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## From the Patriot District Chair

**History is amazing.** Scouting history is just as cool. Never forget to learn as much as you can about both. Speaking of history - I am writing my April Press article from London, England. My AirBNB is just down the road from where Lord Baden Powell was born and I am actually walking in his footsteps. Never thought I would do this let alone write about it. Now that's very cool Scouting history. Just think about how one person changed the world by starting the most incredible youth organization.

**On a local level, we as a district are about to create our own Scouting history.** Last week the NCAC voted to align the various districts that make up the Council. One major change is the Old Dominion district will no longer exist and the Patriot District will merge into 1/3 of it and we will become a brand-new district.

**What does this all mean?** We will gain new units, leaders and Scouts! We as a new district will grow by 50% from 48 units to 76 units. We will gain another 600 leaders and over 900 Scouts. Bringing the new district to close to 3000 Scouts. We will also we getting some amazing programs from the (old) Old Dominion - a Merit Badge Jamboree and the Klondike Derby and so many new Committee members and Commissioners. Change is not always easy but with Scouts and Scouters - we have always prepared for any change. We look forward to our new challenge and our new district.

**DISTRICT PROGRAM LAUNCH - May 9 - Mark Your Calendars** And another historic note is that next month - we will do an epic Program Launch. You really don't want to miss this district event. **This will be the be the first event of the NEW District.** This year's Program Launch will showcase all of the scouting programs, resources, activities, and information from District Scouters and our Council. ***This one of the most important District Events of the year and we are hoping for 100% of our units to come out for it.***

**Program Launch is your Pack, Troop, or Crew's opportunity to get information, materials, and tips about how to plan your unit's 2024-2025 program.** There will be information tables, electronic and paper handouts to take home, and lots of people to share ideas with. We will also release the 2024-2025 District Calendar. *Together, we hope to offer your unit great ideas and resources to help provide your Scouts a great 2024-2025 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 your 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!** Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Scoutmasters, ASMs, Venturing Advisors and Committee Chairs should attend too! **AND bring your Senior Patrol Leaders!**

**Here are just some of the District / Council Areas that will be represented:** Commissioner Corp., Membership, Recruiting, Communications, Female Units, Special Needs, Camporees, Cub -O- Ree, Camping, Shooting Sports, Cub Scout Day Camp, Leave No Trace/Outdoor Ethics, Order of the Arrow, Klondike Derby, Merit Badge Jamboree, Advancement / Life to Eagle , Scouting for Food, Merit Badges, STEM, Youth Mental Health 1st Aid, Popcorn, Training - Cub Scouts, Training - Scouts/BSA, Pinewood Derby, High Adventure, Goshen, Camp Snyder, COPE & Climbing. Look forward to seeing you there!

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

**Joe Margraf**

**District Chair**

[joedenisemargraf@aol.com](mailto:joedenisemargraf@aol.com)





### From the District Commissioner

**Welcome back** from FCPS Spring Break and April Fools Day (I won't say which of these is my fav)! 😊 There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes to plan for our **"Trout-o-Ree" spring Camporee** with the Prince William and Sully Districts the weekend of April 6<sup>th</sup>. By the time you read this,



many of our Scouts will have had the experience of a lifetime fishing freshly-stocked trout streams at the foot of the Shenandoah in beautiful western Madison County.

We've also been working hard on planning for our part of the **National Capital Area Council's Organizational Alignment project** – we will be integrating 26 Scout units in the West Springfield and South County HS areas into a combined District with units in the Lake Braddock, Robinson and Woodson HS areas. Our current strengths will continue, and we'll add some amazing energy, programs, and traditions from our new partners. The goal is to better serve our units and Scouts, and to grow Scouting in the new District and throughout the Council.

