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**From the District Chair**

**Happy New Year Patriot District**

Hoping all of you had a great Holiday Season and you are ready to have a terrific Scouting Year!  
Looking forward to working with you on continuing to build this amazing District.

**Goodbyes to Good Scout Leaders**

**Bobby Walker** announced he would be stepping down as our District Executive. I had the pleasure of working with Bobby over the last 2 years. He was integral part of our District especially during COVID where he worked closely with all of our unit leaders to make sure we made it through a very tough time for Scouting. We will miss you, Bobby and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

**Bill Snowden** also announced he would be stepping down as our Patriot Press Editor and from the District. Bill has been a constant presence in the District since it was created. You name a role in Scouting and Bill has done it and done it well. I met Bill as an ASM many years ago and always wanted to work with him. I got that opportunity when I became District Chair. At that time, Bill was about to step down but agreed to stay on as our Editor for my first year. Bill – please know we are so grateful for the time and energy you have put into Scouting and the thousands of youth and leaders that you have helped.

Have you and your **PACK** ADDED these District Events to your Unit's Calendar:

**University of Scouting** - Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>– Haymarket High School

**Patriot District Pinewood Derby** - March 2<sup>nd</sup> held at Living Savior Lutheran Church

**Patriot & Old Dominion District - Cub Scout Summer Day Camp** - June 24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>

Our theme this year is **WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE**

We will hold camp at the Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton.

- **Adults:** If you have a full week of free time available, why not be a full time staff Day Camp member. Your scout will attend camp for **FREE!** (\$200 value)
- **Cubmaster & Committee Chairs:** If you would like an individual *Summer Day Camp Presentation* at your Pack Meeting, please contact us at: [patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com)

Have you and your **TROOP** ADDED these District Events to your Unit's Calendar:

**University of Scouting** - Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> - Haymarket High School.

**Spring 2024 Camporee Trout-O-Ree** w/ Prince William County & Sully Districts -April 5-7 Syria, VA

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

*Joe Margraf*

*District Chair*

[patriot-chair@ncacbsa.org](mailto:patriot-chair@ncacbsa.org)





### From the District Commissioner

Happy New Year, and I hope everyone's Holidays were both happy and healthy!

#### Rechartering (hopefully the last mention in my column for many months!)

The online roster confirmation portion of rechartering is complete for all our regular units. I especially want to thank Deputy District Commissioner Lee Cass and the Commissioner corps for once again doing a fantastic job leading the rechartering process. During 2023 the Patriot District added one new unit and lost no incumbent units. We'll be looking to add a few more units, especially Cub Packs, as we continue to return to pre-pandemic strength during 2024. But some of our Packs and Troops are still struggling coming out of the pandemic, and we are going to focus on recruiting and growth in 2024, especially for those units that aren't fully back to pre-pandemic strength. Strong program and strong recruiting lead to dynamic units, and most importantly, provide great experiences for our Scouts.

Now we need to finish getting the **Annual Charter Agreements** signed – make sure you are using the [2023-24 version of the ACA](#), because older versions cannot be accepted. Please coordinate and run questions through your Unit Commissioner, Lee and/or myself. Note that a single ACA can be used for multiple units chartered by the same organization, provided it's filled out to reflect all the units and necessary signatures.

We are also still looking for [2023 Journey to Excellence scorecards](#) from many of our units. Again, please coordinate the JTE forms with your Unit Commissioner, Lee or myself. Remember, JTE can and should be used as a planning tool to make your unit's program even better for 2024, not as a backward-looking "report card."

### University of Scouting

**NCAC's annual University of Scouting** will be held on Feb. 24 at Hayfield Secondary School. 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. Every unit should get as many leaders as possible to attend. **Online registration** and the course catalog are [available here](#). Don't just focus on courses in the "college" for your program level - look at courses in all parts of the catalog to make sure you're not missing something of interest. For example, Cub Scout and Scouts BSA Shooting Sports courses are listed in the College of Adventure Scouting, and courses on food allergy mitigation and youth mental health that are of vital importance to all are in the College of General Studies.

