



# The Patriot Press



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### From the District Chair

I have now been District Chair for about a month, and during that time I have visited several Packs and Troops. Your energy is just amazing. From a Pack meeting to a Pinewood Derby to a Troop Court of Honor, you all are going great.

Have you and your **PACK** up signed up for these District events:

- **University of Scouting:** February 25<sup>th</sup> at Hayfield Secondary School
- **Patriot District Pinewood Derby:** March 4<sup>th</sup> at Living Savior Lutheran Church



Have you and your **TROOP** up signed up for these District events:

- **University of Scouting** - Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - Haymarket High School
- **Spring Camporee** - April 14-16 - Harper's Ferry



It is that time of year for our **Friends of Scouting** (FOS) appeal. FOS is our annual giving campaign in the National Capital Area Council and the Patriot District, which helps provide the necessary funds ensuring a quality Scouting program for every youth.



We (NCAC & Patriot District) depend on the Friends of Scouting campaign for over one-third of the funding needed to provide the values Scouting brings to young people throughout the Council and our District. In fact, Friends of Scouting is the largest single source of funding for the Scouting program.

What does a Friends of Scouting contribution provide? You might be **surprised**. Please read the article on the 2023 FOS campaign on page 8 of this issue of the Patriot Press.

We will have two **Friends of Scouting** events this month – I hope you can make them:

- **FOS Unit Coordinator Training:** February 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, St. Stephen's UM Church
- **FOS District Kick Off:** February 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 PM, St. Stephen's UM Church

My challenge to all of you this month is to invite one family or one youth to join Scouting so they can experience our amazing program.

Always have fun and let's keep it safe out there. Remember a Scout is **Friendly**.

Joe Margraf  
Patriot District Committee Chair





## From the District Commissioner

Happy Groundhog Day and Presidents' Day! As I'm writing this the temperature is in the 50s, but I'm still hoping for a little snow in February, notwithstanding climate change trends. Not only is my snowblower getting lonely, our Scouts deserve the fun of camping and outdoor activities in real winter weather that many of us fondly remember from when we were in the program. With proper preparation Scouts can have great fun in winter. One of many old Scout sayings with a grain of truth is "the weather only dictates what you wear, not what you do!" Scouting is a year-round program, and weather willing I challenge our Troops to get outside to show that doing stuff in cold weather can be just as much fun as in the summer. And there's no reason Cub Dens or Packs can't also get outdoors, even in February. Just make sure to have the hot chocolate ready afterwards!

To help fulfill the Scout Motto, "Be Prepared," my Safety Moment at our February 9<sup>th</sup> Roundtable at St. Stephens UMC will remind us of the importance of proper preparation for cold-weather activities.

### **Blue & Golds, Courts of Honor**

February Blue and Gold banquets are the biggest celebration of the Cub Scouting year! Troops hold winter Courts of Honor as a major event during this season. Please invite your Unit Commissioner or Area Asst. District Commissioner to your big event – we love to see Scouts having fun and being honored for their achievements! If you don't have a Unit Commissioner or just want an additional friendly face, I'd love to attend your event as well, and participate (or not) as you deem appropriate.

### **Scout Sunday, Sabbath, Jumu'ah**

Every February Scouts all over the United States do their Duty to God by participating in a Scout commemoration at their place of worship. If your unit is chartered by a religious institution, please reach out and offer a visible presence at a service. Scout Sunday is officially February 5<sup>th</sup>, and Scout Sabbath and Jumu'ah are February 10<sup>th</sup>, but this can be done at any time during the month that's convenient and appropriate for the institution. Scouts might usher or collect the offering, do a flag ceremony or set up a display, lead a reading or prayer, give a short speech to thank the chartering organization for its support, or just attend a service in uniform. If your family worships at a place that does not sponsor Scouts, you can also attend in uniform to demonstrate the last point of the Scout Law, "A Scout is Reverent."

### **University of Scouting**

NCAC's **annual University of Scouting** will be held on Saturday, February 25th at Hayfield Secondary School. There are also a limited number of courses available on Zoom for those who cannot attend in-person. This is a fantastic full-day live training event for all Scout leaders, with hundreds of courses to choose from that cover literally every aspect of Scouting. Registration is open [here](https://ncacbsa.org). I'll be there both as an instructor and a student, and I hope to see you there too!

