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From the District Chair

SUMMER is in the AIR and YOUR Patriot District is off to a Great Start



PATRIOT DISTRICT PROGRAM LAUNCH was a huge success with over 100 unit leaders, Committee members, Commissioners and special guests attending. A big thanks to the over 22 different District areas that were represented.

The 2023 Patriot District Court of Honor was held last week in Burke Lake Park. This was the first in-person District Court of Honor since 2019! It was great to honor our units and District leaders and have some awesome food and fellowship. Presented awards included the Patriot District Award of Merit, Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award, Patriot Leader of the Year Award, and Patriot Spirit Award.



Cub Scout Day Camp will take place in less than a month, and we have registered 140 Cub Scouts! We are still looking for leaders to join the Day Camp staff and have the most fun-filled 5 days of your Scouting life!



Cub Scout Recruiting FUN DAY – June 29. The year at Day Camp we will be holding a special Cub Scout Recruiting FUN DAY. It will take place on Thursday, June 29, starting after lunch. Each attending Day Camp Cub Scout will be allowed to invite a friend (one who is not a currently registered Scout, to be accompanied by a parent or guardian) to Day Camp to experience all the fun of Cub Scouting: from the archery range to the climbing wall, to the sling shot range! Your friend and you will never forget this day. All participating Cub Scouts will also receive a recruiter patch and there is no cost. Additional information will be sent to all attending parent and leaders.



Have you scheduled your unit's Friends of Scouting presentation? Please email Bob Sweeney at robertsweeney2@gmail.com soon to do so. About a half of our Units have already had their presentations. I think you will enjoy it, and you may even learn something new about FOS!

My **Challenge** to you this month: **ASK** your Scouts to **INVITE** a **FRIEND** to a Den, Pack, or Troop meeting.

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

Joe Margraf
District Chair

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From the District Commissioner

It's Camping Season!

In the normal annual rhythm of camping, summer is when Scouts get outdoors! Whether a High Adventure Trek like Philmont, Summer Camp at Goshen or another Council camp, Cub Day Camp, Camp Snyder Weekends or other activities, most Scouts will take part in formal outdoor programs. And most of our Scouts also participate in outdoors unit-level activities. **Please encourage your Scouts to get outside, whether in a Scout program or as individuals.** We all want to keep the “outing” in Scouting!

If You Build It, They Will Come!

Another important component of this part of the Scouting year is program planning. **Right now every unit should be planning the next twelve months of exciting activities for their Scouts.** Our Roundtable Program Launch last month provided a wealth of resources to help you (and for Scouts BSA and Venture Crews, your youth leaders) plan a fantastic program. Use the **Program Launch materials** and other planning aids. Carefully planning a great program in advance is the best way to keep Scouts engaged and enthusiastic. And a great program is a critical part of recruiting new members. As Kevin Costner learned in the movie *Field of Dreams*, “if you build it, they will come!”

Speaking of Recruiting...

Believe it or not it's also time to **start planning for a successful fall recruiting season.** This isn't just for Cub Scouts – our Troops can also effectively recruit in the fall, especially among people new to our community who are looking for a Scouting home. We should be recruiting year-round. As District Chair Joe Margraf discusses in his column this month, we're even having a recruiting event at Cub Day Camp! We'll be talking more about recruiting at our August District Roundtable

Time for a Mid-Course Review and Correction

Finally, now is the perfect time for a **mid-year review of how your unit is doing.** Use the applicable **2023 Journey to Excellence scorecard** to make sure you're on target to deliver the type of program that best serves your Scouts, and make any appropriate adjustments now. Invite your Unit Commissioner to participate in the review – the Commissioner corps has a wealth of knowledge and contacts to help you develop and deliver a fantastic Scouting experience for your members.

I hope to see everyone at Roundtable on June 8. We're taking July off and then starting our new Scouting year at our August 10 Roundtable.

Have a great summer, and Scout on!

Ken Gaul

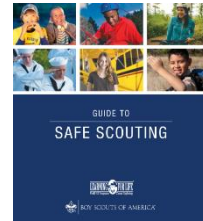
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Important Camping Rules Change

The [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) has new restrictions, effective **September 1, 2023**, that will affect how many units conduct campouts. The change is intended to help ensure BSA's Barriers to Abuse more effectively protect our youth members. All Crews, Troops, and Packs should be familiar with the new rules and plan ahead for camping events taking place after September 1, 2023.



➤ **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.***

➤ **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 . . . 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.***

Some key terms in the restrictions are italicized; “adult fee required position” means a registered BSA adult position with paid registration, and that is subject to a mandatory criminal background check as part of the registration process. Adults registered only as Merit Badge Counselors are *not* currently considered to be in an eligible position.