**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)

#### January 2024

- 6 NCAC OA Banquet
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Martin Luther King Day
- 23 PD Committee Meeting



#### February 2024

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 19 President's Day Washington's Birthday
- 24 University of Scouting Haymarket High School
- 27 PD Committee Meeting

#### March 2024

- 2 Pinewood Derby at Living Savior Lutheran Church
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting

#### April 2024

- 5-7 Spring Camporee Trout-o-Ree, Syria, VA
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting

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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, January 11, 2024**

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

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

**Topics: Spring Camping, Spring Recruitment, Cub Scout Pizzazz.**

**Word of the Month: Courteous**

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



**Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable**

**Not just for Scoutmasters**

**Thursday, January 11, 2024**

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

**Social: 7:30 PM**

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

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

**Topics: Order of the Arrow Elections, Life to Eagle Words of Wisdom for Leaders, Get back to Backpacking**



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

*Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioners: Vacant*







## Patriot District well-represented at the 2024 OA Lodge Banquet



On January 6, the National Capital Area Council held the annual Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Order of the Arrow Banquet at the University of Maryland. Patriot District was well represented, with our own John Merchant selected as the annual NCAC Vigil Class Honoree. Lodge Vice-Chair Caitlin Adams from Troop 1965G spoke and presented awards, and Patriot Chapter Chief Madi Zatzkin from Crew 1345 accepted a number of awards on behalf of the District's OA Chapter. Four Patriot District Scouters were honored as having attained Vigil status in the OA during 2023, including District Committee member Justin Day, former District Chair Bill Dexter, District Commissioner Ken Gaul, and Assistant District Commissioner

Rick Priest. Vigil Honor recipients are selected by the youth membership of the OA as demonstrating exceptional service, personal commitment, and unselfish interest in the welfare of others both in and out of the Order of the Arrow.



Patriot Order of the Arrow Chapter Chief Madi Zatzkin (Crew 1345) and John Merchant, Patriot Chapter Advisor and the 2023 NCAC Vigil Honoree at the January 6 NCAC annual Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Order of the Arrow Banquet at the University of Maryland.



NCAC Order of the Arrow Lodge Vice-Chief Caitlin Adams (Troop 1965G) speaking at the January 6 NCAC annual Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Order of the Arrow Banquet at the University of Maryland.



## Scouter Interview: Richard Chandler

### Patrick Ring



Rick Chandler is currently the Patriot District Training Chair and Committee Chair for Pack 873. He was a Cub Scout as a youth, earning his AOL. While he only completed about two years of Boy Scouts, summer camp at Camp Sabattis in the Adirondack Mountains left an indelible mark.

**Patrick Ring (PR):** How and when did you first become involved in Scouting?

**Richard Chandler (RC):** I started as an adult leader seven years ago when my oldest started first grade. There were two of us that signed our sons up at first, so I became the Assistant Den Leader. Over the next five years I became the pack Treasurer and then Committee Chair. After my oldest bridged to Scouts BSA, I became a Den Leader again for my youngest's Lion Den. Luckily, several of the other dads in the den are Eagle Scouts and have stepped up into leadership

roles, allowing me to focus on the Committee and District.

**PR:** What can you tell us about the state of training within the Patriot District?

**RC:** About 2/3 of our leaders are trained, which is good, but when you back out district and reserve positions, less than half of our unit leaders are considered trained. The largest group of "Untrained" direct contact leaders are Assistant Scoutmasters (60%), which is likely to grow given the new BSA rules on adults who can attend Scout BSA campouts. About 50% of Den Leaders and Assistant Den Leaders are "Untrained." Surprisingly, 30% of our Scoutmasters are "Untrained." For Cub Scout leaders to be considered trained they must take their Position Specific Training (PST) on-line or in-person. For Scouts BSA leaders to be considered trained they must take their PST **and** Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS). All leaders must also take Youth Protection and Hazardous Weather Training every two years.

**PR:** Please give us an overview of your duties as the Training Chair.

**RC:** As the Training Chair, it is my duty to share my knowledge, help district youth and adults get the training they need, and process training awards. Patriot District has long been a leader at putting on some of the best training and programs within the Council. I plan to continue that tradition by working with other districts to ensure that there are plenty of training opportunities across Northern Virginia.

**PR:** Speaking of that, wasn't coordinating with other districts part of your recent Wood Badge ticket?

**RC:** Yes, I recently finished Wood Badge and the primary focus of my project was to strengthen the Patriot Training program and better coordinate across the districts. I was frustrated that almost every year there would be multiple BALOO and/or IOLS programs offered on the same weekends, often at the same location. Leaders would complain that they wanted to take the courses, but the limited offerings conflicted with their schedules, especially unit campouts. The culmination of my ticket was to coordinate with the other Virginia Central districts to better coordinate training. I'm happy to say that 11 of the 12 districts in the Virginia Central and South Areas have joined us. This past fall collectively we offered 3 BALOO and 4 IOLS courses (none overlapping) and have already planned a similar number this spring and next fall.

