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From the District Chair



A huge congratulations to **Zohra Sharief**, who has been awarded the **BSA's Silver Beaver** for 2023. This award is bestowed upon only those persons who have given continued, unselfish, and effective service to the community, usually through the program of the Boy Scouts of America, but not limited to Scouting. Because Scouters may not nominate themselves for this award, only those persons who have been nominated by their Scouting peers are considered. The Silver Beaver Award is the highest recognition a local Council can bestow upon volunteer leaders. Many of you know Zohra as our Patriot District Day Camp Director for the last several years – so when you see – her tell her Congrats!



PATRIOT DISTRICT PROGRAM LAUNCH - May 11 - Program Launch is our annual showcase of Scouting programs, resources, activities, and information from Patriot Scouters and our Council. It is where your Pack, Troop, or Crew's opportunity to get information, materials, and tips about how to plan your unit's 2023-2024 program. There will be information tables, electronic and paper handouts to take home, and lots of people to share ideas with other Scouts. *Together, we hope to offer your unit great ideas and resources to help provide your Scouts a great 2023-2024 Scouting program!*

Isn't Program Launch Just Another Roundtable? NO. Even though Program Launch takes place on Roundtable night. There are no chairs for you to sit in (unless you get worn out from all the excitement).

Who Should Come to Program Launch? Every unit should have at least one leader at Program Launch. **But don't stop there!** Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors & ASMs, and Committee Chairs should attend too! **AND** bring your **Senior Patrol Leaders!**

*Have you and your **PACK** up signed up for these District Events?*



- **BALOO Training: May 13-14 at Camp Snyder**
- **Patriot & Old Dominion Districts Summer Day Camp: June 26-30, Occoquan Regional Park.**
Adults: If you have a full week of free time available, why not be a full-time Day Camp staff member; your Scout will attend camp for FREE! Early Bird Discount ends on April 30; cost increase by \$40 on May 1. If you would like an individual Day Camp briefing at your Pack meeting, please contact us at: patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com



Have you scheduled your Friends of Scouting Presentation?

Please email Bob Sweeney at robertsweeney2@gmail.com to arrange a date.



2023 Patriot District Court of Honor is BACK - May 23 - Burke Lake Park - This is where we will honor all our unit and District leaders.

My **Challenge** to all of you this month is **TELL YOUR SCOUTING STORY TO OTHERS.**

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

*Joe Margraf
Patriot District Committee Chair*



From the District Commissioner

Welcome back from FCPS Spring Break! Over break we had some weather that was more summer-like than one expects for early April, but it was a good reminder of some **important spring outdoor safety tips**:

- It's tick season! Make sure all participants use appropriate insect spray and do tick checks before bed. Other animals are also more active – be alert around rock and wood piles for snakes and other critters sunning themselves.
- The sun is much stronger – right now the sun angle is about the same as it is in late August, even if average temps are still moderate. Make sure outdoor activity participants wear sunscreen.
- Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate! Dehydration can sneak up on both adults and children.
- It's thunderstorm and severe weather season. Always check the weather report before leaving for outdoor activities, use a phone weather app with severe weather alerts, and have a shelter plan in case storms roll in. If your Hazardous Weather training has expired, now's the time to renew it.

Our **April 13 Roundtable** at St. Stephens UMC will feature an Outdoor Ethics presentation. It's also the last regular Roundtable for long-time Scouts BSA Asst. RT Commissioner and Asst. District Commissioner Rick Priest, who will be retiring to North Carolina in May. We will miss Rick! His half-century dedication to Scouting, vast experience, spirit of service, and the fantastic example he set for all Scouters has had an incredible impact on the Scouting program in our region and generations of Scouts. His departure leaves a huge hole in our Commissioner Corps. Fortunately, Rick's grandchildren are still in the area, and he tells us he looks forward to also seeing Scouting friends when he visits. Rick's special "Camping Hacks" presentation in the April Scouts BSA RT break-out is not to be missed!

May 11 is our annual **Program Launch**, at St. Stephens. Joe Margraf's column has more about this important program. There will be a huge amount of information for every Pack, Troop, and Crew to help with planning your 2023-2024 Scouting program. PLEASE make sure at least one core leader from your unit attends, and more is better. You should plan for the next Scouting year before school ends this spring, so now's the time to start assembling the resources. Program Launch will help you plan the best possible program for your Scouts.