In the Cub program, only unregistered “parents or legal guardians” may camp overnight. Not other adult relatives like grandparents or uncles. And parents/guardians are only to accompany their own children; no more “sharing” a parent by Cubs from different families. All other camping adults must be registered in a paid position.

If you have any questions about the new restrictions, please ask your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner Ken Gaul.

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

June 2023

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 18 Father’s Day
- 20 PD Committee Meeting
- 18-23 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) – NCAC Event
- 25-30 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) – NCAC Event
- 26-30 Patriot District & Old Dominion District Day Camp



July 2023

- 4 Independence Day
- 2-8 Lenhok’sin Backpacking Trek – NCAC Event
- 17-23 Scouts BSA Merit Badge Week (Camp Snyder) – NCAC Event
- 23-30 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) – NCAC Event

August 2023

- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 17-20 Powderhorn (Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD) – NCAC Event
- 22 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, June 8, 2023

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

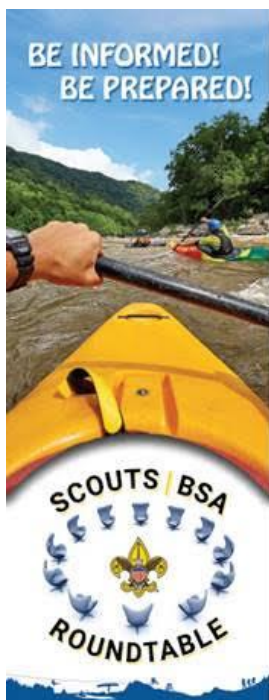
Social: 7:30 PM Midway: 7:45 PM Roundtable: 8:00 – 9:00 PM

Topics: Feedback is a Gift, Program Review and Evaluation Resources, Cobbler

Word of the Month: Brave

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, June 8, 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: Annual Planning - August for Success, Sample Troop Planning Tips & Online Annual Planning Conference Resources, RT Program Review

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Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioners: Vacant



Scouter Interview: Whitney Zatzkin

Patrick Ring

Whitney Zatzkin currently volunteers on the Patriot District Committee, serving as the Coordinator for Health and Safety and Outreach Coordinator for female Scouts BSA units.

Whitney has a Master of Public Administration and a Master of Survey Research from the University of Connecticut. For more than 15 years, she has served as an independent consultant developing strategies to address challenging topics in health care access and quality, adoption/foster care, and digital privacy/security. Her current portfolio includes expanding access to pharmacogenomic testing and co-founding a cybersecurity organization for the bioeconomy. In the past, she has been a grantee of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Managing Director of Flip the Clinic; Co-PI for Scouting Health with Westat, and head of the Great Challenges Program at TEDMED.



Whitney, and her spouse of more than 15 years, Jake, reside in Northern Virginia with their two daughters, Madeleine and Grace, and four (small) dogs. Madi and Grace are active in Troop 1345G, STEM Scouts, NYLT staffing, and the Patriot District Order of the Arrow.

Patrick Ring (PR): How and when did you first become involved in Scouting, and then later come to join the Patriot District Committee?

Whitney Zatzkin (WZ): I'm new(er) to Scouting. In February 2019, I was looking for a community engagement opportunity for my girls and caught an online article about girls joining Scouts BSA. Prior to that, I was a Girl Guide growing up in Canada, and I'm old enough that the merit badges I earned only had two colors. Regarding joining the Committee, I was a new parent in our Troop and was gifted the opportunity to help Troop leadership by covering the District Committee meetings. One meeting had a call for future speakers/topics, so I shared some ideas and helped those events happen. Shortly after that, I met Joe Margraf, then serving as recruitment chair, who asked me to join the Committee.

PR: What are some of your goals as the Outreach Coordinator of Female Units?

WZ: We are so fortunate in the Patriot District to have such a deep, incredible cohort of female youth and adults interested in Scouting. My goal is to nourish them so they can flourish. We are at an interesting moment of transition in Scouting, with founding female Scouts having worked incredibly hard to become Eagle Scouts and/or capture every desired adventure but now moving on as new youth begin their Scouting adventure.

Each group in Scouting has something that makes them unique and drives their commitment to one another – and whatever it is, I'm here to help as a resource to further those goals and help units plan for recruitment and transition. We have a lot of moments for trailblazing as women in Scouting! One of the things I love about working with the Patriot District Committee is the resounding support for inclusivity and access for anyone showing up for Scouting.

PR: What are some of your goals as the Health and Safety Coordinator?

