



PATRIOT DISTRICT-BSA

Volume 27
Patriot District

The Patriot Press

March 2024
National Capital Area Council



Issue 3
Boy Scouts of America

In this Issue of the Patriot Press

From the District Chair	2
From the District Commissioner	4
Patriot District Events	5
Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Roundtables	6
Patriot District Spring Trout-o-Ree	7
District Leader of the Year Awards	8
Patriot District Spirit Awards	9
Pinewood Derby Winners	10
Scouter Interview Tom Tyra	11
Youth Mental Health First Aid Training	13
Patriot District Program News	14
Safety Moment – Spring Storms	16
District Day Camp Jungle Adventure	17
Scout Merit Badge EXPO	18
Patriot OA Chapter News 2024	19
Advancement News	20
Patriot Training Corner	21
Hiring Camp Staff	22
Save the Dates: Camp Snyder Summer 2024	23
Seaton Scouts Naturalist Oriole Badge	24
Key District Contacts	25
Scout Law History	26



PATRIOT DISTRICT-BSA



From the Patriot District Chair

February NCAC (Council) Board Meeting - One of my job responsibilities as your District Chair include sitting on the National Capital Area Council Executive Board. The Patriot District was well represented at the February NCAC Board meeting.



As I entered the meeting room, there were several large screens and on all of them was a picture from our 2023 District Day Camp and the Emcee for the night was a member of Crew 1345, Alex Bullock.



In addition, the meeting guest speakers were three brothers from Troop 1131B; Pablo, Gabriel and Anthony Sejas-Fernandez, aged 20-14. These three brothers earned every merit badge that Scouting offers. Finally, our very own Jae Engelbrecht was installed at the NCAC's next Council Commissioner. I could not be more proud of our District!



What are you doing this SUMMER? WE NEED YOUR HELP! Why not help as a SCOUTS-BSA Join us on STAFF as we set out on a five day Jungle Adventure! - June 24- 28 You will be able help out at Archery, Sling Shots, the Climbing Wall, S.T.E.M., Scout Skills or Arts & Crafts And DISCOVER how to have so much FUN by helping out the next generation of Scouts!

Scouts staff need to be 14 years or older to participate. AND Lunch is provided every day.

- **Adults:** Why not be a full-time staff Day Camp member. Your scout attends camp for **FREE!** (\$200 value)
- **Cubmaster & Committee Chairs:** To schedule a *Summer Day Camp Presentation* at your Pack Meeting, please contact us at: patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com



District Pinewood Derby – Every one of our District Cub Scout Units was represented this past weekend. The Derby had **over 150 Scouts** that came out to race and show their awesome cars. A Big thanks to our Derby Staff and our very own **Pete Griffiths**.



Full Album for Pinewood Derby: [All photos and videos - Dropbox](#)

Will your **TROOP** attend the **Spring 2024 Camporee -Trout-O-Ree**
April 5-7 – Syria, VA?

Register at [National Capital Area Council - Prince William, Patriot, and Sully 2024 Trout-o-Ree \(scoutingevent.com\)](#)

As always have fun and let's keep it safe out there.

Joe Margraf

District Chair

joedenisemargraf@aol.com





From the District Commissioner

Why be a Scout leader?



Scout leaders are the unsung heroes of society. They dedicate their time and energy to teach young people valuable skills. But more than that, they also instill in them the values of teamwork, leadership, and service. Scout leaders help shape the future leaders of our society by giving them opportunities to challenge themselves, explore new horizons, and make a positive difference in their communities. Scout leaders are not just mentors, they are also friends, role models, and sometimes even superheroes. By doing so, Scout leaders prepare young people to become the future leaders of our society, who can face challenges, solve problems, and inspire others.

That sounds about right, and does more than simply repeat the [Mission, Aims and Methods of Scouting](#). We DO make a difference in the future of our society! But I didn't write that paragraph. After attending the course *From Campfire to Coding: Harnessing the Power of AI for Scout Leaders* at University of Scouting, I asked ChatGPT what Scout leaders do to make a difference. And that's what came back in a few seconds.

Why do I tell you this? Because just like artificial intelligence will change many aspects of our lives, change is going to continue to happen in Scouting – and not just getting generative AI to write your Scoutmaster Minutes! I briefly want to highlight two areas of change that you need to be aware of:

- 1. Reimagined Cub Scout Program:** By now most Cub leaders should be aware that the biggest change to that program in many years is coming on June 1. I won't repeat the specifics, but the changes should make the program a more logical progression that is easier for den and pack leaders to put on. It will be more engaging and relevant to Cub Scouts. And it will prepare them better for the transition to even bigger adventures in Scouts BSA.
- 2. National Capital Area District Improvement and Realignment:** This one comes from the NCAC Strategic Plan. NCAC is tweaking how Districts and Service Areas are run to manage the Scouting program more effectively and to better foster growth. As of this writing the details of the proposal aren't completely finalized, but we anticipate enjoying synergies from better coordination throughout Fairfax and Northern Virginia, as well as having some neighboring units in adjacent high school sending districts join our District. We hope to have some details to share by our March 14 Roundtable.

[Change is not always easy](#). But I'm confident that the changes coming to Scouting, from better technology to improved programs and support, will be the good kind of change that will allow us to continue to prepare the young people of our community to become the future leaders of society.