*Ken Gaul*  
*Patriot District Commissioner*  
[patriot-commissioner@ncacbsa.org](mailto:patriot-commissioner@ncacbsa.org)



### Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: [www.ncacbsa.org/patriot](http://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot)

#### February 2023

- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Commissioner Meeting
- 20 Presidents' Day
- 25 University of Scouting
- 28 PD Committee Meeting



#### March 2023

- 4 District Pinewood Derby
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Commissioner College
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

#### April 2023

- 9 Easter
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14-16 District Spring Camporee (Harper's Ferry)
- 25 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, February 9, 2023**

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

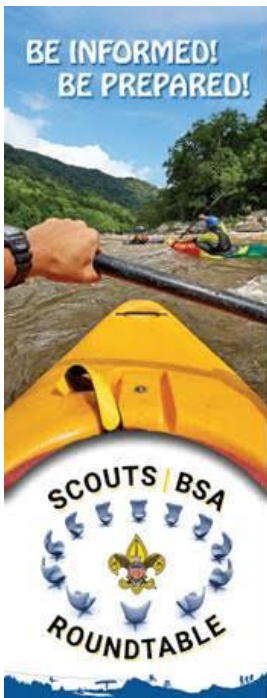
**Social: 7:30 PM Midway: 7:45 PM Roundtable: 8:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Topics: Cub Scout Pizzaz!, Spring Service Opportunities, and Guide to Safe Scouting**

**Word of the month: Thrifty**

**Bring a treat to enjoy while we meet!**

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



**Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable**

**Not just for Scoutmasters**

**Thursday, February 9, 2023**

**In-Person 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: Guide to Safe Scouting  
Risk Management**

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

*Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioners: Rick Priest*



## Scouter Interview: Bill Snowden

Patrick Ring

Bill Snowden is the longest serving member of the Patriot District Committee, having initially joined the District Committee in the late 1990s. Over a period of more than two decades, he has served as a longtime leader in the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign, as Activities and Civic Service Chair, Vice Chair for Finance, Vice Chair for Program, and District Deputy Chair. He currently serves as Editor of the Patriot Press, a position he has held for more than five years. His longtime service to Scouting in the Patriot District continues despite his move to the Pacific Northwest in 2019. Bill is a past recipient of the Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award (2009), and he received the Silver Beaver Award in 2015 for his many contributions to the Scouting program in the National Capital Area Council.



Bill is a materials scientist and defense technologist who earned his undergraduate degree in Ceramic Engineering from Alfred University. He subsequently earned M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of California Berkeley. He has broad industry (Corning Inc., General Electric), national Laboratory (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory), and government (Department of Defense (DoD)) experience as a research scientist, technical program manager, and executive. For more than 20 years, Bill served as a consultant to DoD organization, particularly the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Although he retired in 2018, he remains active in the defense technology arena in a voluntary capacity as a member of the Army Science Board, which conducts studies of high interest and importance to Army military and civilian leadership.

Bill and his wife of more than 50 years, Diane, are the parents of four children: Kristy, Michael, Stacey, and Kelsey. Michael served as Camp Director at Camp Snyder for several years prior to his passing in 2018. Working with Dave Schneeman, Michael was a key driving force for the development of the woodshop at Camp Snyder, which was later named in his memory.

**Patrick Ring (PR):** How and when did you first become involved in Scouting, and then later come to serve as a member of the Patriot District Committee?

**Bill Snowden (BS):** I first got involved in Scouting in the late 1980s when my son joined Pack 1346 as a Tiger Cub. He eventually crossed over to Scouts BSA, and I was soon thereafter drafted onto the Troop 1346 Committee. From 1994-1999, I served as Troop Committee Chair. It was in that role that I was first introduced to the annual NCAC Friends of Scouting campaign. I introduced a new approach for soliciting contributions from our Troop families that proved to be so successful that it was maintained for many years. Based on that accomplishment, the District Committee asked me to help with FOS efforts involving all of our Packs and Troops. Once onboard, there are always many things that need to be done and I ended up serving in a number of different positions.

**PR:** How did all of that experience lead to your eventually becoming editor of the Patriot Press?

**BS:** While serving as District Deputy Chair in 2016, I began assisting Joe Osborne in preparing the final version of the Patriot Press. I had previously contributed many articles and photographs to the newsletter, particularly involving District camporees and the District Pinewood Derby, so it was an easy transition to becoming the editor. I assumed that role about five years ago after Joe resigned, intending to hold the



position until someone else would take it on. Bill Dexter asked me to continue serving until his tenure as District Chair ended, and I agreed. I committed to yet one more year of service when Joe Margraf became our District Chair, but this will be my last year. I have enjoyed serving as editor, but I look forward to the opportunity to help a new editor come up-to-speed as my replacement within the next few months.