Cub leaders and parents: [Register your cubs NOW](#) for 2023 **Patriot District Cub Scout Day Camp** at Occoquan Regional Park from June 26-30. EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS APRIL 30. This year's theme is "Off to the Races," and is guaranteed to be a hit with Cubs of all ages!

Finally, as the weather gets warmer, let's get our Scouts at all levels outdoors as much as possible. Putting the "outing" in "Scouting" makes the best program!

Ken Gaul
Patriot District Commissioner
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Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

April 2023

- 9 Easter Sunday
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 21-23 Spring Family Camping (Camp Snyder)
- 22-23 Wilderness First Aid (Camp Snyder)
- 28-30 OA Spring Ordeal



May 2023

- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Program Launch
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13-14 BALOO and IOLS (Camp Snyder)
- 14 Mother's Day
- 20-21 Wilderness First Aid (Camp Snyder)
- 23 Patriot District Court of Honor
- 29 Memorial Day

June 2023

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 18 Father's Day
- 18-23 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) – NCAC Event
- 26-30 Patriot District & Old Dominion District Day Camp
- 27 PD Committee Meeting

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
JSN	Join Scouting Night	VCPST	Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training
NLE	New Leader Essentials	VOA	Venturing Officers Association





All Cub Scout Leaders, 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 – skills, 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, April 13, 2023

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: S.A.F.E., Medical Forms, Advancements

Word of the month: Clean

Bring a treat to enjoy while we meet!

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
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Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, April 13, 2023

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!

Topics: Recruiting – Bring More Scouts to Summer Camp and Start Fall Recruiting Early
How to Be Comfortable at Summer Camp

Greg Wagner, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner
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Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioners: Rick Priest





Patriot District Recruitment & Marketing



The Patriot District is stepping up its recruitment and marketing efforts for our Scouting program. Here are some events in which your unit can assist with this effort while simultaneously marketing your unit.

[Fairfax HisTree Day, Saturday, April 22](#)

This is a free event hosted by the City of Fairfax celebrating Fairfax history and conservation at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. The City of Fairfax has invited Scouts to set up a main Scouts BSA station accompanied by mini-stations sponsored by different Scouting units. The Scout stations will display the various Scouts BSA conservation awards and recognitions (i.e., BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award Program, World Conservation Award, Conservation Good Turn Award, National Outdoor Badge–Conservation, Keep America Beautiful Hometown USA Award, etc.) and showcase how the Scouting program supports, advocates, and contributes to conservation. Please let Patrick Ring know if your unit wants to participate by March 31. Patrick will coordinate with Fairfax City as well as provide you with more details. There is no registration form.

Link to the event: <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/historic-resources/fairfax-history-day#ad-image-4>.

[City of Fairfax Independence Day \(July 4th\) Parade](#)

Marching in the Independence Day Parade is a wonderful piece of Americana and an easy summertime activity for Packs (it is also an event that counts towards the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, please see <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/conservation-awards-and-recognitions/> for more information) while marketing your unit and the Scouting program. You just show up in uniform and march, it's that simple! Of course if your unit wishes to be more creative and elaborate, you can decorate a float, ride bikes, display your unit banner, etc. Your unit must register through the City of Fairfax, but it is free. The only restriction is that kids under age 6 must ride in a decorated vehicle. You must complete an application, which is due by April 1.



If your unit can't or isn't participating, individual Scouts are encouraged to march as part of a contingent of Patriot District Scouts with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8469 in Fairfax Station, VA. Please notify Patrick Ring of your desire to march in the parade.

Link to the event: <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/20345/63809221667600000>

Link to the rules: <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/20349/638092216681630000>

[City of Fairfax Fall Festival, October 14](#)

Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available for the Patriot District's recruitment and marketing efforts for this hometown festival in historic downtown Fairfax.



Please let me know if you have any questions regarding any of these events.