Ken Gaul

Patriot District Commissioner

kgaulbsa@gmail.com





Patriot District Events

March 2024

- 1 OA Lodge Ceremonies workshop
- 2 Pinewood Derby at Living Savior Lutheran Church
- 9 Commissioner College
- 9-10 BALOO Prince William District
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 20 Patriot District Committee Meeting
- 23-24 Wilderness First Aid



April 2024

- 5-7 Spring Camporee Trout-o-ree, Syria, VA
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12-14 Wood Badge (and 4-5 MAY)
- 12-14 IOLS at Camp Snyder
- 20 Youth Mental Health First Aid
- 20-21 Camp Snyder Family Weekend
- 23 Patriot District Committee Meeting
- 27-28 Wilderness First Aid

TROUT -O- REE

FISHING AND FLY FISHING MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES

ADDITIONAL MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES: HORSEMANSHIP, INSECT STUDY, NATURE, SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION, WEATHER

- Pancake flipping Contest
- Mountain man encampment
- Climbing wall
- Adult Leader Scout Master training
- Archery
- Orienteering Challenge Course
- GAGA hall
- Trading post
- Campfire program

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL CREWS, SHIPS, TROOPS, AND DAY-ONLY WEBELOS DENS!

For more information contact:
 Vince Bonifera
 pwdvcprogramsactivities@gmail.com

Dave Seitz
 Prince William District Volunteer
 ddbseitz@gmail.com

Dave Weisz
 Sully District Activities Chair
 david.weisz@verizon.net

SPRING CAMPOREE HOSTED BY: PRINCE WILLIAM, PATRIOT, SULLY DISTRICTS

April 5-7, 2024
GRAVES MOUNTAIN LODGE SYRIA, VA

Registration is OPEN
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-PWDPD2024Troutoree!>

May 2024

- 9 Roundtable – District Program Launch
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11-12 Wilderness First Aid
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 28 Patriot District Committee Meeting

June 2024

- 24-28 Patriot District Day Camp

Follow Patriot District Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict/>
 NCAC Join Scouting Resources: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/unit-resources/>
 NCAC training link: [Training - National Capital Area Council \(ncacbsa.org\)](https://www.ncacbsa.org/training)
[Position Specific Courses | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](https://www.scouting.org/position-specific)

BALOO Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	NYLT National Youth Leadership Training
BCOLS Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills	OA Order of the Arrow
CPST Cubmaster Position-Specific Training	SPST Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
IOLS Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST Venture Advisor Position-Specific Training



SUPPORT OTHER SCOUTERS



LET OTHER SCOUTERS SUPPORT YOU

Every Troop and Pack should be represented at Roundtable!

Patriot District Cub Scout Roundtable

All Cub Scout Leaders, are invited to Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!

The Purpose of the Roundtable: To provide the skill to do – techniques, information, program ideas – and the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

To provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Location: St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke

Social: 7:30 PM Midway: 7:45 PM

Roundtable: 8:00 – 9:00 PM

Topics: Cub program and Annual Planning

Word of the Month: Obedient

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
[cweskridge@gmail.com](mailto:cweskrige@gmail.com)



Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Welcome All Scoutmasters, ASMs and Committee members!!

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Location: St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church, Burke

Social: 7:30 PM

Midway: 7:45 PM,

Roundtable: 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Please invite another Leader from your Troop to join us at Roundtable!
March Topics: Recruiting Adults, Guide to Safe Scouting, Risk Management

Greg Wagner, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner
wagner89usna@verizon.net

Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioners: Mike Lindsay





TROUT -O- REE



FISHING AND FLY FISHING MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES

ADDITIONAL MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES: HORSEMANSHIP, INSECT STUDY, NATURE, SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION, WEATHER



Pancake Flipping Contest

Mountain man encampment

Climbing wall

Adult Leader Scout Master training

Archery

Orienteering Challenge Course

GAGA ball

Trading post

Campfire program

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL CREWS, SHIPS, TROOPS, AND DAY-ONLY WEBELOS DENS!

For more information contact:
Vince Bonifera
pwdvcprogramsactivities@gmail.com

Dave Seitz
Prince William District Volunteer
dbseitz@gmail.com

Dave Weisz
Sully District Activities Chair
david.weisz@verizon.net



**SPRING CAMPOREE HOSTED BY:
PRINCE WILLIAM, PATRIOT,
SULLY DISTRICTS**



April 5-7, 2024

**GRAVES MOUNTAIN LODGE
SYRIA, VA**

Registration is OPEN
<https://scoutingevent.com/08-2-PWDPD2024Troutoree!>



Patriot District Leader of the Year Awards 2023



Congratulations to all the following leaders in Patriot District for their outstanding service to their youth and peers in 2023. All awardees will be recognized at the Patriot District Court of Honor on April 25, 2024.

Cubmaster	
Rich Wiley	Pack 1344
Edward Moscatelli	Pack 1965

Assistant Cubmaster	
Fabio Vinet	Pack 873
Justin Frazier	Pack 41

Den Leader	
Jeffrey Wright	Pack 41
CJ Martin	Pack 698

Den Chief	
Charles Ferrer Tricoli	Pack 1345

Scoutmaster	
Supreet Singh	Troop 1526 G

Assistant Scoutmaster	
Josh Mills	Troop 1865
Katie Yates	Troop 1965 G
William Thewes	Troop 1131 B
Justin Richards	Troop 1345

Senior Patrol Leader	
Alex Smith	Troop 1965 B

Committee Chair	
Jeff Spear	Troops 1525 and 1526
Bryan Roskos	Pack 41
Jon Martin	Pack 1345



Patriot Spirit Awards

The Patriot Spirit Award is granted to individuals who have performed exceptional service at the unit level. Every unit is invited to submit a nominee to encourage recognition of volunteers who make our programs the successes that they are.







