



The Patriot Press



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From the District Chairman

Welcome back! We are ready to start a new year with many exciting activities taking place this Fall. We anticipate conducting normal Scouting activities with limited Covid-19 modifications for our outdoor events.

Before I discuss upcoming activities, I must congratulate Zohra Sharief, Director of the Patriot District Summer Cub Scout Day Camp, and her staff for the outstanding camp they conducted at Occoquan Regional Park. The theme was “Weird Science.” The 92 Scouts participating had a great time. They experienced and learned things not taught in schools. They also had fun participating in a wide range of fun activities, including archery, sling shots, a climbing wall, and handicrafts. Cub Scouts are already looking forward to day camp next year.

Fall activities start with “Join Scouting Night” events. John Stewart is heading up this program as District Vice Chair for Membership. He can be reached at his new email, john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil or on his cell at (571) 318-0549. Rich Harrington, Vice chair for Communications can support units with marketing to include geofencing on face book. He can be contacted at rich@rhdpixel.com or on his cell at (703) 608-4852.

A new event for Cub Scouts planned for this Fall is a **Cub-O-Ree**, which will be held at Camp Snyder on September 25-26. Registration will open in August 2021. There will be slots for 200 Cub Scouts to attend Adventure Day and 100 slots for Scouts/family members to camp overnight. The Cub-O-Ree will be similar to Cub Scout Day camp and include activities such as BB-gun marksmanship, archery, climbing wall, gaga ball, sling shot, and other events. Scouts can attend a morning session or an afternoon session. Camping will be in the wooded permanent campsites with bath houses. Camping can be by Den, Pack or Family. Saturday will feature an ice cream social at noon and after dusk a “Movie under the Stars” open to everyone.

Scouts BSA will hold its Fall Camporee at Camp Snyder on October 15-17. There will be 175 slots for Scouts BSA members and 25 slots for Webelos/Arrow of Light Scouts, although these younger Scouts cannot camp overnight. Registration will open later this month. The camporee theme is “Escape Room,” where Scouts working in small groups will have to solve a series of challenges to master the Escape Room. An additional, separate Super Escape Room will also challenge groups brave enough to volunteer. The camporee will also feature a range of other fun and challenging activities. Additionally, we will offer ten different stations focusing on Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class requirements to support rank advancement. Another event will be Geocaching merit badge. On Saturday evening, we will conduct outdoor church services, hold a Camporee Campfire, and then show a “Movie under the Stars”.

On April 1-3, 2022, Patriot District will partner with Prince William County District to conduct a special “Fish-O-Ree at the Smith Family Lodge in Syria, Virginia. The site contains two small rivers and three stocked ponds teeming with fish. Scouts will have an opportunity to take fishing and fly-fishing merit badges. In the afternoon, they will also have an opportunity to engage in traditional camporee fun activities such as the climbing wall, archery, gaga ball, volleyball, sling shot, and catapult firing. The Smith Family Lodge is located near the back entrance of Old Rag, so units that would like to climb Old Rag can add that to their program.

Scouting in Patriot District will be exciting, fun, challenging, and educational. Join in the action!

Bill Dexter
Patriot District Committee Chair



From the District Commissioner

“Have fun, but stay safe!”

I had the opportunity to run the archery range at our District Cub Scout Day Camp last month. My pre-range briefings to the Cubs started with **“there are two main goals today at archery: to *have fun* and to *stay safe*. And staying safe is always the most important goal.”** We repeated that principle to the Cubs every day before they entered the range. The same applies to events for adult Scout leaders. The rapid ascent of the Covid Delta variant is beginning to throw indoor meeting plans into disarray, and St. Stephens UMC, our Roundtable host for several years, is not yet ready for us to hold live Roundtables in their building. So, to keep everyone safe, we’re going to hold our [August Roundtable on Zoom](#), as we did for the last 16 months. Future Roundtable format decisions will be made on a month-to-month basis. While I am looking forward to again seeing my fellow Scouters in person and promised back in the spring that we would have a hybrid live and streamed format starting in August, keeping everyone safe has to take precedence. So see you on [Zoom at Roundtable on August 12!](#)

By Roundtable we hope to have updated guidance from Council regarding how to safely conduct Scout activities this fall. We’ve been informally told guidance will be based on local, state and CDC recommendations, which means outdoor activities should largely be OK, but universal masking, social distancing, and other precautions will likely be necessary for indoor activities. And, of course, everyone needs to follow the safety protocols of your meeting location and your chartering organization.