Patrick Ring
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Patriot District Program News

Climbing Instructor Training 2023

Learn how to help Scouts climb on nearby natural rock and become a resource for your unit. This year the NCAC Climbing Committee offers four Climbing Level I Instructor class sections:

- April 15-16 at [Great Falls Park](#), 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
[Logistics memo](#)
- May 6-7 at [Sugarloaf Mountain](#), 8:15 AM to 6:00 PM.
[Logistics memo](#)
- Sept 16-17 at [Sugarloaf Mountain](#), 8:15 AM to 6:00 PM.
[Logistics memo](#)
- Sept 23-24 at [Great Falls Park](#), 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
[Logistics memo](#)



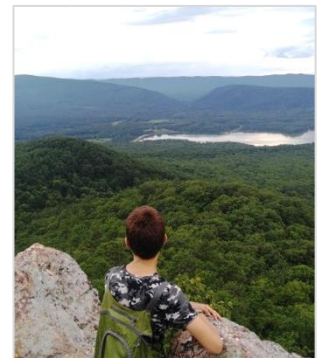
Contact the course director at ncac.climbing@gmail.com to register. Register in and attend only one weekend section. \$40 fee.

Goshen Registration is Now Open

... and popular weeks are filling up fast.

Goshen Scout Reservation is Located about 20 miles West of Lexington, surrounded by the Goshen Wildlife Management Reserve. It offers three Scouts BSA camping/dining options:

- **Camp Marriott:** Heater stack or Patrol Cooking food plans with tent camping.
- **Camp Bowman:** Patrol Cooking with tent camping.
- **Camp Olmsted:** Dining Hall with tent and a limited number of Adirondack shelter camping



All camps offer a full program of aquatics, shooting sports, ecology, handicraft/culture-craft and other merit badges. Goshen also has a COPE/Climbing area available to all three BSA camps.

Webelos Camp at Camp Ross offers a full program for Webelos and AOL Scouts.

Lenhok'sin High Adventure (LHA) is a unique, highly rated High Adventure Camp. It offers a backpacking opportunity for crews of up to 12 Scouts who are at least 13 years of age by the beginning of their trek. Crews backpack to outposts located around the reservation, where they participate in the program and spend the night. Each morning they head out to their next outpost. See a description of the outposts and additional requirements at the Goshen web site, and then select Camps and Programs and then Lenhok'sin High Adventure. For information on all camps go to <https://gotogoshen.org>

Patriot / Old Dominion Day Camp 2023: June 26-30



The Day Camp Theme for 2023 is *Off to the Races*. It will be a fun-filled week with lots of learning and challenges for the Cub Scouts. If you would like to invite someone from the District to do a presentation at your Pack Meeting to get the Scouts and Adults excited about Day Camp and have some fun, send an email to districtdaycamp@gmail.com



Registration is now open at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-65238>

Day Camp Staff

Patriot/Old Dominion Day Camp is June 26 – 30, with a set-up day on Sunday, June 25. This event can use lots of help from both teens and adults to help set up and run events during the week for the Cub Scouts. These activities include archery, sling shots, climbing wall, Cub Scout skills, arts and crafts, and health and Safety. Working with the young Scouts is fun, and they will look up to you.

Staff Opportunities for Adults and Older Scouts This Summer – The Best and Hardest Job You Will Ever Love

Scout Camps are like most experiences – they are not principally about the location or facilities but more about the people you meet and work with. Our Scout Camps, Goshen, Snyder, day camps and Catoctin all need Scouts and Adults who enjoy the outdoors and working with people. It is a wonderful opportunity for Scouts 15 years old and older to learn leadership and responsibility, share their knowledge and get paid. Older Scouts, at least 18 are needed to fill some of the Directorships: e.g. Handicraft, Scoutcraft and Scouters at least 21 are needed to fill directorships for aquatics, shooting sports, COPE/climbing and ATV. Opportunities and requirements can be found at:

<https://www.gotogoshen.org/information/goshen-staff/>

<https://www.gotosnyder.org/work-volunteer/summer-camp-staff/>

For information on volunteering for Patriot Day Camp: patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com

May 2023 Offering of Wilderness First Aid at Camp Snyder

If your unit is planning a High Adventure of their own or at one of the National or Regional High Adventure bases, you will need at least one adult trained in Wilderness first Aid. The Council is offering one more Red Cross Remote and Wilderness First Aid at Camp Snyder this Spring at Camp Snyder on May 20; it is filling up fast. There is also a Waitlist for the April 22 class. [For more information](#). See the article in the Council’s program magazine, “We Own Adventure” at:

