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From the District Chair



PATRIOT DISTRICT PROGRAM LAUNCH – May 11 – is our annual showcase of Scouting programs, resources, activities, and information from Patriot Scouters and our Council. *It is one of the most important District events of the year, and we are hoping that 100% of our units will attend.*

HERE IS THE 411:

WHERE: St. Stephen's United Methodist Church - 9203 Braddock Rd.

WHEN: THURSDAY, MAY 11 – 7:30pm

WHAT: It is a great opportunity for your Pack, Troop, or Crew to get information, materials, and tips about how to plan your unit's 2023-2024 program.



There will be information **multiple** tables, electronic and paper handouts to take home, and many people to share ideas with. *Together, we hope to offer your unit great ideas and resources to help provide your Scouts a great 2023-2024 Scouting program!*

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



Who Should Come to Program Launch? Every unit should have at least one leader at Program Launch. **But don't stop there!** Cubmasters, Assistant Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Venturing Advisors & Committee Chairs **should ALL attend too!** **AND Troops** – bring your **Senior Patrol Leaders!** (Program Launch will help them plan their PLC's calendar)



Here are the 20 different Patriot District activity areas that will be represented:

Membership, Recruiting, Camporees, Cub Scout Day Camp, Order of the Arrow Awards Scouting for Food, Pinewood Derby, Female Units, Special Needs, Merit Badges, STEM Youth Mental Health 1st Aid, Camping, Friends of Scouting, Commissioner Corps, Training - Cub Scouts and Scouts/BSA. Cub Scout Roundtable, Scouts/BSA Roundtable



2023 Patriot District Court of Honor is BACK – May 23 – Burke Lake Park

This is where we will honor all our Unit and District leaders. Please register before May 12th by contacting patriotdistrictawards@gmail.com

My **Challenge** to you this month is to **COME TO PROGRAM LAUNCH on MAY 11th**

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

Joe Margraf

Patriot District Committee Chair

patriot-chair@ncacbsa.org





From the District Commissioner

In this month's District Chair column, Joe Margraf does an excellent and colorful job advertising **Program Launch, Thursday May 11, 7:30 PM at St. Stephens UMC on Braddock Road**. I'd like to expand on that a bit and explain *why* Program Launch and good advance program planning matters to the success of your unit for the upcoming Scouting year.

Program Launch is your Pack, Troop, or Crew's opportunity to get information, materials, and tips about Scouting resources, activities and events you can use to enhance your unit's 2023-2024 program. There will be over 20 information tables, electronic links to resources, and paper handouts, as well as lots of people to share ideas with. This will be our largest Program Launch in several years, with many stations full of information about all aspects of the Scouting program. *Let me be blunt:* unless you're really turned on by reinventing wheels from scratch or are content just doing the same-old-same-old every year (hint: your Scouts are NOT), you need to come to Program Launch. Program Launch is the one-stop-shop for you to get important information that will be available to help your unit provide the best possible experience for your Scouts.

Program Planning in advance of the new Scouting year is critical to building the best possible program. All units should plan their program for the upcoming Scouting year before school ends and everyone disperses for the summer. This means our Troop PLCs and Crew Officers should meet this spring to make major decisions about their units' activities from August through at least the end of the next school year. Likewise, our Pack adult leaders should meet to decide on the basic content and timing of major events for the upcoming Scouting year.

Why is it important to do at least high-level planning for the upcoming Scouting year by June? Because if you wait too long to figure out campouts, meeting dates and locations as well as other major activities, all the best venues and dates may be full. Having a well-planned program calendar helps your Scout families with their own planning. It helps with recruiting, because potential members want to learn what each unit they visit will be doing, and prospective families can quickly tell when thorough planning hasn't occurred. Of course, having major events decided well in advance also gives both adult and youth leaders enough time to do further detailed planning to make activities a success. Other useful discussions during a program planning meeting can include leadership succession planning, committee assignments for the next Scouting year, and a review of things the unit would like to do better in delivering the promise of Scouting to its youth members. We strongly recommend using the **2023 Journey to Excellence scorecard** as a roadmap for discussing areas for improvement. It's also good to invite your Unit Commissioner to the planning meeting, because our UCs have a wealth of experience and know how to find answers to all your questions.