April Azaravich	Pack 1345
Alane Relk	Pack 1346
Karlyn Catabay	Pack 1347
Jed Hudson	Pack 1533
Smitha Vasudevan	Pack 41
Sean McCarthy	Pack 50
Nick Wittman	Pack 698
Twila Lytle	Troop 1131
Greg Ferrara	Troop 1131 B
Tanya Kennedy	
Luminati	Troop 1344 B
Robert Irvine	Troop 1345 B
Shannon Coolbaugh	Troop 1345 G
Phil Sandino	Troop 1525
Deborah Collins	Troop 1865
Phoenix Lam	Troop 1965 B
Brett Coffee	Troop 1965 G
Craig Stroup	Crew 62







Troop 1346 had a BLAST at Fairfax Rod and Gun Club, where they had the opportunity to practice their skills in several different shooting sports disciplines, including Archery, Shotgun, .22 rifle, and muzzle-loading Black Powder rifles. Many thanks to our Certified Instructors and members of the NCAC Shooting Sports Committee: Mr. Brannam who organized the campout, Mr. Gaul, Mr. Trent, and Mr. Summers for spending their Saturday with us helping our Scouts learn about gun safety and practice their shooting skills.











Congratulations Patriot District PineWood Derby Winners

<i>Speed</i>	<i>1st Place</i>	<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>3rd Place</i>
 Lion Den	Ryan Y. <i>Pack 1865</i>	Lukas Z. <i>Pack 1345</i>	Bennet H. <i>Pack 873</i>
 Tiger Den	Liam C. <i>Pack 1347</i>	Raylan W. <i>Pack 1345</i>	Peter L. <i>Pack 698</i>
 Wolf Den	Caleb S. <i>Pack 1865</i>	Charlie S. <i>Pack 1347</i>	Henry B. <i>Pack 41</i>
 Bear Den	Lance B. <i>Pack 1534</i>	Ben W. <i>Pack 50</i>	James C. <i>Pack 1965</i>
 Webelos Den	Deacon L. <i>Pack 698</i>	Harrison L. <i>Pack 1865</i>	Tyler M. <i>Pack 1344</i>
 AOL Den	Leo S. <i>Pack 1967</i>	Will H. <i>Pack 1344</i>	Stephen W. <i>Pack 41</i>

<i>Show</i>	<i>1st Place</i>	<i>2nd Place</i>	<i>3rd Place</i>
 Lion Den	Alex B. <i>Pack 1967</i>	Damon S. <i>Pack 1533</i>	Jannick G. <i>Pack 50</i>
 Tiger Den	Delcan L. <i>Pack 873</i>	Jackson F. <i>Pack 1965</i>	Nick A. <i>Pack 1344</i>
 Wolf Den	Daniel A. <i>Pack 1345</i>	Finnegan E. <i>Pack 698</i>	William S. <i>Pack 1347</i>
 Bear Den	Henry S. <i>Pack 1965</i>	Jeremy K. <i>Pack 1347</i>	Sam O. <i>Pack 1864</i>
 Webelos Den	Peter T. <i>Pack 1346</i>	Max K. <i>Pack 41</i>	Christina H. <i>Pack 873</i>
 AOL Den	Daniel W. <i>Pack 1344</i>	Eli F. <i>Pack 1345</i>	Chase H. <i>Pack 1967</i>

	Time	Name	Pack
 Overall Fastest Single Race (Webelos Den)	2.9972	Deacon L.	698
 Fastest Single Race (Tiger Den)	3.0576	Peter L.	698
 Fastest Single Race (Wolves Den)	3.0982	Caleb S.	1865
 Fastest Single Race (Bears Den)	3.1035	Ben W.	50
 Fastest Single Race (AOL Den)	3.1049	Will H.	1344
 Fastest Single Race (Lions Den)	3.1115	Ryan Y.	1865



Scouter Interview Tom Tyra

Tom Tyra is currently the Patriot District Advancement and Eagle Committee Chair: He has been active in the Patriot District for over twenty years which includes five years in his current role on the Patriot District Committee, ten years as a unit leader and merit badge counselor in a Troop, and five years on a Pack Committee. He completed Wood Badge training in 2008. As a Crew Advisor Tom trekked with scouts to Philmont, twice to Northern Tier in Canada and to Sea Base for sailing in the Bahamas.

Outside of Scouting, he enjoys section-hiking in the Shenandoah National Park with only an occasional glamping excursion. He starts each day with an hour in the Pentagon Athletic Center and has spent more than ten years rolling around on a mat at South Run Recreation Center. He has traveled across four continents and is aiming for at least one more. He and his wife have two grown children who reside in the area. He is trying to teach their cat the difference in wakeup times on weekends with very little success.

Patrick Ring (PR): How and when did you first become involved in Scouting?