**Our annual Program Launch is May 9. We need ALL our Scout units to be represented – and not just by the Scoutmaster or Cubmaster, but also ASMs, Den Leaders, Committee Chairs and Members, and even SPLs.** Our Order of the Arrow Chapter will also take part. There will be a **HUGE** amount of information for every Pack, Troop and Crew to **help with planning your 2024-2025 Scouting program**. You need to start planning for the next Scouting year before school ends, so now's the time to assemble the resources. What you learn at Program Launch will help you deliver the best possible program for your Scouts. Joe Margraf's column has additional details about this important event.

Program Launch will include the **kick-off ceremony for our new 76-unit District**. Please come out to celebrate what will be the best District in our Council, meet our new friends and partners!

**Register for 2024 Day Camp NOW! Registration is open** for our amazing **Patriot/Old Dominion Cub Scout Day Camp** at Occoquan Regional Park from **June 24-28. EARLY BIRD PRICING WITH A \$50 DISCOUNT ENDS APRIL 30.** This year's theme is **"Jungle Adventure,"** and is guaranteed to be a hit with Cubs of all ages!

**An advance heads-up about our Fall Camporee:** We have locked in the dates for our Fall Camporee at BSA Camp Rock Enon outside Winchester. It will be the weekend of **October 18-20**. Make sure your Troop attends what promises to be an outstanding event. We reserved the entire Scout camp and will offer a full menu of **Scout shooting sports** as well as a lot of other fun activities.

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**  
[kgaulbsa@gmail.com](mailto:kgaulbsa@gmail.com)





## Patriot District Calendar of Events

### April 2024

- 5-7 Spring Camporee Trout-o-Ree, Syria, VA
- 11 **BSA and CUB Roundtable**
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12-14 Wood Badge (and 4-5 MAY)
- 12-14 IOLS at Camp Snyder
- 17 Commissioner Meeting
- 20 Youth Mental Health First Aid
- 20-21 Camp Snyder Family Weekend
- 20 ScouterHorn Wall Climbing Training
- 23 New District Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
- 25 Patriot District Court of Honor
- 27-28 Wilderness First Aid
- 27 Cub Scout Day Camp Rangemaster Training



### May 2024

- 9 **District Program Launch**
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10-11 Camp Snyder Family weekend
- 11-12 Wilderness First Aid
- 11 ScouterHorn Wall Climbing Training
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 24-27 Goshen Memorial Weekend Family Camp
- 28 New District Committee Meeting

### June 2024

- 1 Cub Scout Day Camp Rangemaster Training
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 **BSA and CUB Roundtable**
- 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 Organizational Alignment:** [NCAC Organizational alignment \(ncacbsa.org\)](https://www.ncacbsa.org/organizational-alignment/)

NCAC 2023-2025 Strategic VISION: Align to exponentially grow membership while providing excellent service to our districts, units, and families.

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



# Every Troop and Pack should be represented at Roundtable!

## Patriot District Cub Scout Roundtable

SUPPORT OTHER SCOUTERS



LET OTHER SCOUTERS SUPPORT YOU

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, April 11, 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: Summertime Planning and Advancement Ceremonies**

**Word of the Month: Clean**

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



## Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

**Welcome All Scoutmasters, ASMs and Committee members!!**

**Thursday, April 11, 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: Camp Hacks and Using BaseCamp**

*Greg Wagner, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner*  
[wagner89usna@verizon.net](mailto:wagner89usna@verizon.net)

*Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioners: Mike Lindsay*

**MAY Roundtable is replaced by Program Launch**  
**Encourage all Units to be represented on 9 MAY at 7:30 pm**





# Patriot District Court of Honor



**PATRIOT DISTRICT-BSA**

On April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm the **Patriot District Court of Honor** will be held at Burke Lake Park to honor our awardees for District Award of Merit, and Distinguished Patriot Scouter and recognize other awards given this year. Please join us to celebrate the outstanding service performed to our community by these amazing Scouters. Tickets are \$25 and includes dinner and dessert provided by Mission BBQ.