It’s Recruiting Season!

Our [August Roundtable](#) will focus on fall recruiting, especially for Cub Packs. We strongly recommend that all Packs immediately touch base with the schools, churches, etc. where they recruit to get updated schedule and logistics information. Back-to-school-night schedules and formats at some schools may be very different this fall, and it’s quite possible that units will need to get information out to prospective Cub families earlier than in past years and through different communications channels. We should not assume we can just resume pre-Covid Cub recruiting techniques that worked in the past. At Roundtable we’ll be talking about several new techniques and ideas to effectively recruit. And we’ll be previewing our first annual Patriot District Cub Fun Day at Camp Snyder, scheduled for Sept. 25th.

And lest any Troops think fall recruiting isn’t relevant to them – in addition to prospective Scouts who moved to the area over the summer and want to join a Troop, and former Cubs who didn’t cross over during the pandemic but may be interested now, keep in mind that supporting recruiting at feeder Packs is critical to having a strong pool of prospective Scouts to join Scouts BSA in a few years. Without strong Cub Packs to recruit from, Troops won’t themselves be able to remain strong for very long.

This fall, all our units will again have to recharter. This year BSA is moving to a new online rechartering platform that should make the process easier. However, rechartering deadlines have moved up. There will be some preliminary announcements in Roundtable midway about what units should be doing *now* to prepare for a successful rechartering process, and we will focus in depth on recharter training at our September Roundtable. Please try to have your unit leaders who will be handling the recharter process attend the September Roundtable.

*Ken Gaul
District Commissioner*



From our District Executive

Greetings to all Patriot District families and friends! My name is Bobby Walker III from Danville, Virginia. I'm pleased and proud to be the new DE for Patriot District. I'm an alumnus from Bridgewater College, where I majored in Business with an Emphasis on Marketing.

A major reason for my wanting to be a part of the Boy Scouts of America was to give today's youth representation, to help expose them to all that Scouting has to offer, and because as former NFL running back Fred Taylor said, "Exposure Leads to Expansion!" While I was growing up, Boy Scouts wasn't something I was a part of. However, that shouldn't mean the next child doesn't deserve the opportunity. Being able to expose more youth to different opportunities means a lot to me.

Since I joined the professional Scouting staff of the National Capital Area Council in June, we have wrapped up Cub Scout Day Camp and are transitioning into the annual Popcorn Campaign. I've seen firsthand the impact we have on children, seeing them smiling and laughing as they have fun together participating in Scouting activities, providing beneficial long-term effects. I'm excited and looking forward to meeting and working with everyone in the Patriot District, no matter their title or position, because together WE ARE ONE!



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*"The future belongs to young people with an education
and the imagination to create."*

~ Barack Obama (b. August 4, 1961)

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

August 2021

- 10 Commissioner Meeting (*remote*)
- 11-13 OA Lodge Summer Ordeal
- 12 Roundtable (*remote*)
- 22 OA Chapter Picnic (Burke Lake Park)
- 23 FCPS First Day of School
- 24 PD Committee Meeting (*remote or in-person TBD*)
- 27-29 NCAC Powder Horn (Camp St. Charles, MD)



September 2021

- 3-6 Labor Day Weekend Family Camp (Goshen)
- 9 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 17-19 OA Lodge Fellowship (Camp Snyder)
- 25 Patriot District Cub-O-Ree (Camp Snyder)
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

October 2021

- 1-2 BALOO Training (Camp Snyder)
- 1-3 VA Central Ordeal Induction of New OA Members (Camp Snyder)
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 15-17 Fall Camporee (Camp Snyder)
- 23 Cub Scout Expo (Camp Snyder)
- 26 PD Committee Meeting
- 30 Life-to-Eagle Seminar (*Tentative*)

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, August 12, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom: *Connection instructions will be sent via email.*

Midway: 7:30 PM (via Zoom) **Roundtable:** 8:00 – 9:00 PM (via Zoom)

Topics: **Recruiting, COVID-19 Updates, Setting Up for Success**

Word of the month: Loyal

Bring a treat to enjoy while we meet!

*Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable –
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Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Virtual Meeting: *Connection instructions will be sent via email.*

Social: 7:30 PM (get signed in to Zoom)

Midway: 7:45 PM, **Roundtable:** 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Please invite another leader from your Troop to join us at Roundtable!

Topics: **August for Success**

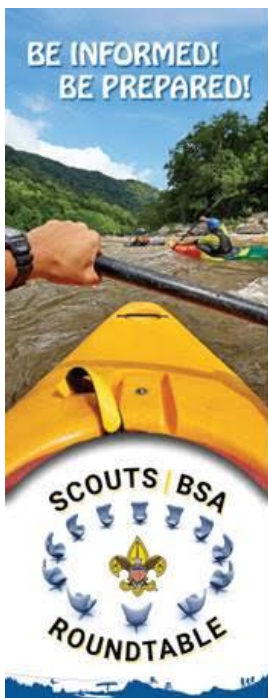
Let's Talk about Merit Badge Counseling

Troop Summer Experiences – (COVID) Meetings and Campouts

Joe Margraf, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner

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Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioner: Rick Priest



Scouter Interview: Bill Dexter

Patrick Ring

Bill Dexter is the Patriot District Committee Chairman, a position he has held since January 2020. Prior to becoming District Chairman, he served four years as the Committee Vice Chair for Program. For over 12 years, he has also served as the Camporee Director for Patriot District. Active in Scouting for most of his life, Bill achieved the rank of Life with Troop 40 in Mount Sinai, New York. For his many contributions to Scouting in the National Capital Area Council, Bill was awarded the BSA Silver Beaver in 2014.



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

Bill Dexter (BD): I joined Cub Scouts at the age of eight, the earliest you could join at that time. At age 11, I transitioned to Boy Scouts and remained active until I turned 18 and attended college. Scouting was an important and joyful part of my youth. I attained the rank of Life Scout and gained much experience as a leader. It also provided an ethical framework, as I firmly believe in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. As a youth, I enjoyed the weekly meetings, troop campouts, camporees, and summer camp. Boy Scouts helped prepare me for my adult professional life as I served in leadership positions for most of my 44-year professional career, both while in the U.S. Army and later in the field of education.

As an adult, when we moved to Fairfax County, I became a Den Leader in Pack 698 and then registered with Troop 698 when my son, Michael, transitioned. I was an adult volunteer with Troop 698, serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster and Scoutmaster for ten years. I was Scoutmaster from 1997-1999.

My third career with Scouting began when Peter Johnson, then the Patriot District Executive, approached me and asked me to join the District Committee. With over 25 District positions, the only vacant position was Camporee Director. I accepted and felt confident in taking on that responsibility based on my work experience as a high School principal for seven years at IDEA Public Charter School in the District of Columbia, and earlier as an Army paratrooper and Infantry officer with the 82nd Airborne Division.

PR: Please give us a helicopter view of the role of the Camporee Director.

BD: The Camporee Director is responsible for scheduling, planning, recruiting the staff, organizing, and conducting the camporee. The process takes about 15 months for each camporee, so early planning is of critical importance.

PR: Describe some specific actions you take as Camporee Director.

BD: The most important task of the Camporee Director is to recruit and organize the camporee staff. Patriot District camporees need about 25 staff members to conduct the event. Our Fall 2021 camporee is going to require as many as 40 staff members. **It is the staff that makes a camporee a success.** They are the Scouters that lead in conducting the camporee. The director is just a facilitator.

Camporee planning starts 15 months ahead of the event by selecting a theme and reserving a location. For our camporees, we strive to offer a program that is unique and large enough that units could not conduct it on their own due to the resources needed. You plan early so that you can reserve a suitable location able to accommodate the anticipated number of participants, which can range from a few hundred to as many as 1,000 or more.

Conducting the camporee is the easiest part. Once the camporee begins, the staff and the units take over. The job of the Camporee Director is to track the camporee and resolve any challenges that may arise.