**PR:** What has driven you to serve such a long time as a member of the Patriot District Committee?

**BS:** It's not the high pay and the easy hours! First and foremost, it is because I recognize the great value that the Scouting program provides participating youth: the opportunity to learn many new things, having lots of fun sharing Scouting adventures with friends, contributing in so many ways to character building that will be of great benefit for the rest of their lives, and more. I like being a small part of that. And I have found my interactions with fellow Scouters to be personally rewarding; you meet a lot of good people in Scouting and it's great to have that continuing experience as a member of the team.

**PR:** Describe any changes in how the Patriot District has functioned over the last several decades.

**BS:** In many ways, the District Committee functions much as it has since I first joined so long ago. We have been fortunate through most of that time to have effective Chair leaders and a strong and committed group of Scouters supporting the wide range of areas addressed by the Committee.

**PR:** What are some challenges facing the Patriot District and do you have any suggestions for meeting those challenges.

**BS:** In recent years we have found it challenging to recruit new members to the Committee, something that is of critical importance if we are to maintain our strong record of support to Scouting activities for our Packs and Troops. We need to be more proactive in recruiting new and active members. For several years I have advocated an "all hands on deck" meeting of committee members, unit leaders, and Pack and Troop committee chairs as a forum for explaining the broad scope of committee functions and the importance of enlisting the help of other knowledgeable and interested Scouters in our work.

**PR:** What benefits have you received from your experience as a member of the Patriot District Committee.

**BS:** It's great to be part of an organization like the Boy Scouts of America that does so much to contribute to the growth and long-term well being of our youth. Sharing time outdoors with Scouts and fellow Scouters is also an enjoyable experience that brings lots of great memories. And I have always had a great time working with fellow Scouters on the annual District Pinewood Derby.

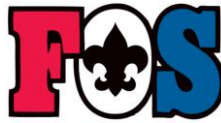
**PR:** What are some of your most memorable experiences as a Scouter?

**BS:** Anyone with a long Scouting history has a wealth of great memories, including participating in many outdoor activities, Pinewood Derby events, working with Scouts as they advance in rank, and more. But the highlight for me has to be participating in a 93-miles-long 10-day trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in 1995 with my son and other Scouts and leaders. I encourage any Scouter who has the opportunity to have such an experience to take full advantage of it.

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

**BS:** Scouting is a great way to make a difference in the lives of young people. Enjoy every moment.





## Friends of Scouting 2023

### ***An Important Message for All Unit Leaders and Committee Chairs***

My name is Bob Sweeney and I am a volunteer member of the Patriot District committee. I have two Life Scouts who first drew me into Scouting when they were Tiger Cubs many years ago. I am also the District Vice Chair of Finance, a former den leader and Cubmaster, a past Assistant Scoutmaster, a retired Scoutmaster, and I am having a blast on the current staff of Woodbadge!

I am writing to you as a volunteer Scout leader on behalf of the 2023 Friends of Scouting campaign. Friends of Scouting is the annual giving campaign of the National Capital Area Council and the Patriot District that helps provide critical funds that help to ensure we can provide a quality Scouting program for every participating youth.

We (NCAC & Patriot District) depend on the Friends of Scouting campaign for over one-third of the funding needed to provide the values Scouting brings to young people throughout the Council and our District. In fact, Friends of Scouting is the largest single source of funding for the Scouting program.

***Here is where I need your help: The FOS Team would like to visit your unit to talk to you, your families, and your Scouts to encourage everyone to invest in Scouting and become a Friends of Scouting contributor. Our goal is to have everyone make a contribution – no matter how small. Simple right, just 100% participation, can you imagine?***

I think you will agree Scouting is truly an important part of our lives. The principles that Scouting teaches are as relevant today as when the Boy Scouts first began more than 100 years ago. By investing in our youth through the Friends of Scouting campaign, you can help direct young women and men into a program that stands for what is good and right in today's world.

#### ***What does a Friends of Scouting contribution provide us?***

- Local programs and activities throughout the National Capital Area Council and the Patriot District
- Camp scholarships, uniforms, and registration fees for youth who otherwise could not afford to participate
- A Scout Service Center/Scout Shop that coordinates Scouting activities and provides customer service to members
- Accident and liability insurance to protect both youth and adult members
- Professional Staff (our District Executive) to counsel, guide, and inspire volunteer leadership
- Opportunities to attend summer camp and high-adventure events at Goshen; Camp Bowman, Camp Marriott, Camp Olmsted, Camp Ross, and Camp Lenhok'sin
- Advancement programs where Scouts are recognized for learning and achieving goals
- Leadership training for young people who will become our future community leaders



- Positive, value-based youth programs and activities
- Unit website support, council newsletters, and adult training courses and professional staff guidance
- Camps and facilities available to reserve for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events
- Support for Patriot District Cub Scout Summer Day Camp and Camp Snyder
- And more...