WZ: First, it would truly be excellent if we could go for a bit without a global pandemic or a similar scenario. Jokes aside, the last few years offered us a powerful learning opportunity, and it is neat to see units that used it to stay nimble and think creatively. Part of my role is to raise health concerns and to create better communication tools for our units using my network of clinicians and experts. I was personally interested in this role to elevate the conversations about trauma-informed programming and youth mental health. If you haven't already done so, please register and attend one of our the Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training sessions!

PR: How has serving on the Patriot District Committee impacted your life?

WZ: Serving the Patriot District Committee grounded my personal experience and relationship with Scouting. We aren't a family with generations of connections to Scouting, and I'm an individual living with health stuff that makes it near impossible to go camping outdoors (without some medical adventures). Since camping is a significant part of Scouting, not doing that left me feeling outside the group and uncomfortable. I knew I needed to stop being timid and instead be creative in finding my own path to Scouting. I decided to lead with my strengths. I absolutely can handle event logistics and organize scientific information. You know what needs top-tier copy editing? Every. Eagle. Scout. Application. We sometimes forget that our national, and even global, professional experiences can contribute to scouting.

Serving as a member of the Patriot District Committee has helped me see the role of my Troop across the whole fabric of Scouting, which has made me better able to connect units, people, and my family to opportunities. Most importantly, as the parent to a female Eagle Scout with endless affection for Scouting, my kiddo always spoke about Scouting as her second family and a place to grow. I never shared that feeling until serving with the Patriot District Committee, and I hope through my role I can help others feel the same sense of purpose and place.

PR: Have you experienced any surprises during your tenure as a member of the Patriot District Committee?

WZ: This Committee is prepared for a spontaneous grill out more than any group I've met. You are also super into patches to commemorate almost anything, and those make for great memories, so I'm IN. I love it! As someone representing gender inclusivity and some of the more technical discussions in Scouting, I have had to present some tough topics, and I'm grateful and honored to serve the organization alongside individuals acting with the grace and humility each member of the Committee brings to those dialogues. If you aren't already on the Patriot District Women Leaders basecamp, please send a note so we can connect you! I'm still surprised by new options for the opportunities for youth AND adults. Information is only truly useful when shared, so I post there as soon as I learn something.

PR: What guidance might you offer to individuals considering joining the Patriot District Committee?

WZ: I work a lot with new organizations. We often talk about a lesson from First Nations people about how those who choose to show up are the right people to do the task. The conversation teaches resourcing from the willing. Each family connecting to Scouting made a choice to show up and absolutely has something to offer. I encourage everyone to ask adults what they do, what they have as passions or interests, and then find what that connects to as a volunteer. I recommend involvement beyond your unit – find the thing that meshes with your passions and interests.

PR: What are some of your most memorable experiences as a Scouter?

WZ: Everything in Scouting likely makes more of a difference to those around you than you know or notice. Maybe its stopping for dinner while your kid is in uniform and it spurs a memory for a retired couple in the area that had a child in your troop decades ago, maybe it's helping a family know of resources during an emergency, maybe it's finding out that *Scouting for Food* helped a neighbor, maybe it's bumping into a member of the Virginia General Assembly and finding out they were part of your Troop as a child, maybe it's role modeling gender acceptance and inclusion in Scouting – it all makes a difference. That spark, the balance of tradition, humble service, and inclusion in Scouting is significant here in the Patriot District, and I'm deeply grateful to be a part of it through the Patriot District Committee.

*Patrick Ring, Patriot District Committee
Vice Chair, Membership*



Patriot District Court of Honor

On May 23rd, Patriot District held its 23rd annual District Court of Honor awards dinner. District Chair Joe Margraf and District Commissioner Ken Gaul joined forces to recognize outstanding Scouts and Scouters in the Patriot District for their work in 2022 and beyond. The District Awards Committee, consisting of Sam Sharp, Bill Moser, and Jason Mann, planned an excellent BBQ dinner for the awardees, their families, and other Scouts and Scouters in the District to celebrate the awardees. The following Scouters and Scout SPL were recognized at the event:

Silver Beaver: Zohra Sharief

District Award of Merit: M.J. Uribe and Sam Sharp

Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award: Charles Banning, Gordon Goetz, Ronda Heilig, Howard Kaye, Jim McLelland, and Joe Tull

Senior Patrol Leader of the Year: Garrett Denny

Cubmaster of the Year: Neal Erickson

Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year: Ken Fu

Many additional Patriot Spirit and Leader of the Year awards were presented in absentia to other deserving Scouters. Congratulations to all our awardees. Keep your eyes open for news about the 2023 award cycle.