And as Benjamin Franklin said, ***"If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."*** None of us want to fail our Scouts, so PLEASE come to Program Launch on May 11, and hold a unit annual program planning meeting this spring!

Ken Gaul
Patriot District Commissioner
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Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

May 2023

- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Program Launch
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 YMHFA Training
- 13-14 BALOO and IOLS Training (Camp Snyder)
- 14 Mother’s Day
- 16 Patriot Wine Tasting Event
- 20-21 Wilderness First Aid (Camp Snyder)
- 23 Patriot District Court of Honor
- 29 Memorial Day
- 31 NCAC Giving Day



June 2023

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

July 2023

- 4 Independence Day
- 17-23 Scouts BSA Merit Badge Week (Camp Snyder) – NCAC Event
- 23-30 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) – NCAC Event

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, May 11, 2023

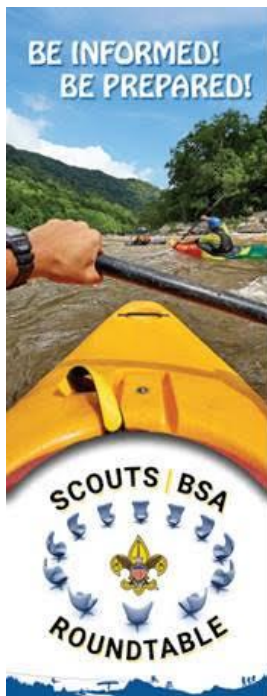
Location: St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke

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

Topic: Program Launch

Word of the Month: Reverent

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
cweskrige@gmail.com



Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, May 11, 2023

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

Social: 7:30 PM

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

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

Topic: Program Launch

Greg Wagner, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner
wagner89usna@verizon.net

Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioners: Vacant





Membership Corner



Check out the many resources related to membership on the NCAC website (<https://www.ncacbsa.org/unit-resources>). Here is a list of those resources:

All Programs (Cub Scouts – Venturing and Sea Scouts)

Social Media Playbook
Social Media Guidelines
Online Registration Help Files
Marketing Assets
Membership Playbooks
Membership Applications

Cub Scouts Specific

Resource Guides for each Cub Scout Rank
Webelos to Scout Transition

Scouts, BSA Specific

Webelos to Scout Transition

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Advancement News

We have a new policy regarding merit badge group instruction in the National Capital Area. Drop me a note with questions and when you need District approval. Thank you for all you do for our Scouts.

This policy shall apply to all Group Merit Badge Instruction events occurring within the geographic boundaries of the NCAC and employing NCAC registered and approved Merit Badge Counselors. All merit badge instruction within the Council must comply with BSA Youth Protection, the Guide to Safe Scouting and the Guide to Advancement.

- A troop, crew or ship can use group instruction of merit badges within their unit without seeking approval from the Council or District.

- Citizenship in Society merit badge counselors may accept Scouts from outside their unit without obtaining district approval if doing so will promote discussion. Consideration should be given to having participating Scouts within 2 years of age.
- With the exception of units sponsored by NCAC, units with the same chartering organization may offer group merit badge instruction solely to the members of the linked units. Units sponsored by NCAC will need to seek district or council approval to offer group merit badge instruction to youth outside their unit.
- If a unit decides to sponsor a merit badge event featuring multiple merit badges and solicits Scouts from outside their unit to participate, or an individual counselor solicits Scouts from multiple units, or the District sponsors such an event, they must get district advancement committee approval to conduct the event. This affords the district advancement committee the opportunity to ensure compliance with the Guide to Advancement guidance on group instruction.
- Council level groups such as Aquatics, Shooting Sports, any religious committee, and STEM must get approval from either the Council Advancement Chair, Council Merit Badge Dean, or NCAC Advancement Committee Staff Advisor.
- Outside organizations to the BSA must always receive council approval from one of the positions.
- To expedite council/district advancement committee approval of an event, sponsoring organizations should submit, at a minimum, the information described in Appendix A 30 days prior to the event. Districts, with the approval of their Key Three, may request additional information if they choose.