Tom Tyra (TT): I joined Cub Scouts in the second grade when a classmate invited me. Back then you had to be eight years old to join the program. I progressed through the ranks, Order of the Arrow, Philmont in 1976, summer camp counselor and then earning Eagle in 1977 and Assistant Scoutmaster all while living in Miami in the South Florida Council.

PR: How did you become the Patriot District Advancement and Eagle Committee Chair?

TT: After serving as a Scoutmaster, I wanted to continue being involved with the scouting program. I saw that the Advancement and Eagle Committee Chair was vacant. I believed this position was a natural fit for me given my experiences working with the older Scouts.

PR: Please give us an overview of your duties as the District Advancement and Eagle Committee Chair.

TT: Most of my time is spent approving Eagle Project Proposals, pre-verifying the Eagle Scout Rank Application and then representing the Council at Eagle Boards of Review (EBOR). Many of our volunteers have retired so I cover about half the Troops and Crews in the district and am assisted by District Eagle Representatives (DER). We can certainly use more DERs so if you are interested in making a difference drop me a note. Of course, I answer advancement questions from Scouters in the district.

PR: Have you experienced any surprises in this role on the Patriot District Committee?

TT: I've been surprised by the number of Scouts who are earning Eagle. I held 11 EBORs in December. There were requests for a few more, however I ran out of time that month and moved them to January. I've also been surprised by the amount of effort needed to make the program work. This effort is mostly transparent to the Scouts, Scouters and families at the Pack, Troop, and Crew level. I was also surprised at the amount of record keeping that needs to be verified and that automation has not made it easier.





Another surprise was finding out that EBORs can be held anywhere. During COVID19 period requiring social distancing, I held an EBOR under a pavilion with snow on the ground at Camp Snyder. Another time, I ran an EBOR at a campout under a tarp in the rain. Most of the time though, EBORs are held at a dining room table or at a community center.

PR: What advice would you pass along to your successor?

TT: First, I would say have fun with the position because that will rub off on the scouts. Second, this position is very different from being a Scoutmaster. As a Scoutmaster you invest a tiny bit of influence on a Scout every week for years. As a District Eagle Representative, you have less than two hours with a Scout and then will likely never see them again. So, this position requires taking a long view in seeing how your efforts are building a better tomorrow by bringing on board another Eagle Scout.

PR: How is the Patriot District performing in the advancement domain?

TT: In 2023 Patriot District had over 260 Scouts earn the Arrow of Light and 76 Scouts earn Eagle Scout. They also earned thousands of merit badges. We have a very busy district with a lot of opportunities, especially given our relatively small size.

PR: Is there anything else you would like to share with fellow Patriot District Scouters?

TT: I would like to thank everyone for their contributions in delivering the program. I think Scouts BSA is increasingly delivering on the motto: **Prepared For Life.**



Commissioner's College Presentation of the John Mack Award

Mr. Ken Gaul had the distinct Honor of receiving the NCAC **John A. Mack Award** during the Commissioners College. The John A. Mack Award recognizes a Scouter who has a distinguished record of consistent excellence and true servant leadership in a way that has profoundly improved our council's service to units and youth.





YMHA Training is Coming Back!!

ANNOUNCING A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO BE TRAINED
in Youth Mental Health First Aid

If a scout in your unit were to die by suicide – you would be devastated. No doubt you would vow to do everything in your power to stop such an event from ever happening in your, or another, unit ever again. The time to make that vow is **NOW** - before something happens!!

As we are all painfully aware, mental health issues including depression, feelings of helplessness and loneliness, being bullied and thoughts of suicide are no stranger to the youth we support and were exacerbated by the recent pandemic. As adult volunteer Scout leaders it is incumbent upon us to know how to recognize and respond to the signs of mental illness and duress. This knowledge can literally be the difference between life and death. **Please** learn how you can help!!

An in-person class will be held on **20 April from 8am-5pm**. The location will be the Holy Spirit School (8802 Braddock Rd, Annandale, VA). As of right now, there is no cost for the training as the county has received a grant for this course, but a \$5 contribution to offset the cost of snacks, water, and coffee is appreciated.

The class limit for both is 20; please sign up quickly.

- **Register with Mark Greer** at mfgreer@verizon.net and include your mailing address and a good phone number.
- All participants will receive a YMHA certificate of completion and an NCAC sanctioned patch demonstrating the achievement.
- **Don't miss out! Don't Wait!** We can only serve 20 students in each class - register now for this essential training. To register, please email Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net. Mark can also answer any questions you may have.



WoodBadge where Leaders Grow Stronger
Bryon Burks from Pack 41 received Wood Badge beads at University of Scouting WoodBadge gathering.





Patriot District Program News

Become trained as a Climb Master for the Council’s Portable climbing wall.

SCOUTERHORN

INCENTIVE PROGRAM - SUPPORTING COUNCIL EVENTS WILL LOWER RENTAL COST FOR YOUR DISTRICT!

There is an on-line component and an in-person hands-on portion. Contact cope@ncacbsa.org for more info.