<https://weownadventure.com/spring-wfa-courses-at-camp-snyder/>



Scouterhorn Training

The Council-owned “Drop -A-Rock” portable climbing wall is an excellent asset and resource for both program and recruiting events around the District. It can be reserved through the Camp Snyder web site. However, its use requires a trained/certified “Climbmaster” to oversee set-up and operation of the wall. Getting this certification is not difficult, and you need not be an accomplished climber. Training is offered at most Council Family Camp Program weekend events at Camp Snyder. The next and last scheduled training opportunity this Spring is April 22. They will resume in the fall. Contact the COPE committee at incac_cope@gmail.com if you are interested in this training.



*John Merchant
Patriot District Committee*



Patriot Chapter OA News



Order of the Arrow Induction Weekend April 28 – 30, Camp Snyder

Patriot Chapter is joining George Mason and Old Dominion to put on the Spring Order of the Arrow Ordeal to induct newly elected members into BSA’s National Honor Society at Camp Snyder the last weekend of April. This is a meaningful event for both those Scouts newly elected and those who are already members of the OA. The Ordeal consists of ceremonies, symbolic “tests” and service to the camp. Please encourage all those in your units who have been elected but have not yet completed their induction to register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-68176> and participate. The fee for candidates includes their sash, first year’s dues, OA Handbook, and pocket patch.

Becoming a member of the OA provides Scouts and adults leadership training, opportunities for leadership, high adventure, and service beyond the unit. However, a Scout’s first duty is back to his/her unit. If a Scout or adult candidate cannot make our chapter’s date, there are other opportunities to which we can refer them. Have them contact patriotchapter@wipit470.org if they have questions.

Job Openings for Older Youth and Adults Are Still Available at Both Camp Snyder and Goshen Reservation

- See an article in the Council’s on-line magazine at: <https://weownadventure.com/camp-staff-open-positions/>

*John Merchant
OA Adviser*



Training Updates

Spring is finally here, and we have even had a few days that were more like summer. I hope everyone is taking advantage of the favorable weather to get back into the great outdoors for camping fun and other Scouting activities. Lots of training opportunities in the months ahead. Remember, every Scout deserves a trained leader.

Upcoming Events

May 13-14: The Spring 2023 editions of both IOLS and BALOO are scheduled, and registration is live. Both courses will be held at Camp Snyder again this year. We are aware this is Mother's Day weekend, but we had to select this weekend due to scheduling difficulties. We will endeavor to make sure everyone is out before noon on Sunday so that families can celebrate Mother's Day in the afternoon. The registration link for both courses is:

[National Capital Area Council - Patriot - Spring '23 Outdoor Leader Training \(scoutingevent.com\)](https://scoutingevent.com)

Please note, you should only register for one of the courses...we do not offer double credit as they are separate classes and you cannot attend both because they are running concurrently.

Wood Badge: NCAC will be presenting three courses this year so there will be lots of opportunities to attend the premier adult leadership training in Scouting. Registration for all the courses can be found at: [Wood Badge - National Capital Area Council \(ncacbsa.org\)](https://ncacbsa.org)

The course dates are:

- Summer 2023: May 5-7 and June 3-4
- Fall 2023: September 8-10 and October 7-8
- Registration for the Summer and Fall courses is open.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT): NCAC will again be presenting four courses this summer. NYLT is an exciting opportunity for your troop's youth leaders to explore their leadership styles and grow as leaders. Registration for all four summer courses can be found at

[National Capital Area Council - NYLT Summer 2023 \(scoutingevent.com\)](https://scoutingevent.com)

The course dates are:

- Course 23-2: June 18 to June 23
- Course 23-3: June 25 to June 30
- Course 23-4: July 23 to July 28
- Course 23-5: July 23 to July 28

There are a lot of training opportunities for all programs listed on the NCAC calendar, so if a Patriot date doesn't work please check the calendar and see what other offerings are available. You can attend any training offered by BSA, whether it is in our district, another district, or even another council.