**PR:** As the District Training Chair what would you say to people apprehensive about Wood Badge?

**RC:** That it's not some type of capstone or PHD program for lifelong scouters. As someone who has been to a lot of leadership training over the past 20+ years as a federal leader, Wood Badge incorporates many of the best elements of these programs and applies them to the scouting program. Despite seven years as a scout leader, I learned a lot about Scouts BSA and Venturing, and practical ways to improve my leadership of youth and adult volunteers. Just like every other BSA training course I have ever taken, I would say two things: 1) I learned as much from the other participants in the program as I did from the course material, and 2) I should have taken it sooner. There is no perfect time to take Wood Badge, except the next session.

**PR:** Where do you see the training program headed?

**RC:** A couple of years ago, NCAC set a goal of having 100% of adult leaders trained. I think they planned to make this a requirement, but eased up on it until after the bankruptcy was resolved and the impact of COVID receded. Now that these are happening, I think Council will push for this to happen, starting with Cubmasters and Scoutmasters, followed by other direct contact leaders, such as Den Leaders and Assistant Scoutmasters. I think there will also be more of a push to attend live training instead of the web-based courses. I think there is a lot of value in personal interaction and sharing lessons learned and best practices from other students and instructors. You'll notice that I said live training instead of in-person. I think in-person is great and the preferred option, but there are some courses, such as Positions Specific Training, that I have offered to small groups via Zoom that has been almost as effective. Via this medium, I was able to break up the class into several evening sessions that people could do from home after dinner and kids went to bed. I was also able to share real world examples in Scoutbook and the participants were able to share best practices with each other.

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

**RC:** Remember that much of the training you take is not for yourself but for the youth and parents you serve. Just because you were an Eagle Scout doesn't mean that you know everything these courses will teach you. For example, the camping equipment section of BALOO training may not be for you, but the training reminds you to share your camping knowledge with inexperienced parents. I think most of our "Untrained" leaders think they know the program because they were scouts as youth, but there is still a lot they can learn. Finally, if you are a Committee Chair, Cubmaster, or Scoutmaster: know who is and isn't trained in your unit and encourage them to reach out to me to help them get trained. I'm here to help.



## Membership Corner



If you have not already done so, you can request to join the Patriot Membership project on Basecamp by emailing Whitney Zatkan at [whitneyzatkan@gmail.com](mailto:whitneyzatkan@gmail.com). This is another way to gain access to the following and more:

- (1) Playbooks for the Cub Scouts, Scout, BSA, and Venturing and Sea Scouts programs.
- (2) Guides for Each Cub Scout Rank.
- (3) Social Media Guide.
- (4) Member Application Forms,
- (5) Share communications regarding membership with your peers

*Patrick Ring and Whitney Zatkan*  
Vice Chair, Membership  
[whitneyzatkan@gmail.com](mailto:whitneyzatkan@gmail.com)





## Patriot District Program News

### Goshen Registration for Summer 2024 is Now Open

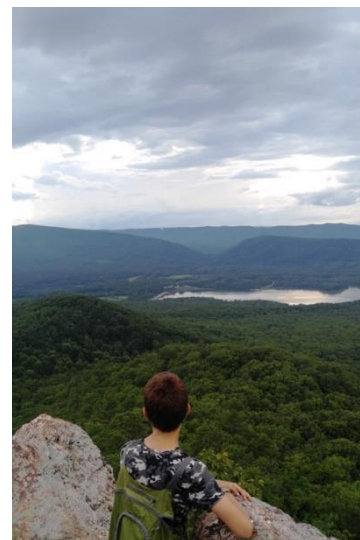
Registration for the five Camps at Goshen Reservation is now open at [gotogoshen.org](http://gotogoshen.org) → Registration

The five camps include:

- Camp Olmsted – Scouts BSA Dining Hall
- Camp Bowman – Scouts BSA Patrol Cooking
- Camp Marriot – Scouts BSA Heater Stack or Patrol Cooking
- Camp Ross – Webelos Dinning Hall
- Lenhok'Sin High Adventure – Six days of backpacking or canoeing for Scouts at least 13 years old

Register early to get your preferred dates and camps.

NOTE: one week of Camp Ross is already full!