Please register before April 12<sup>th</sup> by emailing:  
[patriotdistrictawards@gmail.com](mailto:patriotdistrictawards@gmail.com)

**When: April 25th 6:30 pm**

**Where: Burke Lake Park,  
Pavilion A**

**Who: All Awardees and All  
who support them**





Day Camp



**HURRY – Early Bird Registration Ends: April 30, 2024**

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

Registration Fee: \$190 per Cub Scout

# Patriot/Old Dominion Cub Scout Day Camp

## Occoquan Regional Park

### 9751 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079

### June 24 - 28, 2024



#### 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

Contact: [patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com)



## Patriot District Program News

### Wildness and Remote First Aid (WRFA) Classes Scheduled this 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. Spaces are available for the Spring Wilderness and Remote First Aid training at Camp Snyder. Dates for this Spring are **April 27-28, and May 11 – 12**. This course provides a two-year Red Cross certification in WRFA and Adult and Pediatric First Aid, CPR and AED. Welcome all registered adults and youth at least 15 years old. 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 several 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:



**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, opportunities for both youth and adult leaders. For more information, send an [email highadventure@ncacbsa.org](mailto:highadventure@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 remain for treks this summer.

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

Apply today at [www.gotogoshen.org/staff](http://www.gotogoshen.org/staff)

**Zohra Sharief**

*Patriot District - Vice Chair Program*







**PROVISIONAL CREWS AT LENHOK'SIN HIGH ADVENTURE**

**BACKPACKING TREK**  
JUNE 23 - JUNE 29, 2024  
NEW! - NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRANTS

**JAMES RIVER TREK**  
JULY 7 - JULY 13, 2024  
5 SPOTS REMAINING - REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!  
[WWW.GOTOGOSHEN.ORG/LENHOKSIN](http://WWW.GOTOGOSHEN.ORG/LENHOKSIN)

**NCAC's Aquatics Committee**

**Paddle Craft Safety**

GET TRAINED FOR  
— YOUR 2024 —  
HIGH ADVENTURE!

MAY 18 & 19, 2024  
JUNE 1 & 2, 2024  
Maryland & Virginia locations

[www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics](http://www.ncacbsa.org/aquatics)

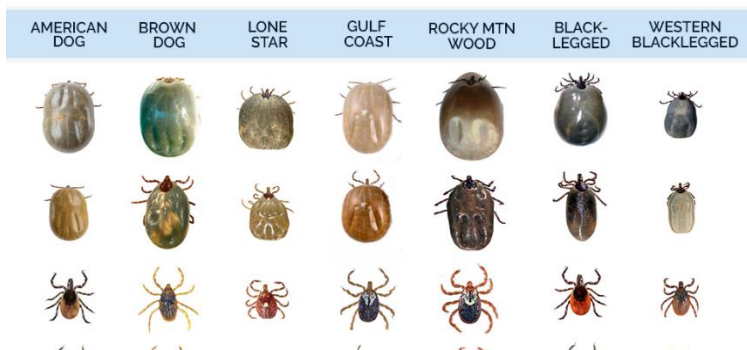
Do you have an older Scout that cannot participate with your Unit's Summer Camp or High Adventure? The provisional opportunity at Goshen is a great option. Scouts must be at least 13 years old.

For units that are planning weekend, or longer Canoe or Rafting Trips, the Council is offering Paddle Craft Safety training.



**Safety Moment – Tick Check**

Can you identify these ticks?



- 1) You can get bitten by a tick any time of the year? (True/False)
- 2) Ticks can jump, fly, or drop on you from trees? (True/False)
- 3) You don't have to worry about Ticks unless you are in the Rocky Mountains or deep woods? (True/False)
- 4) Wearing light colored clothing makes it easier to spot ticks? (True/False)
- 5) Only mature female ticks bite? (True/False)

Tick Time: [How to Stay Safe During Tick Season - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com)

Quiz: [Protect Yourself Against Ticks - Consumer Reports](https://www.consumerreports.com)

Safety Moments | [Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](https://www.scouting.org)

1) T 2) F 3) F 4) T 5) F





## Patriot OA Chapter News

### Patriot OA Chapter Meeting is Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>

Order of the Arrow members join us at our Chapter meeting on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at St. Stephens our usual room. We will:

- Discuss the coming merger with Old Dominion: What does that mean? – exploring possible new Chapter/District names. Leadership opportunities, developing/sharing the calendar.
- Planning for the Spring Ordeal (April 26 – 28) Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-83260>.
- Planning for our participation in **Program Launch: May 9<sup>th</sup>**
- Possible campfire – Tell stories.