I believe it is our responsibility as parents, community leaders, and caring adult Scout leaders to ensure that every young person has the chance for a positive future. A well-funded program is essential too achieving that objective.

Now that you have read all that, the FOS Team would welcome the opportunity to give a short 15-minute presentation about Friends of Scouting at your upcoming Pack meeting, Troop meeting, any outdoor event, Court of Honor, Blue & Gold Banquet etc. Preferred venues are ones where many parents are expected to attend.

***Please email me with a date and time so we can add you to our FOS schedule.  
We promise to make it short, fun and lively.***

**IN ADDITION**, we will have two **Friends of Scouting** events this month – I hope you can make them:

- **FOS Unit Coordinator Training:** February 9th - 7:00 PM - St. Stephen's UM Church
- **Friends of Scouting District Kick Off :**February 9th - 7:30 PM - St. Stephen's UM Church

Thank you for all that you do in helping to make the Patriot District a stronger and a better district. *And thank you for all you do for your units, your parents, and your Scouts!*

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Bob Sweeney  
Vice Chair, Finance  
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### Quotes from Lord Baden-Powell

*“The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others.”*

*“Vigorous Scout games are the best form of physical education because most of them bring in moral education.”*

*“An invaluable step in character training is to put responsibility on the individual.”*



## Patriot District Program News



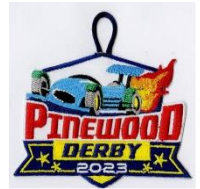
### University of Scouting: February 25, 2023 at Hayfield High School

The University of Scouting provides an important supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, STEM, Online Scouting/Social Media), all in one place. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses applicable across the Scouting programs.

- The University of Scouting also provides an opportunity to hear from the Council Leadership, network with other Scouters, and discover opportunities for your unit at the midway of vendors and program providers. Join several hundred of your best friends. The course catalogue is available now and registration opens soon at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-UoS2023>.

### Pinewood Derby is Just Around the Corner

Patriot District's Pinewood Derby is fast approaching. It will be held on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Get your cars revved up and looking flashy. We look forward to seeing you at the track next month.

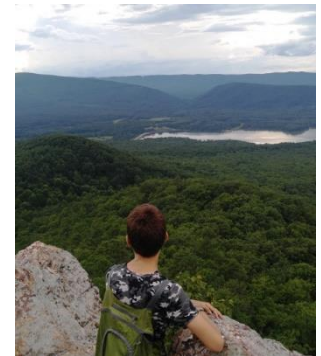


### Goshen Registration is Now Open

... 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>

## National High Adventure Base Registrations Now Open for 2024

### 2024 HA Base Reservations

	<b>PHILMONT</b>	Lottery Closed – some treks left: <a href="https://registerphilmont.org/entry/2024" style="color: yellow;">https://registerphilmont.org/entry/2024</a>
	<b>SEA BASE</b>	Opens Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> , FC-FS, \$250 deposit <a href="https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/register/2024-reservations/" style="color: yellow;">https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/register/2024-reservations/</a>
	<b>NORTHERN TIER</b>	Opens Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> , FC-FS, \$250 deposit <a href="https://www.ntier.org/" style="color: yellow;">https://www.ntier.org/</a>
	<b>SUMMIT</b>	Opens Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> , FC-FS, \$250 deposit <a href="https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/" style="color: yellow;">https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/</a>

## High Adventure Opportunities for Individual Scouts and Units

### High Time for High Adventure!



**NCAC-Sponsored Trips in 2023**

**Philmont – Rocky Mountain backpacking**  
719-O (full units only), 07/17-31, \$2695  
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-62064>

**Sea Base – St Thomas STEM Eco Sailing**  
TE071123-AB (1 crew), 07/11-16, \$1995  
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-58876>

**Northern Tier – Wilderness canoeing**  
**SOLD OUT!**

**bLenhok'sin – Backcountry backpacking**  
07/02-08 (1 crew), \$455Y/\$225A (until 04/14/23)  
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-65212>

The Council puts together a number of High Adventure crews each year to accommodate units that cannot raise a crew and leaders of their own. They still have room for some Scouts in the crews for 2023.

Council also provide training to units planning high adventures.