IN-PERSON DATES: (YOU ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE)

Sat Apr 20 8:00 AM– 12:00 Noon;

Sat Apr 20 12:00 noon 5:00 PM Sat

Sat May 11 8:00 AM– 12:00 Noon;

Sat May 11 12:00 Noon 5:00 PM Sat

Goshen Registration for Summer 2024

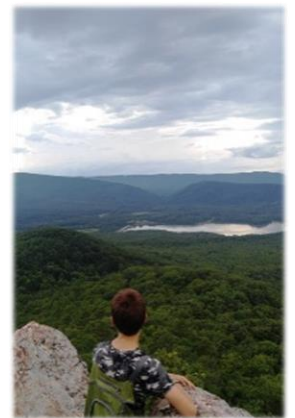
Registration for the five Camps at Goshen

Reservation at gotogoshen.org

The five camps include:

- Camp Olmsted – Scouts BSA Dining Hall
- Camp Bowman – Scouts BSA Patrol Cooking
- Camp Marriot – Scouts BSA Heater Stack or Patrol Cooking
- Camp Ross – Webelos Dinning Hall
- Lenhok’Sin High Adventure – Six days of backpacking or canoeing for Scouts at least 13 years old

Register early to get your preferred dates and camps. *NOTE: Camp Ross has several weeks full!*



Camp Snyder Registration for Summer 2024

Camp Snyder has multiple Cub Scout options and Scouts BSA options. Many details can be found at gotosnyder.org.

Cub Scout Day Camp: Come experience all the fun that Camp has to offer five days a week. This camp experience runs from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM each day and includes all your summer camp favorites. Lunch each day is included in the cost of camp for Scouts and their adult chaperone.

Cub Scout Weekend Overnight Camp: Sleep in a tent, eat in the dining hall, enjoy lots of great activities, and experience a great campfire program. The fun is non-stop from morning until night. Sessions run from Thursday at 6:30 PM to Sunday at 9:00 AM and feature three nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided from Friday breakfast through Sunday continental breakfast.

Scouts BSA Merit Badge Camp (Two Weeks in 2024!): There are two attendance options in 2024: (1) stay at Camp Snyder from Sunday – Saturday, complete your merit badges, and enjoy a series of fun evening activities, or (2) choose to attend from 9-5 Monday-Friday as a day-only participant for the merit badges class and rank advancement sessions.



Wildness and Remote First Aid (WRFA) Classes Scheduled through the Spring

This valuable training is required for at least one adult leader on each BSA High Adventure, including Goshen's Lenhok'sin Trek or Canoe Adventure. There are spaces available, for the Spring Wilderness and Remote First Aid training at Camp Snyder, but they fill up fast. Dates for this Spring are **March 23-24, April 27-28, and May 11 – 12**. This very informative course provides a two-year Red Cross certification in WRFA and Adult and Pediatric First Aid, CPR and AED. It is open to all registered adults and youth at least 15 years old. Further information and registration at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2024>.



Short-Term Camp Administrator Training

All District and Council overnight events of no more than three days are required to meet National standards (NCAP) for Short-term Camping. A Short-term Camp Administrator (STCA) must certify that the event meets minimum standards, primarily for health and safety and BSA policy concerns. An STCA also works with the event director in the planning stages to avoid unpleasant surprises. Patriot District had a number of trained Volunteers but **we need more** to ensure the success of our events. Requirements to fill this position are: a) to be a registered adult at least 21 years of age and b) be certified as an STCA. 2024 training dates for this certification, which lasts two years, have been published. Upcoming first timer and recertification training sessions:



- **March 23rd, 2024 – 10 AM Eastern Time**
- **April 20th, 2024 – 10 AM Eastern Time**
- **May 18th, 2024 – 10 AM Eastern Time**

<https://www.scouting.org/trail-to-adventure-blog/registration-now-open-for-2024-short-term-camp-administrator-online-classes-national-camping-school/>

Council High Adventure News

The 2024 Council Contingent crews to the National High Adventure Bases, Philmont, Northern Tier, and 2 contingent crews to Sea Base are full; however, a Contingent Crew to Lenhok'sin James River trek July 7 – 13, and a Backpacking Crew to the Wind River Range, Wyoming, June 22 – 30, are still accepting both youth and adult leaders. For more information on these and other opportunities, visit <https://hhighadventure@ncacbsa.org>.

The High Adventure committee advises that **Philmont is not full for 2024**. If you are not particular about which trek you want, several openings still remain for treks this summer.

Join Camp Staff: Goshen Scout Reservation is Hiring for Summer 2024!

Apply today at www.gotogoshen.org/staff

Zohra Sharief

Patriot District - Vice Chair Program





Patriot District Safety Moment – Spring Storms



Scouting Magazine has a repository of Safety related quizzes. [Quiz Archives - Scouting magazine](#) **Studies show you remember information**

longer when answering a question than when hearing facts. Always try to apply safety guidelines to potential scout environments to anchor knowledge. Do your Scouts know the safest location in a lightning storm? Do scouts know the best clothing to pack for rainy weather?