### Patriot / Lodge Spring Ordeal.

If you have candidates elected this year or last year and have not yet been inducted, we are joining other Chapters for an induction weekend at **Camp WB Snyder April 26 – 28**. The Ordeal is a weekend of ceremonies, service, orientation, and fun. Registration is at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-83260>. If you are a candidate, the cost includes a patch, sash, OA Handbook, and dues for 2024.

Current members are encouraged to participate as staff. Staff are required for Food Service, Health and Safety, Ceremonies, and leadership. We especially need adult women and Female Scouts so we can be sure to meet YPT requirements when girls participate. Female scouts need female buddies and adult female oversight.

### The Site is Open to Pay Your 2024 OA Dues or 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 \$20 on April. 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 wraps up May 31st

The Unit Election season continues through May 31, 2024. We have several units that have not yet scheduled a visit Units should send an email to [patriotchapter@wipit470.org](mailto:patriotchapter@wipit470.org) to schedule elections. 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

### Not Receiving OA Correspondence?

If you are an OA Member and are not receiving emails from the Lodge or Chapter, contact [patriotchapter@wipit470.org](mailto: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

[merchantj@verizon.net](mailto:merchantj@verizon.net)





## Patriot Training Corner

As Scout leaders, our motivation comes from making a positive impact on youth - not from earning awards. However, being recognized for our efforts is important. Adult leader knots celebrate those who go above and beyond basic requirements to become exceptional mentors and role models. Knots are visible symbols that honor a leader's commitment to professional development and Scouting's values. Earning them instills confidence among families that their children's leaders are highly trained and dedicated. Perhaps more importantly, knots inspire leaders to keep raising the bar for themselves.

*"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor." - Vince Lombardi*

Working toward knot recognition motivates us to uphold Scouting's high ideals in everything we do. It challenges us to become lifelong learners and grow our skills continuously.

If you've been putting off pursuing a knot, or feel you're too busy, here are some practical tips:

- Review the different knots and requirements to find one that interests you
- Create a plan with a reasonable timeline for fulfilling the requirements
- Find a knot "mentor" who has earned it before to advise you
- Track your tenure, training records, unit accomplishments, etc.
- Discuss knot applications and processes with our district training chair

Don't wait - get started today! Identify one knot to focus on this year. You may find you're closer to earning it than you realized. Let's celebrate leaders whose hard work and devotion make our Scouting program shine.

Questions about awards or completed forms can be sent to me a [patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com](mailto:patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com). 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. IOLS is offered at Goshen during every session.

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.



Yours in Scouting,

**Rick Chandler**

Training Chair, [patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com](mailto:patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com)





**BALOO**

Host District	Planned Dates	Location	Registration Link
Aquia	5/10-5/11	American Legion Annex, Fredericksburg	National Capital Area Council - Aquia District - Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) (scoutingevent.com)
Patriot	6/1-6/2	Camp Snyder	National Capital Area Council - Patriot District - Spring '24 BALOO (scoutingevent.com)
Colonial	6/15-6/16	Gunston Hall	National Capital Area Council - Colonial Training: Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) (scoutingevent.com)

**IOLS**

Host District	Planned Dates	Location	Registration Link
Old Dominion	5/3-5/4	Camp Snyder	National Capital Area Council - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) (scoutingevent.com)
Colonial	6/15-6/16	Gunston Hall	National Capital Area Council - Colonial Training: Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) (scoutingevent.com)

**Wilderness First Aid**

April 27-28 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2024>

May 11-12 <https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2024>



**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](http://www.gotogoshen.org/staff)  
[www.gotosnyder.org/work](http://www.gotosnyder.org/work)