### 2023 NCAC High Adventure Training!

*(Preparations, gear talk, program selections & more!)*



**Philmont:**  
II - 01/08/23: 1-4:30 pm (virtual)  
<https://tinyurl.com/mpbux67h>  
III – 03/26/23 (virtual) and 04/01/23 (live)

**Northern Tier:**  
April 1<sup>st</sup> – 8am-2pm, VFW Occoquan (live)  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8am-2pm (virtual)  
<https://tinyurl.com/mrxweht8>

**Sea Base – TBD (mid-June '23)**

Questions on High Adventure? Contact the NCAC High Adventure Committee at: [highadventure@ncacbsa.org](mailto:highadventure@ncacbsa.org)

## 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](mailto:patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:districtdaycamp@gmail.com).



Registration should be open soon.

*John Merchant  
Patriot District Committee*

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*“Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation;  
for it is better to be alone than in bad company.”*

*~ George Washington (b. February 22, 1732)*

*“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed  
is more important than any other.”*

*~ Abraham Lincoln (b. February 9, 1809)*

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## Patriot Chapter OA News



### Lodge 2023 Dues Are Now Due

In order to remain active in the OA, you must pay your annual dues. The cost is only \$14.00 if you pay before April 1st; after that, it is \$16.00. Another advantage of paying early is that the Chapter is credited with \$2.00 for each member who pays their dues before April 1<sup>st</sup>. **NOTE:** If you completed your ordeal in the Fall of 2022, your dues are already paid through 2023.

You can pay your dues and/or buy the Passport online at <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>

### Coming up in the next few weeks:

- February 9: Chapter Meeting
- February 25: University of Scouting – OA Service to Council training event
- March 4: Patriot Pinewood Derby, OA Service – Help with Cub Scout event

### Term Events – Mark Your Calendars

- April 14 – 16: Lodge Fellowship – Camp Snyder
- April 14: Patriot Spring Ordeal
- April 28 – 30: Patriot/George Mason/Old dominion Spring Ordeal

*John Merchant*  
*OA Adviser*



## 2023 Patriot District Pinewood Derby

The District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> at **Living Savior Lutheran Church on Ox Road**, the same location as many prior years.

All the useful information including rules, registration form, location and schedule have been posted at: <https://www.patriotpinewoodderby.us/>

Please download or print the registration form prior to the deadline on the form and send via email or snail-mail per instructions on the form.

**Reminder:** All Packs must be pre-registered, no later than **Wednesday, February 25th**.

### Two things to note:

- The rules are the same as last year.
- Registration is \$15 per Scout.

Please send any questions about the Derby, rules, or schedule to: [PinewoodDerby.Patriot@gmail.com](mailto:PinewoodDerby.Patriot@gmail.com)

*Pete Griffiths*  
*Patriot District Pinewood Derby Chair*





## **Patriot District Spring Camporee**

The Patriot District spring camporee will be held at Camp Manidokan, 1600 Harpers Ferry Road, Knoxville, Maryland on April 14-16, 2023. Troops and Crews are invited to gather in a meadow surrounded by trees where the Shenandoah River meets the Potomac River near Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, for a weekend of fun and outdoor adventure. On Friday night, units will arrive and set up camp. The program on Saturday will be unit-led, with Scouts hiking, biking, canoeing, or using rafts on whitewater to enjoy the beauty of this scenic place in America. Scouts may also visit Historic Harpers Ferry or walk the Civil War Battlefield at Antietam. The camporee staff will offer the American Heritage Merit Badge at the camporee for Scouts that will focus on either Harper's Ferry or Antietam.

Units choose which adventure they want to accomplish. Hiking is incredible in this area. There are numerous trails to explore including hiking parts of the Appalachian Trail, walking along rivers, or exploring historical sites. One famous hike is along the Maryland Heights Trail. Alternatively, units might want to canoe, whitewater raft, tube, or kayak for the day. There are many possible trips with different levels of difficulty Scouts can canoe. Units that are going to Philmont or Northern Tier this summer can include a shakedown or training activity at the camporee.

Each unit that is conducting a water adventure (canoe, whitewater rafting, tubing or kayaking) must conduct a safety program prior to the camporee and submit a Safety Afloat Plan to Bobby Walker, District Executive, for Patriot District at [bobby.walker@scouting.org](mailto:bobby.walker@scouting.org) or (434) 429-4112 prior to the Camporee. Bobby Walker will disseminate the Safety Afloat Plan to appropriate persons at Counsel. The River and Trail Company is a major outfitter in the Harper's Ferry vicinity. They regularly support Scouts BSA and Camp Manidokan programs. Besides renting equipment, they also have several buses to provide group transportation. Their Point of Contact is Jenn at 1-888-446-7527. Additionally, there are several other outfitters in the area. All contracts for activities are agreements between individual units and outfitters, and units will directly pay the outfitters for any services.