Before the Storm: Safety Quiz: Before the Storm - Scouting magazine

[Guide to Safe Scouting | Boy Scouts of America](#)

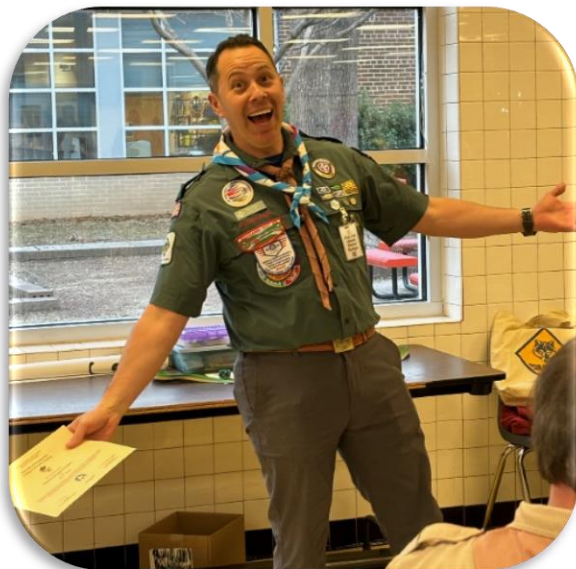
[Safety Moments | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](#)



University of Scouting – Doctorate in Adventure



Congratulations to all University of Scouting Attendees. Enjoy the Adventure MJ Uribe!





**Patriot/Old Dominion
Cub Scout Day Camp**

**Occoquan Regional Park
9751 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079
June 24 - 28, 2024**

SIGN-UP HERE: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-78675>

Registration Fee: \$190 per Cub Scout

HURRY - Early Bird Registration Ends: April 30, 2024



Contact: patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com

Lead & INSPIRE
Activity of your choice

18+ Adult

- Archery*
- Slingshots*
- Climbing Wall*

*Additional required training available

14+ Youth

- S.T.E.M.
- Scout Skills
- Nature
- Arts & Crafts AND
- much, much more!

Camp Staff Incentives

- 14+ Youth – Earn Service Hours
- Adult – One FREE registered Cub Scout (Must staff 5 days)

Day Camp Promo

Send email requesting in-person presentation at your Pack Meeting



Council Wide **SCOUT MERIT BADGE EXPO** + SCOUTING HERITAGE + STAMP COLLECTING + PHOTOGRAPHY

FREE Stamp Packets!! - Fantastic Scouting History & Memorabilia!! - ...
Limited Spaces - \$10 per Merit Badge (Limit 2) - Presented in 2 halves - ...

Sunday March 17, 2024

10:00 AM-12:30 PM

National Center
Each ...
com

**EVENT
DELAYED**



...starting address of a
friend/family member (from a
diff. state) that you
will send a postcard to - who
hopefully will send one back.

Bring:
The camera that you will use
for your requirements. Bring
information on Req. #8.

!! Your MB Collections + Photo Exhibits will be in a special display contest on April 21 - Awards for Best Displays !!

*** Registration Info - Please go to the [NCAC Council Calendar](http://www.ncacbsa.org) site for availability and on-line registration ***

Council Website: www.ncacbsa.org

Note: Those without a credit card to register on-line please call the receptionist at the NCAC Office 301-530-9360 to reserve a space. Please pay in cash when checking in.

** NOTE - We will be accepting Scout Uniform & Camping Equipment Donations for the H.O.S.T.I.N.G. Program ALL Day! **



All paid registrants will be provided the Merit Badge workbook. Each participant should bring a bag/sack lunch. Bottled water will be available at no charge. Parents may not be able to be in classrooms because space is limited. Coffee/donuts for adults should be available (donation requested).

Sponsored By:

The History & Archives Committee, NCAC

For more information please contact:

**Mr. Phil Sternberg, Merit Badge Dean, at
phil.sternberg@gmail.com**





Patriot OA Chapter News

No Chapter Meeting in March

However, We would like as many members as possible to perform service in March and report it. Examples include helping with a Unit Service project, or volunteer at your local park or your church or other sponsoring organization to help with Spring Yard cleanup. Most churches are getting their gardens ready for Easter.

The Site is Open to Pay Your 2024 OA Dues or Buy an Annual Passport

To attend any OA event or wear your sash and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paid member of our Lodge! This is the last month to get the early bird price for 2024 annual dues of \$16 until March 31; then they increase to \$20 on April 1 (no fooling!). Payment may be made by credit card or e-check at <https://wipit470.org>. NOTE: If you completed your Ordeal after September 1, 2023, your 2024 dues are already paid.

You have the opportunity to contribute to our lodge activities and operations. Become a Lodge Contributor by making a \$100 contribution and receive our special Lodge Contributor patch and the satisfaction of knowing that you've dramatically helped further our mission of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service.

OA Unit Election Season is Well Underway

All Unit Leaders should have received an email from the Order of the Arrow Lodge outlining instructions for requesting and preparing for a visit from an OA Election Team. The Unit Election season continues through May 31, 2024. The purpose of Unit Elections is not to benefit the OA, but to serve the unit by helping them recognize those Scouts in their unit that exhibit the characteristics of servant leadership and cheerful service, and to offer them advanced leadership opportunities. We also encourage units to appoint a youth member of the OA to fill the role of Unit OA Representative and an adult OA member as the Unit OA Advisor. Please let us know who will represent your unit so that we can communicate OA plans.

We have several units that have not yet scheduled a visit. If you cannot schedule in time to allow your Scouts to attend the Spring Ordeal, there will be other opportunities in the Summer and Fall. If you have not been receiving emails from the Lodge about elections, you can send an email to patriotchapter@wipit470.org to confirm the correct address for your unit.

Mark your Calendars: The Spring induction weekend (ordeal) is April 26 – 28 at Camp Snyder.

Unit Leaders: In order for elected Scouts to take advantage of the Spring Induction Weekend, please try to schedule your elections prior to mid-April. If that is not possible, there will be other opportunities for induction in August and the fall.