Appendix A

Group Merit Badge Instruction Plan

1. Provide the names of participating counselors along with the badges they propose to Council to the District Merit Badge dean. This allows the District to ensure the counselors are currently registered, approved to counsel the badge they propose to Council and have current Youth Protection Training.
2. Describe how the sponsoring organization will comply with the Guide to Advancement, BSA Youth Protection and the Guide to Safe Scouting. If there will be co-ed classes, the sponsor should describe how it will comply with BSA requirements in this area.
3. Group Merit Badge events providing Aquatics or Shooting Sports merit badges must explain how the event will deal with safety concerns related to these activities.
4. Confirm the sponsoring organization informed Scouts, parents, and leaders that an event with limited time frequently results in a partial merit badge.
5. The sponsoring organization must tell scouts, parents and leaders how to report concerns about merit badge counseling issues.

*Tom Tyra
Advancement Chair*



Patriot District Program News

Climbing Instructor Training 2023

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

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

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

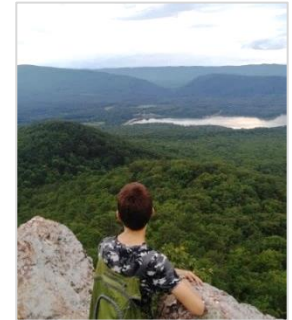


Goshen Registration is Now Open

... and popular weeks are filling up fast.

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

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



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

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

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

May 2023 Offering of Wilderness First Aid at Camp Snyder

The Council is offering one more Red Cross Remote and Wilderness First Aid at Camp Snyder this Spring at Camp Snyder on May 20; it is filling up fast. [For more information.](#) See the article in the Council's program magazine, "We Own Adventure" at:

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



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



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



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

Day Camp Staff

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

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

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

*John Merchant
Patriot District Committee*



Patriot Chapter May 2023 OA News



Congratulations! and Welcome to Patriot Chapter's 38 New Members

This past weekend a total of 96 Candidates, 38 of whom were Patriot Candidates began their journey into the Order of the Arrow by completing the induction weekend. It was a very wet but productive and fun weekend. Thanks to the many chapter members who served as Staff for the weekend. We want to welcome both the old and new members to an Ice Cream Social at Church of the Good Shepherd, Burke Sunday, May 7th from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. We will be in the picnic grove if the weather is good, or inside if it is not. The church is at 9350 Braddock Rd.

OA Section Conclave May 19 – 21, Camp Rodney

The Section Conclave is a fellowship event that brings together members from all three lodges in our section: Baltimore Area Council (Nentico), DelMarVa Council (Netico), and National Capitol Area Council (Amangamek-Wipit). It is a weekend of fun and games, good food, some training, and inspirational shows. For more information and Registration: <https://wipit470.org/conclave.html>

Lodge Leadership Development Conference.

On Saturday, June 3, the Lodge is holding a day-long training event that includes General Sessions for everyone, break-out sessions for new members, new advisers, those seeking greater leadership opportunities, those interested in more technical things like communications, finance, and web site maintenance. We also plan some open discussions on specific issues, and there will be a Meet the Chiefs time where you can have informal discussions on a variety of topics.

Location: Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Stafford, VA. It is **free**, but we are asking for \$5.00 at the door to cover the food. Check-in starts at 8:00 AM; the opening ceremony is at 9:00 AM.

What are you doing this summer?

There are numerous opportunities this summer for service, learning, and fun.

Day Camp Staff: Patriot/Old Dominion Day Camp is June 26 – 30, with a set-up day on Sunday, June 25. They need lots of help running events for the Cub Scouts. These include archery, sling shots, climbing wall, Cub Scout skills, arts and crafts, and health and safety. Working with the young Scouts is fun, and they will look up to you.

G.O.A.T.: There are still slots available for the 2023 Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail Crew (GOAT). This is a two-week program at Goshen Scout Reservation, where participants spend the first week doing trail work around the reservation, and the second week, engaging in the Lenhok'sin program, of backpacking around the reservation, spending each afternoon/night in a program area that the crew has planned. These could include Mountain Man, Mountain Biking, COPE/Climbing, Foxfire, Search and Rescue and others.