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

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](http://www.gotosnyder.org)

Looking for programs for older campers?  
 Scout Specialty Weeks for Scouts BSA [www.gotosnyder.org](http://www.gotosnyder.org)  
 Goshen Scout Reservation for Scouts BSA, Venturers, & Webelos [www.gotogoshen.org](http://www.gotogoshen.org)





## Become trained as a Climb Master for 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](mailto: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 May 11	8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Sat May 11	12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM

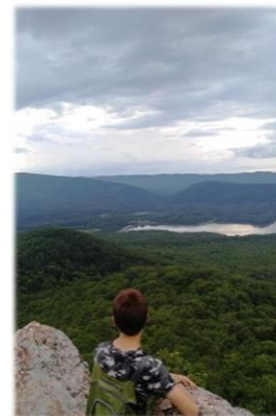
## Goshen Registration for Summer 2024

Registration for the five Camps at Goshen Reservation at [gotogoshen.org](http://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 now to get your preferred dates and camps.



## 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](http://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.





# 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](mailto:joedenisemargraf@aol.com)

### The Patriot Press, Patriot District National Capital Area Council

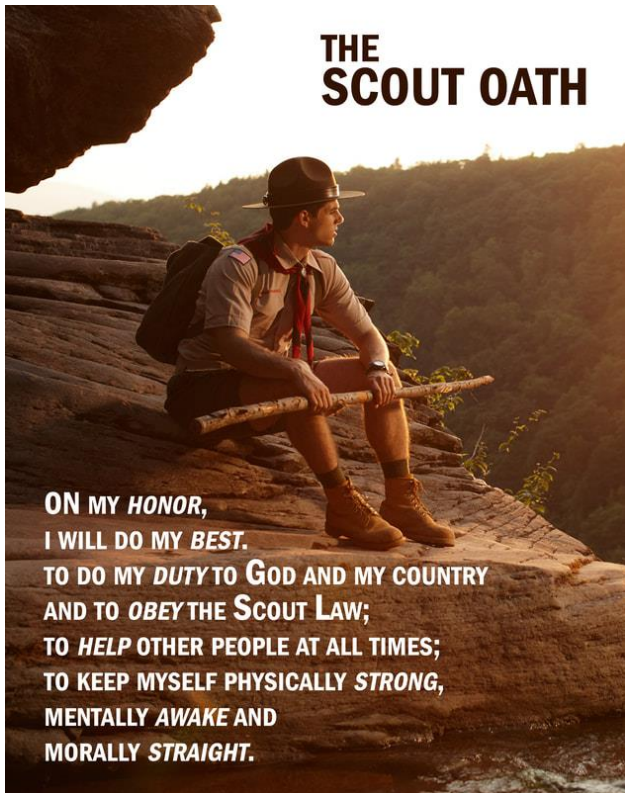
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Deadline for articles to be included in The Patriot Press is the last Saturday of the month. Send your ideas and content to [jill.and.jay@gmail.com](mailto:jill.and.jay@gmail.com).

#### Key District Contacts

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**THE SCOUT LAW**

A Scout is...

<b>TRUSTWORTHY</b>	<b>OBEDIENT</b>
<b>LOYAL</b>	<b>CHEERFUL</b>
<b>HELPFUL</b>	<b>THRIFTY</b>
<b>FRIENDLY</b>	<b>BRAVE</b>
<b>COURTEOUS</b>	<b>CLEAN</b>
<b>KIND</b>	<b>REVERENT</b>

**LEAVE NO TRACE**

Guidelines

**PLAN AHEAD + PREPARE**

**TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES**

**DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY**

**MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS**

**LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND**

**RESPECT WILDLIFE**

**BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS**

**THE OUTDOOR CODE**

As an American, I will do my best to -

- Be clean in my outdoor manners,
- Be careful with fire,
- Be considerate in the outdoors, and
- Be conservation minded.

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