PR: You have been Patriot District Committee Chairman for more than 18 months. Where do you see the committee headed?

BD: We must reinvent ourselves over the next two years. Patriot District is a strong one, and the committee has been able to function at a high level for many years. The committee roster includes several dozen members, but most of our work is done by about 15 strong, active members. Because our work covers so many areas, the most active members must fill two or three positions. We need to recruit 10 to 15 additional, active committee members to help carry the load. By adding these new members, the time commitment on current members will be reduced and we will be able to function more effectively.

Also, to be candid, the committee needs to recruit younger members. Six of our key members are over 65 years old, and several are over 70. On a recent camporee, eight staff members, including my own brother, elected to sleep at a nearby hotel instead of camping. When they were younger, they camped like everyone else, but due to their age they found the rigors of camping difficult. The District committee also needs to recruit women into key positions. Female leaders participation in Scouting, especially at the troop level, has been a remarkable success in Patriot District. But the committee needs to recruit women to serve in key posts to help ensure that we are effectively supporting our girls troops. As committee members, women would also serve as female role models for pack and troop leaders, as well as our girl Scouts. To put it bluntly, the committee needs to increase its membership and recruit younger Scouters, both male and female leaders.

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

BD: Yes. I would like to comment on how proud I am of how our units responded to the COVID-19 crisis. Early in the pandemic, Patriot District partnered with ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others) to support families in need in the Burke, West Springfield, and Fairfax area. Patriot District held three District-wide food drives, and several units held unit-level food drives. Additionally, other units supported Fairfax County “Stuff the Bus” food donation programs. During the last 18 months, ECHO has been able to support many families in need in our local area. Not a single family has been turned away. Also, since ECHO received vast amounts of donated food, they were able to conserve their cash donations/grants and use the funds to provide families with utility and rent funds. Our support was truly a demonstration of “Scouts in Action”.

Another thing I am proud of is BSA’s expansion to include female Scouts. Three weeks ago, I served on the Day Camp staff and saw how for the first-time numerous girl Cub Scouts attended. The girls had a wonderful time as they survived the 90-degree heat while tackling the climbing wall, participating in archery, shooting a sling shot, learning about “weird science,” and doing handicrafts. The girls stood up to the challenges of the weather, actively participated in the stations, and learned a lot while having fun. None quit – all completed camp.

At the troop BSA level, female Scouts have embraced the Scouts BSA program with rigor and enthusiasm. They have met the physical challenges, fulfilled the leadership requirements, and learned new outdoor skills at every level. This Spring, several girls attained the rank of Eagle for the first time. As I mentioned earlier in this article, Scouting was instrumental to my development as a young person, and I am a staunch supporter of giving young females the opportunity to be BSA Scouts. This coming year I hope to take on an additional Scouting role, Assistant Den Leader for my granddaughter’s den.

Pat, as you and I have done many times in the last ten years at Scouting events, it is time for us to finish our last cup of hot chocolate, put out the campfire, and jump into our sleeping bags for a good night’s sleep. Thank you for interviewing me and giving me an opportunity to speak about Scouting in my life.

Patrick Ring is a Member at Large of the Patriot District Committee



Patriot District Program News

Patriot – Old Dominion District Cub Scout Day Camp – A Great Success

Patriot and Old Dominion Districts joined forces to put on Cub Scout Day Camp at Occoquan Regional Park July 12-16. Nearly 100 Cub Scouts and 50 adults participated in the following activities:

STEM	Arts and Crafts	Slingshots
Nature	Archery	Climbing Wall

It was a hot, steamy week but we all stayed hydrated and the enthusiasm remained high. We ended the program about 30 minutes early on Wednesday when dark clouds and thunder approached, but we were all out of there by the time the rain really got started. The week climaxed on Friday afternoon with a presentation by “The Mad Scientist” who ran some cool chemistry experiments resulting in weird eruptions of bubbles and color-changing mixtures. Our Director, Zohra, and Program Director, Bill, had a talented and engaging staff of adults and older Scouts, including our new DE Bobby, and Old Dominion’s DE Gareth. By running a safe and fun camp, we were awarded full NCAP accreditation.