Goshen Bus Loading: Each weekend during the Goshen Season, busses arrive and depart from the Fairfax County Government Center in Fairfax, transporting Units to and from Goshen Scout Reservation. Each Saturday, Units arrive back from Goshen at about 10:30 AM and each Sunday units depart for Goshen at about 10:30. The Bus Loading Support Team is looking for OA people to help with

check-in, snack sales, loading/unloading luggage, and traffic control. More information on this will be in next month's News.

OA Calendar at a glance:

May 19 – 21	OA Section Conclave – Camp Rodney Baltimore Area Council
June 3 Sat 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Lodge Leadership Development Conference, Ebenezer UMC, Stafford, VA
June 25 Sunday	Help set up for Patriot Cub Scout Day Camp
June 26 – 30 M - F	Help staff Cub Scout Day Camp
August 16 – 18 Wed - Sat	Help with Lodge Sabbath-Friendly Ordeal – Camp Snyder

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

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

*John Merchant
OA Adviser*



STEM Corner

Introducing Skynet Junior Scholars . . .

Would Scouts like to observe the universe with real research telescopes?

Skynet Junior Scholars (SJS) engage youth to explore the study of the universe by allowing them to get access to the international network of robotic telescopes, the same tools used by professionals. The Scouting community is a perfect match out-of-school program. Scouts may join SJS after leaders and parents complete a self-paced online SJS professional development workshop. To learn more about the workshop: <https://skynetjuniorscholars.org/news-items/51>

*Sokhom Kith
STEM Coordinator*



Training Updates

I hope everyone is taking advantage of the favorable weather to get back into the great outdoors for camping fun and other Scouting activities. There are lots of training opportunities in the months ahead. Remember, every Scout deserves a trained leader.

Upcoming Events

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

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

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

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

The course dates are:

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

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

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

The course dates are:

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

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

*Justin Day
Training Chair*





YMHFA Training is Back!!

ANNOUNCING ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO BE TRAINED

If a Scout in your unit were to die by suicide, you would be devastated. No doubt you would vow to do everything in your power to stop such an event from ever happening in your, or another, unit ever again. The time to make that vow is **NOW** – before something happens!!

As we are all painfully aware, mental health issues including depression, feelings of helplessness and loneliness, being bullied and thoughts of suicide are no stranger to the youth we support and have been exacerbated by the current pandemic. As adult volunteer Scout leaders it is incumbent upon us to know how to recognize and respond to the signs of mental illness and duress. This knowledge can literally be the difference between life and death. ***Please*** learn how you can help!!

The next **in-person** class will be held at Holy Spirit School in Annandale on Saturday, 13 May, from 8 AM – 4 PM. An **ideal** time to get trained.

The class limit is 30; please sign up quickly. Next session will likely be in August.

- Register with Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net and include your mailing address and a good phone number.
- **The cost is \$0 for this course as the CSB has received some grant funding.**
- All participants will receive a YMHFA certificate of completion and an NCAC sanctioned patch demonstrating the achievement
- ***Don't miss out! Don't wait!*** We can only serve 30 students in each class. Please register now for this essential training. To register, please email Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net. Mark can also answer any questions you may have.



Congratulations to Zohra Sharief! 2023 Silver Beaver Awardee

COUNCIL COURT OF HONOR
MAY 13, 2023 @ 9AM

Lola Arjona	Joseph Mortensen
Ken Barrett	Andrea Schlang
Scott Bashore	David Seitz
James Emery	Zohra Sharief
Melvin Horne	Christopher Smith
Wendy Latella	David Steinfeld
Eugene Lockhart	David Stokes
Bryan Martin Firvida	Mark Verschell
James Miller	John Wiltenmuth
Tim Miller	Jeff Ye
John Mirvish	

Class Honoree: Rick Rogers

SILVER BEAVER CLASS OF 2023



Zohra started her Scouting journey in 2005 as an involved parent with a one hour a week commitment. She has served Scouting units in Germany and Arkansas, founding the first Muslim Cub Scout pack in Little Rock. She is also one of the founders of Unit 114 within NCAC, which was established in 2012. Den leader, outdoor coordinator, treasurer, and committee member are some of the many positions that Zohra held while helping to implement a very successful Scouting program within the unit. Unit 114 continues to thrive in her current position as Chartering Organization Representative.