The Camporee will feagure traditional Camporee activities, inclduing Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Friday night Senior Patrol Leader/Scoutmaster meeting and cracker barrel, Saturday night campfire and religious services.

Scouts BSA and Crews of Patriot and Old Dominion Districts are invited. Troops and Crews from other districts also are invited to the Camporee. Unfortunately, Cub Scout Packs cannot attend due to Scouts BSA rules. For units registering on Black Pug, registration will be opening soon and will be reachable from the NCAC calendar or a link we will send by Wednesday, April 12. When registering by April 12, the cost for the camporee is \$32 for all attending Scouts and adults who are camping overnight. The cost for people registering on Thursday, April 13 or later increases to \$35 per person. There is no cost for adults not camping overnight at Camp Manidkan.

The Point of Contact for the camporee is Pat Ring, who can be contacted by email at [pring978@gmail.com](mailto:pring978@gmail.com) or by phone at (703) 674-6178. As soon as units decide to attend the camporee they are asked to notify Pat Ring via email that they are attending with an estimate of how many people will come. Formal registration and payment will then be done on Black Pug. We request you give Pat an estimate early so we can use the numbers for planning purposes.

*Bill Dexter*

*Camporee Director*

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## Training Updates

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: University of Scouting is back for the 2023 edition. It will again be held at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. If you have not yet registered, here is the registration link: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-UoS2023>

May 27-28: The Spring 2023 edition of IOLS is back. We will again be holding it at Camp Snyder and partnering with the George Mason District to present the training. Registration will open soon, so please keep an eye out for an announcement on that.

We are currently working on scheduling the Spring edition of BALOO and will make sure that the date is announced as soon as possible.

**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 3 courses can be found at: [Wood Badge - National Capital Area Council \(ncacbsa.org\)](#) The course dates are:

Spring 2023: March 31 - April 2 and April 22-23

Summer 2023: May 5-7 and June 3-4

Fall 2023: September 8-10 and October 7-8

Registration for the Spring and Summer courses are open. Registration for the Fall course will open in February.

**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 4 summer courses can be found at:

[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

*Justin Day  
Training Chair*



## Some Useful Links

[BSA Social Media Guidelines - Scouting Wire : Scouting Wire](#)

[Social Media \(webdamdb.com\)](#)

BSA Branding graphics: <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/>

Winter Scouting: <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/lightbox/1689339/>

*Jill Brannam  
Vice Chair, Communications*

## **Pack 1967 Adventure: Have Helicopter, Will Travel**

“Fairfax 1, wind is heading at 4.866 knots, runway LRES Ballfield, cleared to land!” On a clear, crisp, and cold Sunday, December 4, the Fairfax County Police Department’s (FCPD) Helicopter Division (aka Fairfax 1) “dropped” in for a visit to Laurel Ridge Elementary School’s (LRES) ballfield in the Kings Park West neighborhood. What started out as a plan to arrange a visit to Fairfax County’s Department of Public Safety Communications, also known as Fairfax County 9-1-1, ultimately resulted in a helicopter landing, takeoff, and on-the-ground tour for Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, siblings, friends, and family.

After an effort to arrange a tour of the 9-1-1 public safety communications center to satisfy several Cub Scout adventures fell through, Pack 1967 decided to pursue a visit to Fairfax 1’s headquarters, a hangar located at the Fairfax County government center on Ox Road (part of the I-66 transfer station campus). The hangar however is currently under renovation. Fairfax 1 offered a surprising and accommodating solution, we will come to YOU! From that point on, IT WAS ON to pull out all the stops to successfully plan and organize Fairfax 1’s visit.

It all started in September 2022 with a phone call to Fairfax 1’s non-emergency number located on their website (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/helicopterdivision/fairfax1>). After obtaining a commitment from Fairfax 1 and setting a date, Pack 1967 solicited and received the enthusiastic support of LRES’s Principal Megan Counts. A request for facility usage was submitted through FCPS’s Community Use website and outreach made to Fairfax County Fire & Rescue to enlist their support to secure the landing zone for the day of the event. After several approvals were received from the various FCPS offices involved in the event, Pack 1967 unexpectedly received a devastating disapproval in November 2022. FCPS denied approval based on their Community Use Fact Sheet Prohibited Activities recently updated in August 2022 that among other things lists “Airplanes/Helicopters/Hot Air Balloons” as being a prohibited event on FCPS property (a copy of the Community Use Fact Sheet Prohibited Activities is located in Basecamp).