*Justin Day
Training Chair*



Troop 1131 Eagle Court of Honor for Seven Scouts

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on March 22 for seven Troop 1131 Scouts. The new Eagle Scouts: Chase Whitfield, Daniel Belloni, Logan Pembleton, Marco Ramanata, Matthew Luisi, Robert Farris, and Ryan Jones.

The event was held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Burke, with several VIPs in attendance, and several more issuing award letters or citations. Awards were presented by Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, Virginia State Senator Dave Marsden, and Fairfax County Supervisor Jame Walkenshaw, with letters also signed by Chairman Jeff McKay. Virginia House Delegate Dave Bulova could not attend but had previously left his awards at the church.

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office (FCPO) was represented by Captain Daniel Wilson, Chief, C/D Confinement Branch; and the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) was represented by Captain Ryan Morgan, Commander of West Springfield District Station. They presented the Eagle Scouts American Flags that had been flown over the Capitol Building in their honor.

Also attending was James Hedrick, President of the Rotary Club of Springfield, VA, and Institutional Head (IH) of the sponsoring/Charter Organization of the Troop.



SM Dale Caswell, Virginia State Senator Dave Marsden, and Five Eagle Scouts



Capt. Daniel Wilson, FCSO; Capt. Ryan Forgan, FCPD; and Eagle Scouts



Eileen Filler-Corn, James Walkenshaw, James Hedrick, and Eagle Scouts



The New Eagle Scouts with Two Celebration Cakes



GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING – YOUTH PROTECTION UPDATE

Adult Supervision

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

(Effective September 1, 2023) Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.

Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered in an adult fee required position as listed or as an adult program participant. *Limited exception below for Cub Scout overnight Programs.*

See [FAQ](#) for list of adult fee-required positions. Registration as a Merit Badge Counselor does not meet this requirement.

Cub Scout Programs – Overnight Exception: Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the “[How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide](#)” that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position. *(End Effective September 1, 2023 Update)*

Additionally, there is a lengthy FAQ about youth protection on the national website at

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/>

It is recommended that unit leaders review this section if there are any questions about BSA's youth protection requirements.



Patriot District Court of Honor



On May 23rd at 6:30 PM the Patriot District will hold its annual Court of Honor at Burke Lake Park to honor our awardees for Silver Beaver, District Award of Merit, and Distinguished Patriot Scouter; and to present other awards for this year. Please join us as we celebrate the outstanding service to our community by these amazing Scouters. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner and dessert provided by Mission BBQ.

Please register before May 12th at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-70501>



When: May 23rd 6:30 PM

Where: Burke Lake Park

Who: Anyone!

All are welcome!



**2023 Patriot & Old Dominion District
Cub Scout Summer Day Camp**

OFF TO THE RACES - June 26th- 30th



Join us as we set out on a five day *High Speed Adventure!*

We will race to Archery, Sling Shots, S.T.E.M. Scout Skills, Climbing Wall, Arts & Crafts
& so much more FUN.



Cub Scouts love to go to Camp! The number one reason boys and girls join Scouting is to go to camp. Let's help them do that by having your Scouts attend the Patriot & Old Dominion District Day Camp.

Day Camp is for registered Cub Scouts entering the 1st -5th grades the following school year. Those entering the 1st grade must be accompanied by an 'adult partner' during their participation.

The camp will again be held at the Occoquan Regional Park, Lorton, Virginia.

A one adult to five Scouts ratio is required to guide our "racers" through camp,

Camp Dates: Monday, June 26th – Friday, June 30th

Registration Fee: \$200 per Cub Scout

SIGN UP HERE: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-65238>

Adults: If you have a full week of free time available, why not be a full-time staff member. Your Scout (*one Scout only*) will attend camp for **FREE!**

Cubmaster & Committee Chairs: If you would like an individual Summer Day Camp Presentation at your Pack Meeting, please contact us at: patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com

The only thing needed for this adventure is **YOU!**

Zohra Sharief
Patriot District Day Camp Director

CAMP

2023 Camp Snyder



**Save the Dates
Snyder Summer 2023**

Cub Scout Camp

Rising Tigers to rising Webelos.