In addition to her role as Chartering Organization Representative, Zohra serves as a Merit Badge Counselor, Unit Commissioner for two units, and District Day Camp Director for three years. She has supported several District camporees with her archery skills. Zohra attended a Woodbadge course in 2015 and has the honor of being on staff for the spring course for 2023. She will also serve as a staff member for the Summer 2023 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course. Her dedication to Scouting is highlighted by being a recipient of the District Award of Merit in 2022.

Professionally, Zohra is a chronic volunteer, both inside and outside of Scouting. She extensively volunteers with many non-profit organizations and has managed teams of volunteers for National Conference events. Her passion to ‘help others at all times’ has led her working with local shelters and food banks in providing sustenance where required. She has been assisting domestic violence survivors rejuvenate their lives by guiding them in achieving their educational and financial goals. She continues to fulfill her civic duties by working as an election officer in local and general elections for the past several years. Her cultural background and experience has made her an asset in every situation.



Patriot District Wine Tasting Event



**Join us for an evening of Fellowship and Wine at
The Inaugural Patriot Wine Tasting Event in Support of Scouting**

Date/Time: May 16, 2023

Time: 7 PM – 9 PM

Location: VFW Hall in Fairfax Station (5703 Vogue Rd, Fairfax Station, VA)

Ticket Cost: Couples \$60, Singles \$35 (payable only by check at the event)

Wines are from The Winery at La Grange in Haymarket (down the road from Camp Snyder). Serving and wine education provided by the winery staff.

Cheese and charcuterie plates are included in the cost of the ticket.

Find a wine you really like??

All bottles will also be available for sale at the conclusion of the event.

All profits will be donated to Scouting.

RSVP to Mark Greer (mfgreer@verizon.net) at your earliest convenience.

Event is limited to 30 attendees.

Patriot District Court of Honor



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

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



When: May 23rd 6:30 PM

Where: Burke Lake Park

Who: Anyone!

All are welcome!



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

OFF TO THE RACES - June 26th- 30th



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Registration Fee: \$200 per Cub Scout

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

Adults: If you have a full week of free time available, why not be a full-time staff member.

Your Scout (*one Scout only*) will attend camp for **FREE!**

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

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

Zohra Sharief
Patriot District Day Camp Director

CAMP

2023 Camp Snyder



**Save the Dates
Snyder Summer 2023**

Cub Scout Camp

Rising Tigers to rising Webelos.

Day Camp

Session 1 Patriot: June 26-30, 2023

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

Resident Weekends

Session 1: June 22 - June 25, 2023

Session 2: June 29 - July 2, 2023

Session 3: July 6 - July 9, 2023

Session 4: July 13 - July 16, 2023

Scouts BSA Camp

Specialty Week:

July 16 - July 22, 2023

Registration is Now Open

www.gotosnyder.org



Encourage Scouts to Join our Camp Staff

Camp Staff is Hiring!



Camp Snyder

Goshen Scout Reservation

Apply Today!

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

Don't let your Scouts miss out!

Learn more about Goshen Scout Reservation:

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

Learn more about Camp William B. Snyder

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

Backpacking Trek at Lenhok'sin High Adventure



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

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

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

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

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

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

SCOUT NIGHT

D.C. UNITED

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

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

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

FAMILY CAMPING

Get outdoors with your family, learn, and have fun!

Goshen Family Camp



FAMILY CAMP

MEMORIAL
DAY WEEKEND
May 26-29, 2023

*REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!*

LABOR DAY
WEEKEND
September 1-4, 2023

*SAVE THE DATE!
REGISTRATION
OPENS MAY 1*

GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION

Goshen Memorial Day Weekend
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-64719>

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.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

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

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

SCOUT OATH

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

SCOUT LAW

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