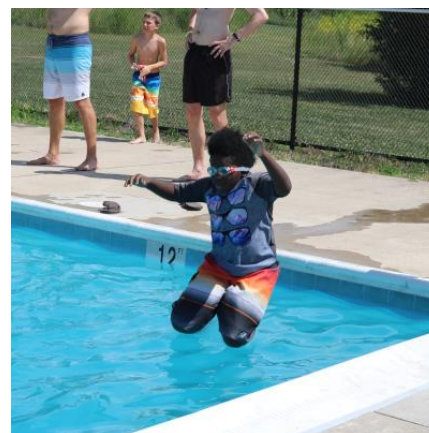


### Camp Snyder Registration for Summer 2024 is Now Open

Camp Snyder has multiple Cub Scout options and Scouts BSA options. Many details can be found at [gotosnyder.org](http://gotosnyder.org).

**Cub Scout Day Camp:** Come experience all the fun that Camp has to offer five days a week. This camp experience runs from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM each day and includes all your summer camp favorites. Lunch each day is included in the cost of camp for Scouts and their adult chaperone.

**Cub Scout Weekend Overnight Camp:** Sleep in a tent, eat in the dining hall, enjoy lots of great activities, and experience a great campfire program. The fun is non-stop from morning until night. Sessions run from Thursday at 6:30 PM to Sunday at 9:00 AM and feature three nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided from Friday breakfast through Sunday continental breakfast.



**Scouts BSA Merit Badge Camp (Two Weeks in 2024!):** There are two attendance options in 2024: (1) stay at Camp Snyder from Sunday – Saturday, complete your merit badges, and enjoy a series of fun evening activities, or (2) choose to attend from 9-5 Monday-Friday as a day-only participant for the merit badges class and rank advancement sessions.

## Early-Bird Registration is Scheduled to Open in December for Patriot/Old Dominion Cub Scout Day Camp

### Mark your Calendars:

**Where:** Occoquan Regional Park, Lorton, VA

**When:** June 24-28, 2024



## Sixth Annual Pinewood Derby Days at Michael's Woodshop (2023-24)



The volunteer staff at Michael's Woodshop at Camp Snyder is once again offering individual Scouts and small group sessions for Cub Scouts and Dens. These sessions provide a great opportunity for individual Cub Scouts or small groups to work on their cars for the upcoming Pinewood Derby season. To reserve time for your Pack or Den session, please visit the [Pinewood Derby Days Webpage](#) and follow the instructions to schedule your Own session. Space available the first week in February.

## Wildness and Remote First Aid (WRFA) Classes Scheduled through the Spring

WRFA Classes have recently been added monthly through May 2024 at Camp Snyder for the following dates: January 27-28, February 24-25, March 2-24, April 27-28, and May 11 – 12. This very informative course provides a two-year Red Cross certification in WRFA and Adult and Pediatric First Aid, CPR and AED. It is open to all registered adults and youth at least 15 years old. It is required to have one WRFA trained adult in crews heading for a High Adventure base, including Lenhok'sin.



For more information and registration, go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2024>

## Council High Adventure News

The 2024 Council Contingent crews to the National High Adventure Bases, Philmont, Northern Tier, and 2 contingent crews to Sea Base are full; however, a Contingent Crew to Lenhok'sin James River trek July 7 – 13, and a Backpacking Crew to the Wind River Range, Wyoming, June 22 – 30, are still accepting both youth and adult leaders. For more information on these and other opportunities, visit <https://hhighadventure@ncacbsa.org>.

The High Adventure committee advises that **Philmont is not full for 2024**. If you are not particular about which trek you want, several openings still remain for treks this summer.

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

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

*John Merchant  
Patriot District Committee*



Patriot OA Chapter News January 2024



The Site is Open to Pay Your 2024 OA Dues or Buy an Annual Passp

To attend any OA event or wear your sash and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paid member of our Lodge! For 2024, annual dues are \$16 until March 31; then they increase to \$20 on April 1 (no fooling!). Payment may be made by credit card or e-check at https://wipit470.org. NOTE: If you completed your Ordeal after September 1, 2023, your 2024 dues are already paid.

OA Unit Election Season Has Started

All Unit Leaders should have received an email from the Order of the Arrow Lodge outlining instructions for requesting and preparing for a visit from an OA Election Team. The Unit Election season started on November 1st and continues through May 31, 2024. However, the Spring Induction weekend is in late April, so we should wrap up by mid-April. If Unit Leaders have not received the Lodge email, contact the Chapter Leadership at patriotchapter@wip;it470.org.

The purpose of Unit Elections is not to benefit the OA, but to serve the unit by helping them recognize those Scouts in their unit that exhibit the characteristics of servant leadership and cheerful service, and also to offer them advanced leadership opportunities. Fear not: A Scout’s first obligation is to his/her Unit.