In came Principal Counts to the rescue! She immediately engaged the various FCPS offices as well as FCPS Region 4 Superintendent, explaining to all parties the benefit of this community event and that this was in essence a Fairfax County government event: FCPD working in conjunction with FCPS. Principal Counts was successful in convincing FCPS to approve the event. Pack planning for the event never stopped. Pack 1967’s former Cubmaster and current Vienna Volunteer Firefighter Matt Jones devised an Incident Action Plan – Incident Name: Emergency Response Showcase to Laurel Ridge Elementary School Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts; Objective: Provide an opportunity to the youth participants to view, tour, and learn about the various units and emergency personnel. It outlined primary operations, participants of approximately 150 youth plus parents, special considerations, resources, points of contact, and identified the landing zone for Fairfax 1, the Burke Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD), and Pack 1967. Cubmaster Matt Cursio developed a meticulous schedule to accommodate the large number of participants between Fairfax 1 and several BVFD emergency vehicles to ensure everyone was gainfully occupied and had an opportunity to tour the helicopter.

In keeping with the Scout Law principles of being helpful, friendly, and courteous, Pack 1967 exercised its civic duty to inform the neighborhood of Fairfax 1’s impending visit. After all, anyone who lives in Fairfax County is no stranger to low-flying helicopters and accompanying noise. Scouts distributed small flyers to homes immediately bordering the LRES ballfield and sent Facebook messages alerting the community of Fairfax 1’s non-emergency landing.

On the day of the event, the excitement was palpable. All in attendance were bundled up and anxious. At approximately 2:15 PM, a noticeable thump, thump, thump of a helicopter could be heard. Everyone's excitement level increased and then increased even more when the helicopter came into view. As a matter of procedure, Fairfax 1 circled the LRES ballfield several times before making its approach for landing. And all of sudden, there it was; coming in low over the tree line and majestically landing on the ballfield with a cold gust of wind caused by its powerful downwash (down-directed wind). For the next two hours the Fairfax 1 crew and BVFD firefighters were incredibly gracious and accommodating, giving presentations, answering questions, and ensuring that everyone had the opportunity to tour the helicopter and accompanying vehicles.



When the time came for Fairfax 1 to depart, we all watched with a sense of civic pride and glee as the helicopter started its engines, went through its pre-flight checks, and gently raised above the ballfield. In an instant it was gone. However, the impressions made that day will last a lifetime.

*Gordon Goetz  
Committee Chair – Pack 1967  
Member-At-Large, Cub Scout Coordinator – Patriot District*





**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2023**

**UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING 2023**



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

The University of Scouting is back and in person on February 25, 2023 from 7:30 AM until 5:00 PM at Hayfield High School in Alexandria, VA. Whether you are new to Scouting or a veteran of many years, the University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas.

**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](http://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/>**

## Wood Badge Registration Open



Spring Wood badge registration is now open! The spring course runs over two weekends: March 31- April 2 & April 22- 23. This premier leadership training is for Scouters in all BSA programs.

Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful organizations throughout the country. Participants can expect to develop skills in many areas, including leadership theory, team building, problem-solving, communication, project planning, and more. These skills can be taken back to packs, troops, crews, and ships to help leaders guide youth in dynamic Scouting programs. Scouters will find these skills invaluable in their business and personal lives as well. Register today!





# Wood Badge

By taking Wood Badge, Scouters will acquire valuable tools such as listening, communicating, conflict management, project planning and leading change. Participants will better learn to understand and appreciate diversity and differences in our society. They will learn skills that will make them better Scout leaders.



**Living the Values**

**Growing**

**Connecting**

**Guiding**

**Empowering**

Wood Badge was begun by Baden Powell in 1919 as a way to ensure Scouters were properly trained. Since then Wood Badge has been held worldwide, providing advanced leadership training to thousands of Scout leaders.

Wood Badge builds upon the best traditions and experiences of the Boy Scouts of America and also draws from a wide range of courses within and beyond the bounds of Scouting to present the latest in leadership theory and team development.

Wood Badge is designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of all Scouters.

Cost is only  
**\$300**

Scholarships available

All Courses at Camp William B. Snyder

**Spring 2023**

12-82-23-1

31 March - 2 April  
& 22-23 April

Course Director: Maria Cooper

**Summer 2023**

12-82-23-2

5-7 May & 3-4 June

Course Director: Bobby Tran

**Fall 2023**

12-82-23-3

8-10 Sept & 7-8 Oct

Course Director: Jai Evans



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

**[www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge](http://www.ncacbsa.org/woodbadge)**







# NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) equips young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scouting program and in life. NYLT brings together Scouts from all over the council to learn and practice leadership techniques in a risk free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.