Current members: Please encourage your unit to keep the Ordeal weekend free and join us to help induct the new Candidates. This is expected to be a large Ordeal with many Chapters in the Lodge participating, and Food Service will be centralized in the Dining Hall. There should also be a number of Fellowship opportunities then.

Not Receiving OA Correspondence?

If you are an OA Member and are not receiving emails from the Lodge or Chapter, contact patriotchapter@wipit470.org. We will add/correct information in the Lodge database. The database can accommodate several emails for each member – both youth and parent.

John Merchant

OA Adviser



Advancement News

Fellow Scouters,

A common theme with Advancement is doing and experiencing new things. From "Baloo the Builder" through Service projects we see Scouts and maybe Scouters developing new skills. Responsibility for keeping everyone safe belongs to us all.

I frequently ask the Scouts for their thoughts on what merit badges should be Eagle required and why. Next month I'll offer their responses and you might consider them in your Advancement program.

If you have questions please drop me a note, someone else may have the same question.

Thanks again for all you do to deliver the Scouting program.

Tom Tyra

Advancement Chair

Thomas.Tyra@gmail.com

Unit and Scouter Achievements

Scouter	Unit	Award
William Moser	P873	Cubmaster Key
William Moser	P873	Unit Leader Award of Merit
	T1865G	Ntl Outdoor Challenge
Chad Jones	P1345	Den Leader Training Award
Jenna Vedder	P1345	Den Leader Training Award
Jonathan Osten	P1533	Den Leader Training Award
Paul Eubanks	P50	Den Leader Training Award
Kari Haravitch	P1345	Scouters Training Award
Lucas Haravitch	P1345	Scouters Training Award
	P1345	Summertime Pack Award
Steve Lloyd	P873	Scouters Training Award

Scouter	Unit	Award
Deborah Mahnken	T1345G	Scouters Training Award
Whitney Zatzkin	T1345G	Scouters Training Award
Kate Mattice	T1345G	Scouters Training Award
Mike Lindsay	T1524	Scoutmaster Key
Michelle Tyler	P1344	Den Leader Training Award
Michelle Tyler	P1344	Den Leader Training Award
Joe Fairchild	T1345	Scoutmaster Key
Robert Irvine	T1345	Scouters Training Award
Jerry Miranda	T50	Scoutmaster Key
Andrew Taylor	P1533	Cubmaster Key
Ryan Connor	P1865	Scouters Training Award
Andrew Taylor	P1533	Unit Leader Award of Merit



Patriot Training Corner




There is a lot of good training coming up, including several Cub Scout Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and Scout BSA Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) sessions this spring (see table below). At least one BALOO trained leader is required to take Cub Scouts camping and a best practice is to have at least two or three on every Pack, Webelos or AOL camping trip. IOLS is required for a Scouts BSA adult leader to be considered “Trained.” In addition to the courses listed below, many Scouts BSA summer camps offer IOLS while the scouts are in merit badge classes, so if you plan to attend a camp as a chaperone, check and see if it is available. They do plan to offer IOLS at each session at Goshen.

Speaking of Goshen, if you are interested in helping to teach IOLS at Goshen, or teaching parts of IOLS or BALOO within Patriot District, please let me know.

BALOO

Host District	Planned Dates	Location	Registration Link
Chain Bridge	3/16-3/17	Camp Snyder	
Mattaponi	4/12-4/14	Camp Snyder	
Aquia	5/10-5/11	American Legion Annex, Fredericksburg	
Patriot	6/1-6/2	Camp Snyder	
Colonial	6/15-6/16	Gunston Hall	

IOLS

Host District	Planned Dates	Location	Registration Link
Mattaponi	4/12-4/14	Camp Snyder	
Old Dominion	5/3-5/4	Camp Snyder	
Colonial	6/15-6/16	Gunston Hall	

Wilderness First Aid

March 23-24

April 27-28

May 11-12



Yours in Scouting,

Rick Chandler Training Chair, patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com





HIRING CAMP STAFF

JOIN SUMMER 2024!

OPEN POSITIONS:
 Key Directors (21+)
 Program Area Directors (18+)
 Lifeguards (16+)
 Instructors (15+)
 Counselors-in-Training (14+)

Apply online at:

 www.gotogoshen.org/staff

www.gotosnyder.org/work 

BOWMAN - LENHOK'SIN - MARRIOTT - OLMSTED - ROSS - SNYDER

ABOUT THE JOB

For most positions, the primary focus is delivering program to youth and adult participants, whether in a program area or a wilderness outpost. Other responsibilities include general duties based on the operations of camp.

Room and board are provided. Staff live on site and go into town for their weekly day off.



 Goshen Scout Reservation
www.gotogoshen.org/staff



Save the Day!
Be a Superhero!
at Camp Snyder Summer 2024

Cub Scout Camp Day Camp

6/24 - 6/28
7/8 - 7/12

Resident Weekends

6/20 - 6/23
6/27 - 6/30
7/11 - 7/14

Family 4th of July

7/5 - 7/7

Adventures! Advancement! Fun!

Programs are open to Cub Scouts
- rising Tigers to rising Arrow of Light.
Family 4th of July is open to all ages!

www.gotosnyder.org

Looking for programs for older campers?

