bucks, maybe an hour of your time. You may just “show up”,

but they do appreciate folks making an appointment: Phone 1.800.RED.CROSS or website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter ””Shaare Tefila Congregation””

**<< >> << >> If Your Unit Is Sponsored By A Catholic Church :**

 **“there’s an award for that…”**

 **Pope Paul VI National Catholic Unit Excellence Award** [file:///C:/Users/James/AppData/Local/Packages/Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge\_8wekyb3d8bbwe/TempState/Downloads/PopePaulVInew%20(5).pdf](file:///C%3A/Users/James/AppData/Local/Packages/Microsoft.MicrosoftEdge_8wekyb3d8bbwe/TempState/Downloads/PopePaulVInew%20%285%29.pdf)

 **> > > > Fox Haven Offers Scout Winter Training :**

 **What:** ***Fire & Frost:*** Outdoor Skills, Survival skills practice and training fun.

 **When:** 1pm - 4pm Saturday 19 January , Saturday 23 February, Saturday 23 March

 **Where**: Fox Haven, 3630 Poffenberger Road, Jefferson, MD 21755

 **Who:** Scouts, kids age 7 to 12, (older may be accommodated, contact trainer)

 **What again:** Fire-building, reading the landscape and navigating it with

and without a compass, tracking, and building shelters out of

what we bring and what we can find will be part of the fun. Real life

 survival stories will be shared along the way. Youth will be

encouraged to use the information and skills they learn to predict

what actions the people in the story should take to survive.

 **By Who:** Scout experienced teachers (I know at least one of them, JEL)

 **How Do and How Much:** $22 for one Saturday, $60. For all three days.

 For all the details, ask questions, sign up:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fire-frost-winter-survival-skills-and-fun-tickets-53688281094>

 > > > > > Klondike Derby ! Winter Camping !

 **What:** Famous Klondike Derby, Potomac District.

 **When:** Friday 25 thru Sunday 27 January 2019 KD will happen , snow or no…

Major Blizzard? cancelation announced by email etc…

 **Where:** Little Bennett County Park, 23701 Frederick Rd. Clarksville MD

 **What & Why:** A good excuse to go camping, the Patrol Skill Challenge,

bragging rights, comraderie…

 **Who Do:** Scouts , **Organization is By Patrol !**

 **How Do & How Much:** Scouts, READ the whole thing ! **Patrol Leaders** READ the WHOLE

Thing ! ADULTS read the WHOLE THING !

 Call up <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24150>

NOTE the forms in the lower right corner…

 **WOOL SOCKS** !

**< > < > < >** Scout History:

**From Ernest Thompson Seton’s Granddaughter:**

**History of Camp-Fire?**

<http://etsetoninstitute.org/wp-ontent/uploads/History_of_Conservation_CFCA-Adams.pdf>

**< > < > < > History Rampant > >**

**Montgomery County Historical Society Conference.**

**Public (Scouts ! ) Invited. Saturday 26 January 2019**

**Check Out:** <http://montgomeryhistory.org/events/historyconference2019/>

> > > > > Merit Badges Galore . . .

Fairfax Parks Offer a LARGE Program of Merit Badges.

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

 > > > > > > 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

 \*\* Still got a **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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 <https://www.ncacbsa.org/white-oak/roundtable/boy-scout-roundtable/jim-lehman-newsletter/>

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