Useful On-Line Training

Take advantage of long summer days to catch up on required and recommended BSA training at <https://my.scouting.org>.

Some examples:

Youth Protection (Required every 2 years)	Hazardous Weather Training	Position-Specific Training not just for Pack, Troop, and Crew Leaders (Includes Committee Members)
Advising vs Leading for Venturing	Pack Finance	ILST for Troops

Order of the Arrow Chapter Picnic & Fellowship Sunday, August 22, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Burke Lake Park

The Patriot Chapter of the OA will hold its first picnic in two years. We will be in the picnic area back by the volleyball courts. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Informal – wear a Scout T-shirt, Class A’s are not necessary. We’ll play some volleyball, do some planning for the Fall Ordeal, and meet our new leadership. But this event is mostly just for fellowship and to have fun. All members who have been inducted are welcome.

Labor Day Weekend Family Camp at Goshen
September 3-6

Bring your own tent and food. Program elements offered: Aquatics, Shooting Sports, Handicrafts, and COPE Giant Swing up and running! For more information and registration go to: <https://www.gotogoshen.org/events/family-camp/>

Calling Adults Certified in a Variety of Skills to Join our “Skills Pool”

National Camp Accreditation Standards (NCAP) requires the District to ensure safety and quality for its overnight activities, such as camporees, ordeals, fellowships, etc. by using qualified staff. If you are certified in any of the following, we would like to add you to a “Skills Pool” that we could call on for District.

Licensed Medical Professional	Certified CPR for the Professional Rescuer or Basic Life Support (BLS)	CFPR/First Aid/AED/ Wilderness First Aid Instructor
Level 1 or Level 2 COPE/Climbing	Certified Lifeguard or Water Safety Instructor	Certified Shooting Sports Rangemaster or Instructor
Certified “Scouterhorn” Climb Master	Certified ServeSafe Manager	Certified Dietician

If you are currently certified in any of the above or in a specialty not mentioned above but might be useful for a Scout program (e.g., Trekking, Watercraft, Leave No Trace), please let us know so we can add your name to a talent list. If we can continue to use volunteers to staff our activities, we can continue to keep costs minimal for District activities. To volunteer, please contact: patriot-program@ncacbsa.org.

John Merchant
Vice Chair, Program



*“We all do better when we work together. Our differences do matter,
but our common humanity matters more.”*

~ Bill Clinton (b. August 19, 1946)

Cub Scouts Day Camp 2021– A Great Success!!

Thanks to Patriot and Old Dominion District for joining forces during the week of July 12-16 at the Occoquan Regional Park for organizing the Cub Scout Day Camp! The Day Camp was an excellent example of dedication and leadership where nearly 100 Cub Scouts and 50 adults created memorable moments. The week was an exceptional example of *Escape the Great Indoors!*

As a Camp Director, I cannot express how grateful I was to have an amazing staff so focused on delivering a quality program while maintaining the safety and well-being of the campers. Thank you for bringing adventure at the Day Camp that participating Cub Scouts will never forget! Seeing the Cub Scouts excitement coming into camp every morning was priceless! Climbing Wall, archery, slingshot, nature, S.T.E.M. and arts & crafts stations kept the Cub Scouts captivated every day. The week concluded with the stomp rockets and climax program from Mad Science that instilled the excitement for Cub Scouts to return next year.

Our newly joined District Executives were phenomenal in supporting the Day Camp: Bobby Walker, Patriot DE, and Gareth Pyle, Old Dominion DE. Welcome to the team! Looking forward to continuing to work with you.



Thanks to all the devoted and enthusiastic adult and youth staff members, as well as den walkers, for making the 2021 Cub Scouts Day Camp a great success!