We also encourage units to appoint a youth member of the OA under the age of 21 to fill the role of Unit OA Representative and an adult OA member as Unit OA Representative Adviser. Then let us know who those people are so we can reach out through them for communications with the unit.

John Merchant
OA Adviser



Advancement News

Happy New Year to all of you and I wish program success for you in 2024.

In case you were wondering Scouts from the Patriot District were able to keep on growing in 2023 through strong advancement. Of course, Advancement is not an end but is one the methods all unit leaders use to carry out the aims and mission of the Boy Scouts of America

Patriot District youth in Scouts BSA earned over 690 rank advancements including more than 76 awards of Eagle Scout and Summit. Along the way they earned 2999 merit badges.

Our Cub Scouts earned over 888 rank advancements including more than 128 Arrow of Light awards.

Reminder that As of January 1, 2024, the following changes to Scouts BSA requirements become effective. Check out last month’s Patriot Press for an overview.

Tom Tyra
Advancement Chair
Thomas.Tyra@gmail.com



## Patriot Training Corner



As the Training Chair for Patriot District, I'm thrilled to discuss the significance of the University of Scouting and why it's imperative for our adult leaders to attend this exceptional training opportunity.

The University of Scouting serves as an invaluable platform where adult leaders can enhance their skills, deepen their knowledge, and expand their network within the Scouting community. This event offers a diverse array of courses, workshops, and seminars tailored to address various aspects of Scouting, ranging from leadership and outdoor skills to program development and safety protocols.

One of the primary reasons why attending the University of Scouting is crucial for adult leaders is the chance to acquire new and advanced skills that directly benefit our youth members. The courses offered cover a wide spectrum of subjects, including but not limited to:

- 1. Leadership Development:** Effective leadership is at the heart of successful Scouting programs. Attending sessions on leadership strategies, communication techniques, and team management can immensely benefit our adult leaders in guiding and mentoring our Scouts.
- 2. Outdoor Skills:** From basic camping skills to advanced wilderness survival techniques, the University of Scouting equips leaders with the knowledge needed to ensure safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences for our Scouts.
- 3. Program-Specific Training:** Whether it's merit badge counseling, advancement procedures, or specialized program tracks like Cub Scouts or Venturing, this event offers tailored sessions to refine leaders' expertise in specific Scouting programs.
- 4. Safety and Risk Management:** Learning about safety protocols, emergency preparedness, and risk management is paramount for creating a secure environment for our Scouts during all activities.

Attending the University of Scouting isn't just about acquiring knowledge; it's also about fostering a sense of community and collaboration among adult leaders. The opportunity to network with fellow leaders, share experiences, and exchange ideas can be incredibly inspiring and empowering. Moreover, as our organization evolves and incorporates new methodologies and best practices, staying updated is crucial. The University of Scouting ensures our adult leaders are well-informed about the latest trends, advancements, and changes within the BSA framework.

Ultimately, the investment of time and effort in attending the University of Scouting translates directly into a more enriching and impactful experience for our Scouts. It empowers our adult leaders to become better mentors, guides, and role models for the youth, contributing significantly to their personal growth and development within the Scouting movement.

I strongly encourage all our adult leaders to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity provided by the University of Scouting to further their skills and commitment to the Scouting mission.

Yours in Scouting,

*Rick Chandler*  
Training Chair, patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com





**National Capital Area Council - University of Scouting 2024**  
([scoutingevent.com](http://scoutingevent.com))

A green chalkboard-style poster for the University of Scouting event. At the top center is the BSA logo. Below it, the text "University of Scouting" is written in a white, chalk-like font. Underneath, "Saturday, February 24, 2024" is written in yellow, and "7:30 AM - 5:00 PM" is in white. A central photograph shows a large audience seated in a lecture hall facing a stage with a podium and flags. A small BSA logo with a graduation cap is overlaid on the photo. At the bottom, "Hayfield Secondary School" is written in white. The poster has white chalk-like scribbles on the left and right sides.

- The College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses, from working with Cub Scout-aged youth, to pack administration, to planning an outdoor program, all focused on meeting Scouting goals.
- The College of Scouts BSA provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The College of Adventure Scouting provides a variety of classes in Adventure Scouting, High Adventure subjects, and resources for Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scout Troops.
- The College of General Studies offers courses that cut across all the programs. Courses from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the College of General Studies. STEM Scouts, and Online Scouting/Social Media will be covered within the College of General Studies.