**6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE**  
**TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD**  
**CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING**

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**  
NYLT is for Scouts who are likely to take on leadership positions in their Troop, Crew, Ship or home unit.

**REQUIREMENTS**

- 13 years or older
- First Class Rank
- Unit Leader approval
- Completed Intro. to Leadership Skills\*
- BSA Med Form: Parts A,B & C

NYLT is an *intense course* for *mature Scouts* who want to become *better leaders*. Scouts must be *respectful* of each other and their actions must be consistent with the *Scout Oath and Law*.

\* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), or Ships (ILSS)

**COURSE # DATES**

23-1 Jan 13-16 & Jan 28-29  
*Must complete both weekends*

23-2 June 18-23

23-3 June 25 to 30

23-4 July 23-28

23-5 July 23-28

*Concurrent courses.*  
All courses held at Camp William B. Snyder.



**REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:**  
**[www.myNYLT.org](http://www.myNYLT.org)**

## 2023 OFFERINGS: BACK COUNTRY OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS

**DON'T BE THIS GUY**



**GET BCOLS TRAINED!**

This course was developed by a group of Scouters in 1993; it has been continually updated to meet current techniques and technology. It is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scouting, Venturing, or Exploring). **This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders or people without camping experience.** All participants are strongly encouraged to complete Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course. All participants must be able to meet current physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

The target audience is adult leaders planning High Adventure treks at backcountry venues not supported by BSA infrastructure; however, units planning to attend High Adventure bases supported by BSA will find this course useful, inasmuch as unit shakedown will, most likely, take place in venues not supported by BSA infrastructure. If you are participating in an NCAC-sponsored High Adventure Trek, you must also take the course offered by the NCAC High Adventure Committee.

Youth participants (16 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed unit leadership training (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops or Crews, etc.). National Youth Leadership Training is strongly recommended. **Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills is offered by the Council Training Committee as an optional follow-on to the basic course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.** Its goal is to provide **adult leaders with an overview of such topics as:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Trek Planning ● Leadership Skills ● Team Development ● Leave No Trace ● Water Treatment ●</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stove Maintenance ● Risk Management ● Equipment Maintenance ● Crew Equipment Needs &amp; Selection ●</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Personal Equipment Needs &amp; Selection ● Terrain Awareness &amp; Land Navigation ● Menu Planning &amp; Clean-up ●</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hygiene &amp; Health ● On the Trail Tips ● Wilderness First Aid Overview</li> </ul>

**Part 1** — Addresses ways to effectively work with older youth and covers the detailed preparation and planning that must be done before you go out, including risk management. Summarizes the personal and crew equipment used for lightweight camping. Plans are also made for the weekend overnight session. (Part 1 is the EXPLAIN & DEMONSTRATE part of EDGE.)

**Part 2** — Participants will practice core leader skills for the outdoor program — Leave No Trace, navigation (map & compass plus GPS), terrain awareness, expedition menu planning and food preparation, stove and stove maintenance, wilderness first aid issues, expedition health and hygiene, team building. (Part 2 is the GUIDE part of EDGE.)

**Part 3** — *While not required, we strongly suggest participation* in the Hikeoree which will allow BCOLS trained leaders to apply the BCOLS training with their youth at a real-world event. (Part 3 is the ENABLE part of EDGE.)

SPRING 2023 -- MARYLAND	FALL 2023 -- VIRGINIA
Classroom: Sat 3/4 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Huntingtown UMC 4020 Hunting Creek Rd Huntingtown, MD Overnight: Sat 04/22, 7:30 am thru Sun 04/23, 2:30 pm American Chestnut Land Trust 2650 Scientists Cliff Road Prince Frederick, MD 20678	Classroom: Sat 9/23 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd Alexandria, VA 22308 Overnight: Sat 10/21, 7:30 am thru Sun. 10/22, 2:30 pm Camp Big Mac 12647 Moss Hollow Rd Markham, VA 22643

**Register via the NCAC web-site — BCOLS can be found on the Training menu**

**Class size limited to 32. Adults receive preference. Fee is \$65.00**

FOR INFORMATION: DOMINICK CARIDI: [DSCSCOUTING@AOL.COM](mailto:DSCSCOUTING@AOL.COM) / 703-625-4196



# 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

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

Deadline for articles to be included in The Patriot Press is two Sundays prior to Roundtable. Articles for publication, in MS Word, may be emailed to the editor at [bsnowden419@gmail.com](mailto: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/](http://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/)
  - The Guide to Safe Scouting: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)
  - The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16](http://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