Mark your calendar for 2022 Cub Scouts Day Camp – July 11-15 (week after the 4th of July)

Patriot Adult & Youth Staff

Bill Dexter	Program Director
John Merchant	Health Officer
Jae Engelbrecht	Administrator
Gary Black III	Photographer
John Cavan	Climbing Wall
Patrick Boyd	Climbing Wall
Ken Gaul	Archery
Mike Stonky	Archery
Patrick Ring	Slingshot
Kelly O’Malley	Leave No Trace
Paul Hoffman	S.T.E.M.
John Stewart	Nature
Musa Qadri	Nature – T114

Old Dominion Adult & Youth Staff

Richard Delpizzo	Archery Assistant
Maria Delpizzo	Nature
Lucas Boles	S.T.E.M. – T1853
Aditya Kalva	Nature – T761
Jake Kinney	Archery –T702
Nogc Kinney	Stomp Rocket
Mathew McCollum	Nature – T688

Zohra Sharief
Camp Director

Ready, Set, Scout!!!!

New Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Recruiting Is On

Scouting is a great program just waiting to be shared with other youth in the neighborhoods, schools, churches, and children rising up out of pre-schools into kindergarten! Break out your yard signs advertising your unit's Join Scouting activities and plan for an influx of new youth into your unit. Along with the youth you will be able to recruit some of the outgoing parents and guardians to be new Den Leaders and then have them get their training. Contact Justin Day for your Pack's training needs and look at the Patriot District's Calendar for upcoming training opportunities.

To advertise your unit's Join Scouting events please use GeoFencing on FaceBook in order to get the attention of "local" families to your unit's meeting place. Please contact Rich Harrington, Vice Chair for Communications, with any questions on how to hone your GeoFencing for your events. Rich can be reached at rich@rhedpixel.com or on his cell at (703) 608-4852.

I encourage you to attend this month's Roundtable to garner additional suggestions for success in conducting your Join Scouting events. If your unit is unable to attend Roundtable, I am glad to hold a Join Scout Training session with your unit to provide helpful hints for holding a successful Join Scouting activity as your calendar permits. I would like to hold these training sessions during the month of August in order to assist your preparations for your September Join Scouting events.

Please send in the date(s), time and location of your Join Scouting events so that I, or other District leadership members, might attend and to help ensure that our new District Executive, Bobby Walker, has a Join Scouting event date for all of our Patriot District units. Bobby and I need to know your JSN dates so we can see how well membership planning is going in the District. You can contact me by email at john.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com or by my cell at (571) 318-0549. Please leave a voice mail message so I can return your call I can't answer your call.

A link to an electronic version of "Scout's Life" mini-magazine is available at this link:

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Remember that many schools are no longer using hardcopy fliers to distribute to families and instead using Peachjar to share digital flyers out to their communities. You can use material to make your Join Scouting flyer from the NCAC or National websites, but understand you should have someone do a review of the flyer to insure it communicates well and stays within Scouting communication guidelines. Peachjar flyers are unique to you as you will be sent your own url to log in.

GeoFencing is available for you to submit the 5W info to our District Executive Bobby Walker Bobby.Walker@scouting.org. You can use the following website to submit the required info to Bobby: <https://ncacbsa.org/jsnrequestform>. Try to submit your GeoFencing needs at least three weeks in advance

so you can get the benefit of a whole two weeks prior listing for your event. Units are encouraged to plan on holding two Join Scouting events and to submit both events for GeoFencing. Unless you have some unique considerations most “fences” are established as a two mile radius of the event location/or your unit’s meeting location: school, church, community group...

The National Recruiting Page has a multitude of resources if you want to take a look through what they have to offer <https://www.scouting.org/recruitment/>

Our NCAC Membership One Stop Shop is located at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/membership-committee/>. Thanks for all you do for our youth in providing a super Scouting program to help them be prepared as ethical leaders of tomorrow.

Financial aid resources have been added to basecamp under the “Financial Aid” folder to provide assistance with registration fees for families in need. We do not want a youth member to consider Scouting unaffordable. Continue to reach out to all potential new Scouting families as multiple contacts via yard signage, GeoFencing, a flyer, etc.; all help to attract new membership.

Anyone interested in getting Membership Training from some subject matter experts at Council can tune in via Zoom on August 16th at 7 PM. The meeting is set to last for an hour and be very interactive; you can “chat” any questions or “raise your hand” and ask your questions. The Zoom Link will go out to Unit Key 3’s shortly to share with their Unit Membership Chairs or other interested members.