For those that cannot attend in person, there will be a ZOOM option for six classes each in the College of Cub Scouting and the College of Scouts BSA. See the catalog, when issued, for details on the classes offered by ZOOM. You may not register for both.

Fees: \$50 for students and instructors taking classes. Walkins and late registrations will be \$75

Registration is now open. Please review the 2024 Catalog and make your class selections before starting to register.



# 2024 Patriot & Old Dominion District Cub Scout Summer Day Camp WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE ADVENTURE



Join us as we set out on a five day *Jungle Adventure!*  
We will **SWING** over to Archery, Sling Shots, and the Climbing Wall  
**EXPLORE S.T.E.M. Scout Skills and Arts & Crafts**  
And **DISCOVER** how to have 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 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades the following school year.  
*Those entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade must be accompanied by an 'adult partner' during their participation.*

*The camp will again be held at the Occoquan Regional Park, Lorton, Virginia.  
One adult to five scout ratio is required to guide our “explorers” through camp*

**Camp Dates: Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Registration Fee: \$200 per Cub Scout** (same price as last year)

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

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

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

*Zohra Sharief, Patriot District Day Camp Director*

## Eagle Project Award



### Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award

**Do you know of an outstanding Eagle  
Scout Project?**

**Nominations will be accepted on or  
before January 31, 2024.**



Each year, the National Eagle Scout Association sponsors council, regional and national level recognition of the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award. Information, instructions, and the application for submitting an Eagle Project completed in 2023 for the award can be found on the NCAC website. An Eagle Scout, his parents, or any registered BSA volunteer (with the Eagle Scout's permission) may submit Eagle Scout service projects to NCAC for consideration. The deadline is January 31, 2024.



**Camps & Programs**  
*at Goshen Scout Reservation*

Bowman, Marriott, Olmsted  
*Scouts BSA/Venturing Camps*

Lenhok'sin High Adventure  
*Backpacking & Canoeing Treks*

Ross  
*Webelos Camp*

**Dates**

- Week 1: June 23 - June 29, 2024
- Week 2: June 30 - July 6, 2024
- Week 3: July 7 - July 13, 2024
- Week 4: July 14 - July 20, 2024
- Week 5: July 21 - July 27, 2024
- Week 6 (Ross only): July 28 - August 3, 2024

**Fees**

Fees and discounts for the upcoming year will be announced this fall.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

Registration opens to the general public on September 6, 2023.

Early Booking Discount! Units attending Goshen in 2023 will be able reserve their spot for 2024 while at camp and get a discount on their first scout.

[www.gotogoshen.org](http://www.gotogoshen.org)





Save the Day!

# Be a Superhero!

at Camp Snyder Summer 2024

## Cub Scout Camp Day Camp

6/24 - 6/28  
7/8 - 7/12

## Resident Weekends

6/20 - 6/23  
6/27 - 6/30  
7/11 - 7/14

## Family 4th of July

7/5 - 7/7

Adventures! Advancement! Fun!

Programs are open to Cub Scouts  
- rising Tigers to rising Arrow of Light.  
Family 4th of July is open to all ages!

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

Looking for programs for older campers?

Scout Specialty Weeks  
for Scouts BSA  
[www.gotosnyder.org](http://www.gotosnyder.org)

Goshen Scout Reservation  
for Scouts BSA, Venturers, & Webelos  
[www.gotogoshen.org](http://www.gotogoshen.org)

# JOIN CAMP STAFF!



Ross • Olmsted • Marriott • Bowman • Lenhok'sin • Post

Every year, the six camps of Goshen Scout Reservation employ close to 300 highly motivated individuals to participate in the experience of a lifetime.

## JOB REQUIREMENTS

We are seeking enthusiastic people who enjoy the outdoors. Prior experience with the Boy Scouts of America is not required.

- 21+** Specialty Leadership positions
- 18+** Area & Outpost Directors, other leadership
- 16+** Lifeguards, Lenhok'sin staff
- 15+** Program staff
- 14+** Counselor-in-Training

## ABOUT THE JOB

For most positions, the primary focus is delivering program to youth and adult participants, whether in a program area or a wilderness outpost. Other responsibilities include general duties based on the operations of camp.

Room and board are provided. Staff live on site and go into town for their weekly day off.



 Goshen Scout Reservation  
[www.gotogoshen.org/staff](http://www.gotogoshen.org/staff)

## Summer 2024

Staff Training Week begins June 15, 2024  
and Tear Down ends August 6, 2024.

Interviews start in January 2024.



# 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