Scout Specialty Weeks
for Scouts BSA
www.gotosnyder.org

Goshen Scout Reservation
for Scouts BSA, Venturers, & Webelos
www.gotogoshen.org





Baltimore Area Council - Seton Scout Naturalist Training (scoutingevent.com)

Earn the Seton Scout Naturalist Oriole Badge!

Become a Seton Scout Naturalist!

Join the **2024 Seton Scout Naturalist Training** at Camp Saffran, Friday May 3, 7 PM to Sunday May 5, 3 PM. Scouts, 14 and over, & adult Cub, Scout, and Venturing leaders can register for the program.

Your Scouts can also earn the shirt pocket oriole badge after you present a nature-themed weekend at Broad Creek. The program fee is \$75. Meals and materials are included and we will be tenting at the Dan Beard campsite.

Click on the oriole badge to watch the video and register for the program! Questions? Contact coordinator Marty Brazeau at scoutnaturalist@gmail.com



Our outdoor training will enable you to serve your Scout unit by leading:

...a hike on the Saffran Nature Trail using a Powerpoint on your iPad as a guide to involve Scouts in learning how the area has changed from a farm field to a forest since the camp was founded in 1948.



...a stream study to capture aquatic critters to determine the health of Deep Run, a Chesapeake Bay tributary. Wear wet shoes!



...a nocturnal hike to increase your nighttime vision. During the training, we will try to call in owls and identify frogs.



...a hike down to the Serpentine Quarry, below the dam, to discover the evidence revealing how green marble called serpentine was quarried 150 years ago. Look for wildlife and study unusual plants along the way.



Also: Learn Ideas for leading a nature-themed campfire and conservation projects.

You will appear in the Saffran Pond Nature Trail YouTube video. Find a similar video by searching YouTube under: **Camp Rodney Nature trail**. The video will help Scouts earn merit badges during summer camp.



Look through binoculars at colorful orioles, warblers, and tanagers during morning bird walks. Use the Merlin phone app to identify birds by sight and sound.



Optional "Naturalist Capping Program!": You will be invited to serve as a naturalist leading a nature hike and ecology related field games for Cub Scouts and parents at the Cub Family Weekend on Saturday, May 18, 9 AM to 5 PM. We hope you can attend the program, however, it is optional since you may already have an event scheduled during the busy month of May. No program fee since you will be serving as a weekend staff member with lunch provided. You will receive a Seton Scout Naturalist cap to keep and wear during your hike.





B-P Wants and Needs You!



To Join the Patriot District Committee

Great Jobs for Great Volunteers

Take your Scouting leadership to an exciting and rewarding new level.

Work with other great Scouters providing great programs for great Scouts.

Contact Joe Margraf: joedenisemargraf@aol.com

The Patriot Press, Patriot District National Capital Area Council

The Patriot Press is the monthly newsletter of the Patriot District, NCAC, Scouts BSA. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the official policies of the National Capital Area Council or Scouts BSA. This newsletter is provided eleven times each year (not in July) and posted at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotPress>

Deadline for articles to be included in The Patriot Press is the last Saturday of the month. Send your ideas and content to jill.and.jay@gmail.com.

Key District Contacts

Keenan Pallone	District Executive (301) 214-9124	Keenan.Pallone@scouting.org
Joe Margraf	District Committee Chair	joedenisemargraf@aol.com
Ken Gaul	District Commissioner	kgaulbsa@gmail.com
Zohra Sharief	Vice Chair, Program	zohra.sharief@muslimscouting.org
Whitney Zatkan	Vice Chair, Membership	whitneyzatkan@gmail.com
Bob Sweeney	Vice Chair, Finance	robertsweeney2@gmail.com
Jill Brannam	Vice Chair, Communications Editor, Patriot Press	jill.and.jay@gmail.com
Rick Chandler	Training Chair	chandler.rick@gmail.com
Tom Tyra	Advancement Chair	thomas.tyra@gmail.com
John Merchant	OA Adviser	merchantj@verizon.net





Original Robert Baden Powell 9 Point Scout Law

The original 1908 Baden-Powell’s Scout Law was defined as; A Scout is...Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, and Thrifty.

The first publication of ‘Scouting for Boys’ in 1908 Baden-Powell first proposed only the first 9 points of the Scout Law. When Seton started working on the “Boy Scouts of America Official Handbook” he collaborated with Baden-Powell on the Scout Law for the book. The original Baden-Powell 9 points of Scout Law was printed in the 1910 first edition. The 12 points of the BSA’s Scout Law was put together by Robert Baden-Powell and Ernest Seton for the “second edition” published the following year. Using some inspiration from Seton’s Woodcraft. The Ernest Seton 1910 Woodcraft Indian Law was defined as; Obedience, Courage, Cleanliness, No Smoking, No Fire-Water, Wild-Life, No Wild-Fire, Kindness, Play Fair, Silence, Reverence, and Word of Honor. Baden-Powell & Seton’s added 3 points from Woodcraft Indian Law to the BSA’s Scout Law in 1911; Seton’s Courage became **Brave**, Cleanliness became **Clean** and Reverence became **Reverent**.

Scout Law 1910: <http://scouterstan.com/storage/1910-BSA-Handbook-Scout-Law.pdf>

[History of Scout Law, Original Scout Law Origin Explanations Commentary \(inquiry.net\)](#)