Re-Start Your Scouting Program

As numerous folks get the COVID-19 vaccine and as we continue to follow the appropriate protection guidance against COVID, it looks to be a great time to “re-start” your Scouting unit activities. Some ideas for restarting Scouting safely include:

- (1) Ensure you stay up-to-date on current guidance Get into your local school(s) to recruit. Using flyers, signs, booth if possible at parent/family events.
- (2) Reach out to families that stopped coming to re-invite them back to unit activities.
- (3) There is a Cub-o-ree in late September that would be a great event to bring a friend to.
- (4) Conduct “hybrid” meetings that allow participation in-person as well as folks required to stay at home due to quarantine/exposure issues to be able to connect via computer/smart phone under parental/guardian supervision.
- (5) Use multiple communication means to get the word out on your unit’s activities, such as FaceBook, Email, BaseCamp, even the Patriot Press... Stay connected with your Chartered Organization on any specific concerns/guidance/limits they may have to stay in sync. Check out NCAC’s quarterly guidelines with links to other COVID resources at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/covid-19/>.

Best wishes for having great outings in Scouting, and for enjoying safe and productive meetings.

Yours in Scouting,

John R. Stewart
Vice Chair for Membership
John.r.stewart.mha@gmail.com



Training Updates!!

Welcome back from the summer. I hope everyone's adventures, whether Scout-related or not, were exciting. We are busy getting ready to offer both BALOO and IOLS training this fall so please save the following dates:

BALOO: October 1 – 2

IOLS: November 6-7

Both courses will be held at Camp Snyder and the cost will be \$30/person. We are working to finalize the registration and anticipate having it up in the very near future. An announcement will come out through Basecamp when registrations are available.

We are also looking at other training opportunities, including offering mini-sessions before roundtable and a Patriot training day. More information to come as they are planned. If you are involved with high adventure planning and/or execution for troops or crews, NCAC is running Powderhorn this month. It runs for three days on August 27-29 at a very cool camp over in Southern Maryland. It is a great time and gives you a chance to experience fun different high adventure activities like scuba diving, sailing, and rifle/pistol shooting. Space is still available, Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-45834>

As always, if you are interested in helping out with our Patriot District training, please contact me at patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com

Justin Day
Training Chair



Meet the Shop Stewards Team at Michael's Woodshop at Camp Snyder



Left to Right: Mike Pierce, Gene Lockhart, Steve Park, CJ Staton, Don Burnham, Brian Staton, Alexander Alvarez, Dave Schneeman, Kirk Vetter, Mell Cunningham, Dallas Cecil, Dan Nellis.

STEM CORNER

STEM Scouts Season 7 (FY 2021-22) FACT SHEET

Online Registration starts September 1, 2021

Lab unit formation requirement:

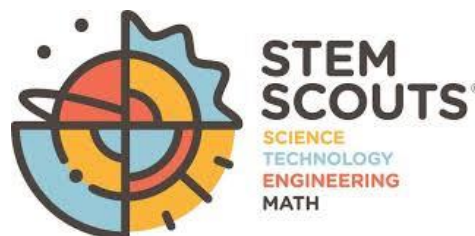
- Minimum 5 youths
- 3 Adult Leaders: Sponsoring Org Rep, Lab Manager, Assistant Lab Manager

Join existing Lab Units or form a new one

- Junior Lab 605, grades 3-5
- Tech Lab 6022, grades 6-8

COVID-19 Adaption:

- Kits are packaged for individual distribution
- Virtual, in-person, or hybrid meetings



Youth Membership for Season 7:

- \$250 full year program, 5 modules, 22 meetings
- \$200 half year program, 3 modules, 14 meetings

Season 7 Modules for Junior Lab:

- Into the Wild (Wildlife Sciences)
- A Flying Fluid (Aerodynamics)
- Engineering Solutions (Engineering)
- Ancient Archaeology (Archaeology sciences)
- Bubbleology (Material Science)



Season 7 Modules for Technology Lab:

- Criminal Case Files (Forensics)
- Microbiology Coming into Focus (Microbiology)
- Reactions in Action (Chemistry)
- Human Space Exploration (Astronomy)
- MS Science Behind the Sport (Science, Math, Engineering)

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STEM Coordinator





Season 7 (2021-2022) Module Overviews Elementary School Labs (Grades 3-5)

Into the Wild (Wildlife Sciences)

Warm blood, cold blood, bones or no bones, these Scouts will go into the wild to discover the variety of animals that inhabit our planet.