Day Camp

Session 1 Patriot: June 26-30, 2023

Session 2: July 10 - July 14, 2023 (Camp Snyder)

Resident Weekends

Session 1: June 22 - June 25, 2023

Session 2: June 29 - July 2, 2023

Session 3: July 6 - July 9, 2023

Session 4: July 13 - July 16, 2023

Scouts BSA Camp

Specialty Week:

July 16 - July 22, 2023

Registration is Now Open

www.gotosnyder.org



Encourage Scouts to Join our Camp Staff

Camp Staff is Hiring!



Camp Snyder

Goshen Scout Reservation

Apply Today!

We are actively recruiting camp staff right now. If you have Scouts who will be 14 years of age or older by this coming summer, encourage them to have the experience of a lifetime by joining our staff! Every year, the camps and programs that make up the Goshen Scout Reservation and Camp William B. Snyder employ highly motivated individuals to be a part of something huge.

Don't let your Scouts miss out!

Learn more about Goshen Scout Reservation:

<https://www.gotogoshen.org/information/goshen-staff/>

Learn more about Camp William B. Snyder

<https://www.gotosnyder.org/work-volunteer/summer-camp-staff/>

Backpacking Trek at Lenhok'sin High Adventure



The NCAC High Adventure Committee is sponsoring a Provisional backpacking trek at Lenhok'sin High Adventure (Goshen Scout Reservation), July 2 – 8, 2023 (Week 2 Session)!

Lenhok'sin High Adventure is NCAC's very own high adventure base, located at the Goshen Scout Reservation. Offering week-long backpacking and canoeing treks, Lenhok'sin is a platform to "plan your own adventure" and train for future high adventure opportunities, including Philmont and Northern Tier.

[Backpacking Trek: Looking for Campers! – We Own Adventure](https://weownadventure.com/backpacking-trek-looking-for-campers/)

<https://weownadventure.com/backpacking-trek-looking-for-campers/>

D.C. United vs. LA Galaxy – Scout Night

Audi Field - 100 Potomac Ave SW, Washington, Washington, DC 20024

[D.C. United vs. LA Galaxy- Scout Night \(fevo.com\)](https://fevo.com)

SCOUT NIGHT

D.C. UNITED

The first **150** Scouts will receive an exclusive patch and get to go on the field for a group photo after the game!

CHEER ON THE BLACK-AND-RED!
ON SCOUT NIGHT
MAY 20TH, 2023

The first group to buy 20 or more tickets will be able to have 20 people in the team tunnel when DC United takes the field for warmups!

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

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Deadline for articles to be included in The Patriot Press is two Sundays prior to Roundtable. Articles for publication, in MS Word, may be emailed to the editor at bsnowden419@gmail.com.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

On my honor, I promise to do my best to comply with this Boy Scouts of America Scouter Code of Conduct while serving in my capacity as an adult leader:

1. I have completed or will complete my registration with the Boy Scouts of America, answering all Questions truthfully and honestly.
2. I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law, obey all laws, and hold others in Scouting accountable to those standards. I will exercise sound judgment and demonstrate good leadership and use the Scouting program for its intended purpose consistent with the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.
3. I will make the protection of youth a personal priority. I will complete and remain current with Youth Protection training requirements. I will be familiar with and follow:
 - BSA Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting: www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/
 - The Guide to Safe Scouting: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss
 - The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16
4. When transporting youth, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.
5. I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, BSA policies, and BSA-provided training, including but not limited to those relating to:
 - Unauthorized fundraising activities
 - Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of the BSA uniform and brand
 - Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind
6. I will not discuss or engage in any form of sexual conduct while engaged in Scouting activities. I will refer youth with questions regarding these topics to talk to their parents or spiritual advisor.
7. I confirm that I have fully disclosed and will disclose in the future any of the following:
 - Any criminal suspicion, charges, or convictions of a crime or offense involving abuse, violence, sexual misconduct, or any misconduct involving minors or juveniles
 - Any investigation or court order involving domestic violence, child abuse, or similar matter
 - Any criminal charges or convictions for offenses involving controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, firearms, or dangerous weapons
8. I will not possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies:
 - Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana
 - Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives
 - Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values
9. If I am taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing my functioning or judgment, I will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.
10. I will take steps to prevent or report any violation of this code of conduct by others in connection

SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

