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Happy *New Year*
2023



From the District Chairman

I am excited to be your next Patriot District Chair! Since starting as a Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Coordinator and Tiger Leader some 15 years ago, I have always followed two simple rules in Scouting; have fun and keep it safe. I plan to continue using these two phrases as I start the next chapter of my Scouting journey.

FUN and SAFE - these two words have to operate together for Scouting to *really* work – my hope is that after every Scout meeting or event, you and your Scouts can say that it was fun and safe. If not, let the District help you.

Guess what? *The District taught me about having FUN and being SAFE!* How? By attending the Cub Scout & Scouts/BSA Roundtables, going to Cub Scout Day Camp with my Scouts, partaking in the District's Pinewood Derby, participating in the District's Camporees, and learning from all of our amazing Unit Leaders!

Before I tell you about me, I need to thank our outgoing District Chair, Bill Dexter. His service to the Patriot District has allowed me and all of us to inherit a district that is in great shape. I hope to live up to the high standards that have been set by Bill and his predecessors. Bill took us through three tough years. He became District Chair in January 2020 and only three months later, COVID changed our world. However, despite the pandemic, Bill, the Committee and our commissioners grew the District, continued with our amazing training efforts, and were able to take the District online. Finally, he set us up for the future by redeveloping the District Committee to include more diversity.

Knowing there was a solid team in place made my decision to take on the role of District Chair much easier. Standing with me is our District Committee made up of a strong group of leaders and their families. It takes so many types of talent – and many hours each year – to make the four core areas of the Committee (Program, Membership, Communications, Finance) work successfully. I am in awe of the talent and the dedication that all of you bring to our Scouting program. I look forward to working with the talented Patriot District staff.

So who am I? I was most recently the District's Scouts/BSA Roundtable Commissioner, the District Nominating Chair, a member of the Training Staff and Awards Committee, and MC of the District Pinewood Derby. I have held numerous positions at the Pack, Troop, Crew and District level: Tiger Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Cub Scout District Assistant Roundtable Commissioner, District Popcorn Kernel, and District Cub Scout Day Camp Director. In addition, I earned the BSA's High Adventure Triple Crown Award by leading treks to Philmont, Sea Base (Bahamas), and Northern Tier (Canada). I am also a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, earned my Woodbadge beads, and I have attended the BSA's National Camp School.

I have been happily married to my wife, Denise for 30 years and have two Eagle Scout sons. These young men are responsible for my dedication to the amazing Scouting program and movement that we are all a part of. If it were not for their excitement and the fun they had in Scouting, I would not be here as your next District Committee Chair.

As with any successful organization, it takes great help to achieve great things. In addition to working with all members of the District Committee, I will be teaming up with Ken Gaul, District Commissioner; his Unit Commissioners; and Bobby Walker, District Executive, to help all of you succeed in your positions and with your units.

Here are MY GOALS as District Chair:

- Having YOU join the District Team (as a committee member or a commissioner)
- Meeting with all Patriot District units
- Focus on Scout safety, both physical health and mental health
- Expand Training for ALL Leaders & Scouts (*Roundtable, University of Scouting, BALOO, IOLS, ILST, Woodbadge*)
- Develop and put on the best Scout programs in the Council (*Cub Scout Day Camp, Camporees, Pinewood Derby, OA Ordeals, Scouting for Food*)
- Outreach: Inviting youth who have never been asked to join Scouting so they can experience our amazing program.
- Have fun and keep it safe!

And finally, the District Key 3 will start a new “Meet & Greet” before each monthly Roundtable:

Meet the DE & DCs

7:00PM – just before Roundtable – the second Thursday each month.

Questions, problems, or issues you would like to discuss with us.

Looking forward to a great Scouting year 2023, and to always having fun and keeping it safe.

Joe Margraf
Patriot District Committee Chair



The time is always right to do what is right.

~ Martin Luther King (b. January 15, 1929)



From the District Commissioner

Wishing everyone a healthy and Happy New Year!

New District Chair: Please join me in welcoming our new District Chair, **Joe Margraf**. Joe and I have worked together in Scouting for many years. He is an enthusiastic, dynamic leader, and I'm confident the Patriot District is in excellent hands going forward. His inaugural monthly column is in this issue of the Patriot Press.

We are all grateful to our outgoing Chair, Bill Dexter, for his exemplary service to the District. He took over shortly before the pandemic hit, and he led the District Committee in keeping the Patriot District strong throughout this difficult period. Bill is not leaving us, however. He will continue to plan camporees and provide a wealth of experience to the District. Thank you, Bill!

Someone once asked me what is the difference between the District's Commissioners and Committee. In a nutshell, the Commissioners serve our units, most visibly through Unit Commissioners and Administrative Commissioners working directly with units, putting on monthly Roundtable training, and coordinating member registration and the annual rechartering process. The Committee does literally everything else to support Scouting in the Patriot District. In other words, the Committee has a *very* broad portfolio. I'm sure you'll be hearing from Joe in coming months about his plans for the District.