Scouts will first explore the biomes of this world and then determine which animal calls each biome home. From there, they will get their “gloves dirty” to experience the food chain in person by dissecting an owl pellet and investigate various bird adaptations. Scouts will get to see how long an alligator actually is, discover which amphibian is clear, and end by building an aquatic marine biome ecosystem, also known as a coral reef!

A Flying Fluid (Aerodynamics)

The fluid dynamics of air can be, well, quite the flight! In this module, Scouts will explore fluid dynamics, the study of the flow of liquids and gases. They will learn how fluids exert forces on moving objects. Using the Engineering Design Process to design various prototype wind vehicles, Scouts will be hands-on in the realm of fluid dynamics!

Engineering Solutions (Engineering)

Scouts will explore engineering by learning and applying the engineering design process. From invention to prototype building and from biomedical engineering to water filtration, Scouts will discover engineering fields that might not always come to mind!

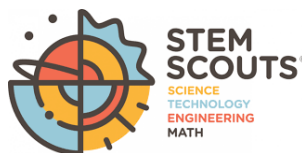
Ancient Archaeology (Archaeology sciences)

In this module, Scouts will build on their knowledge of archaeology. From making their own artifacts to mummifying an apple, Scouts will understand that archaeology draws on many scientific practices and will be able to explain why the study of archaeology is an important science. They will end by putting together a time capsule for someone in the future to find and learn about what life was like today.

Bubbleology (Material Science)

Material engineers are people who use their understanding of different materials (such as metals, plastics or wood) to make things that solve problems. In this module, Scouts will experiment with many different materials that can be used to make bubble wands and discover the chemistry behind bubbles!

Using the Scientific Method and the Engineering Design Process, Scouts will become material engineers as they consider which materials are best for making different kinds of bubbles as well as experiment with creating their own bubble solution. They will then use their new skills and knowledge to perform their very own bubble presentation demonstration.





Season 7 (2021-2022) Module Overviews Middle School Labs (Grades 6-8)

Criminal Case Files (Forensics)

Crime investigators use forensic science to help solve crimes. Scouts will be introduced to the different branches of forensic science and careers in these fields. In this module, Scouts will learn about forensic science as it relates to DNA, fingerprints, graphology, and blood spatter. Meetings 1–3 will equip Scouts to play detective and use forensic techniques and critical thinking skills to identify the No. 1 suspect of a crime.

Microbiology Coming into Focus (Microbiology)

Scouts will take a closer look at what it means to be “alive” and will examine the smallest form of life, the cell. Scouts will assemble and learn how to use a Foldscope—the paper microscope! From onion cells to bacteria, they will explore prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, and will use their Foldscope to see what is usually too small to be seen. It’s microbiology coming into focus!

Reactions in Action (Chemistry)

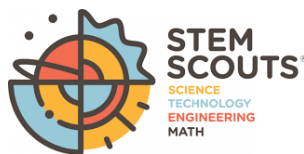
In this module, Scouts will explore the concept that chemical reactions involve the breaking of bonds between atoms in the reactants, and the rearrangement and rebonding of these atoms to make the products. Scouts will investigate reactions which produce a gas, form a precipitate, and cause a color change!

Human Space Exploration (Astronomy)

Scouts will take a closer look at what it means to be “alive” and will examine the smallest form of life, the cell. Scouts will assemble and learn how to use a Foldscope—the paper microscope! From onion cells to bacteria, they will explore prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, and will use their Foldscope to see what is usually too small to be seen. It’s microbiology coming into focus!

MS Science Behind the Sport (Science, Math, Engineering)

In this module, Scouts will discover the science behind some commonly known sports. They will explore the related math, physics, and engineering principles behind archery, zip lining, cycling, and skateboarding and will learn how to apply various math equations along the way. Let's learn more, behind the sport!



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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.

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Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
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Brave
Clean
Reverent