Awardees Recognized at the District Court of Honor





Membership Corner



Activities that should be included in your unit's program schedule:

Late August/Early September

Don't forget to plan for your Join Scouting Night/Event.
Contact Patrick Ring if you need signs:
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www.BeAScout.org

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Early October

**Webelos to Scouts, BSA Transition,
aka "The Road to Scouting"**
Troops showcase their unit to Webelos Scouts
Sunday, October 1, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Location: TBD

And here is a link to resources that provides recruiting assets and other membership information:

<https://www.ncacbsa.org/membership-resources/>

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Advancement News

We have recently received guidance from the National Program Advancement Team that impacts Star Scouts, and potentially other Scouts, who might be seeking requests for extension of the time to earn Eagle. I encourage Scouters to focus attention on older First Class and Star Scouts who may need to carefully manage their time in order to preserve their ability to earn Eagle.

The new guidance states that to be eligible to file an extension a Scout **MUST** have completed his/her Life Board of Review before their 18th birthday. That means that a Scout must have his/her Star Board of Review at least six months and one day prior to their 18th birthday and their First Class Board of Review four months and a day prior to that. A Star Board of Review with less than six months plus one day before the 18th birthday will force Council to reluctantly deny a request for extension based on the direction from the National Advancement Program Team. Scouts can always appeal a Council denial of an extension but given the new guidance, the chances for success are regrettably low.

The National Program Advancement Team will be updating the Request for Extension form and the Guide to Advancement to specifically inform the Scouting community that, in order to file a request for extension, a Scout must have had his/her Life Board of Review prior to his/her 18th birthday.

It is important that unit leaders and others working with First Class and Star Scouts understand that, as it has always been, timing is important. You can help them by mapping out specific time frames and communicating the importance of achieving Star and Life in enough time to earn Eagle before the 18th birthday or, as a last resort, at least preserving the ability to make a request for extension.

The bottom line is that we should do all we can to guide Scouts so that they do not need to request an extension. Please drop me a note if you have a Scout desiring an extension. I would like to crosswalk with Council.

Thank you for all that you do to deliver the program.

*Tom Tyra
Advancement Chair*



"America is never wholly herself unless she is engaged in high moral principle. We as a people have such a purpose today. It is to make kinder the face of the nation and gentler the face of the world."

~ George H.W. Bush (b. June 12, 1924)

Training Opportunities

Upcoming Events

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 \(ncacbsa.org\)](http://Wood Badge - National Capital Area Council (ncacbsa.org))

The course dates are:

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

*Justin Day
Training Chair*



Improving Training in Patriot District

Greeting Scouters. As part of my Woodbadge activity, I am looking to improve and enhance Cub Scout Leader training in the Patriot District and the Virginia Central Service Area. Over the next couple of months, I will be reaching out to all packs within the Patriot District to evaluate current training levels and needs. I am also looking to work across the service area and nearby districts to better coordinate leader training, but I need your help.

- Are you interested in training new leaders across the Patriot District and Council?
- Are you a leader in need of training?
- Are you a Key 3 concerned about the training status of pack leaders?
- Are you interested in providing input into our training plan for the next two years?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please contact me. All help and input is greatly appreciated. We will also be holding a Patriot District Training Committee Happy Hour on Wednesday, June 14, at 7:00 PM at Bunnyman Brewing, 5583 Guinea Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032. Feel free to stop by to provide input.

YIS,

*Rick Chandler
Cub Scout Training Chair
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**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



Field Day at FedEx Field



**WASHINGTON
COMMANDERS**

SCOUT FAMILY FIELD DAY!

**FUN ACTIVITIES ON THE FIELD NOW!
PLUS THE SCOUT DAY GAME THIS FALL!**

**Saturday, June 10, 2023
6 pm – 10 pm
at FedExField**

**Coollest
experience ever!
Pass, Punt &
Kick on a NFL
field!**

**\$75/
ticket**

- Family fun activities on the field + Movie (bring your own snacks & drinks)
- Commanders Game Ticket (Game TBD)
- Scouts Shoulder Patch (at the game)
- Post Game Photo on the Field
- \$10 donated back to our Scouts!



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/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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

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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



The Outdoor Code

As an American I will do my best to Be clean in my outdoor manners

- I will treat the outdoors as a heritage.
- I will take care of it for myself and others.
- I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.



Be careful with fire

- I will prevent wildfires.
- I will build my fires only where they are appropriate.
- When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out.
- I will leave a clean fire ring, or remove all evidence of my fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors

- I will treat public and private property with respect.
- I will use low-impact methods of hiking and camping.

Be conservation minded

- I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy.
- I will urge others to do the same.



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