Rechartering (hopefully the last mention in my column for many months!): Rechartering is almost complete, except for issues with a few Chartering Organizations that we'll resolve in the near future. I especially want to thank Deputy District Commissioner Lee Cass and the Commissioner corps for doing a fantastic job leading the rechartering process. By and large it went much more smoothly than last year, and we thank everyone for their patience during the inevitable hiccups. If you have not already completed your 2022 [Journey to Excellence](#) self-assessment, please do so soon and turn it in to your Unit Commissioner or me.

Upcoming Training: We had to postpone our December **Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training** for new SMs and ASMs because of a family emergency. We hope to hold the course on the weekend of February 4-5, with the exact time depending on location availability. We should have more information at Roundtable.

NCAC's **annual University of Scouting** will be held on February 25 in-person 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. As of this writing, registration is temporarily suspended but will reopen soon [here](#).

Ken Gaul
Patriot District Commissioner
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Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

January 2023

- 1 New Year's Day
- 7 OA Lodge Banquet
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 24 PD Committee Meeting



February 2023

- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 25 University of Scouting
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

March 2023

- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 28 PD Committee Meeting

BALOO	Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	NYLT	National Youth Leadership Training
BCOLS	Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills	OA	Order of the Arrow
CPST	Cubmaster Position-Specific Training	SPST	Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
IOLS	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST	Venture Advisor Position-Specific Training
JSN	Join Scouting Night	VCPST	Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training
NLE	New Leader Essentials	VOA	Venturing Officers Association





All Cub Scout Leaders, Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!

The Purpose of the Roundtable:

To provide the skill to do – skills, techniques, information, program ideas – and the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

To provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

Thursday, January 12, 2023

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

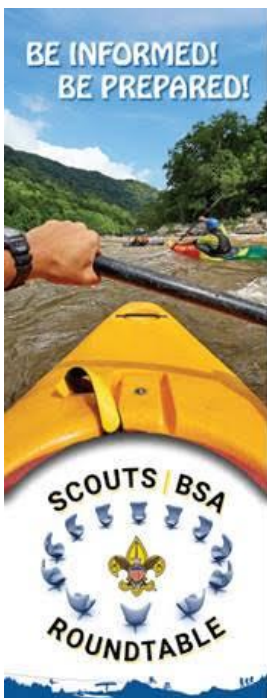
Social: 7:30 PM Midway: 7:45 PM Roundtable: 8:00 – 9:00 PM

Topics: Spring Camping, Spring Recruitment, STEM Opportunities

Word of the month: Cheerful

Bring a treat to enjoy while we meet!

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
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Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, January 12, 2023

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

Social: 7:30 PM

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

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

**Topics: Life to Eagle Program Management
Introduction to Troop Leadership Skills (ILST) Review**

Joe Margraf, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner
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Patriot District Program News

Wilderness and Remote First Aid Again Offered at Camp Snyder

Presented by the NCAC Camps, the Outdoor Preparedness Initiative (OPI) offers Wilderness First Aid certification with CPR/AED. OPI aims to prepare Scouts 14 and older, Scouters, and outdoor enthusiasts for high adventure activities and other outdoor adventures. Certification is provided through the American Red Cross. Courses are being offered:



- January 28 – 29, 2023 Registration at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63545>
- February 25 – 26, 2023 Registration at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63545>

These classes tend to fill quickly, so act soon, if interested. Additional classes may be offered as demand dictates and instructors are available.



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

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

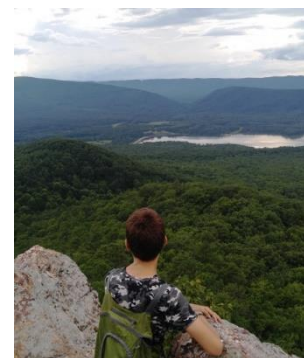
- The University of Scouting also provides an opportunity to hear from the Council Leadership, network with other Scouters, and discover opportunities for your unit at the midway of vendors and program providers. Join several hundred of your best friends. The course catalogue is available now and registration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

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. Normally, each outpost has only one crew each day. 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>

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

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

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

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

For information on volunteering for Patriot Day Camp: patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com

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 should be open soon.

Pinewood Derby Days at Michael's Woodshop at Camp Snyder

Open Registration Sessions are a great opportunity for individual Cub Scouts or small groups to work on their cars in Michael's Woodshop at Camp Snyder.

A few dates may still be available in January. Check the registration site for specific dates and times. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-55909>



*John Merchant
Patriot District Committee*



Patriot Chapter OA News



Patriot Chapter Meeting Thursday, January 12, 7:30 PM

As we started in November, the chapter is meeting monthly on the second Thursday of the month at St. Stephens United Methodist Church (9203 Braddock Rd. Burke) at the same time as District Roundtable. This month we will be doing the following:

- Going through our Eastern Woodlands costumes to see what we have and what is no longer appropriate, and to determine what new things we need to make or buy.
- Trying to pick a date and raise a team to do a Brotherhood Ceremony in January or February.
- Identifying teams for currently scheduled elections.

If you are a TOAR or TOAR adviser, you are especially invited to come and bring some candidates dates to schedule your unit's election.

Lodge 2023 Dues Are Now Due

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

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

LEAD Conference: The LEAD Conference is a section level training event for those who are aspiring to leadership positions at the lodge, chapter, or higher levels. It is an all-day event consisting of training on goal setting and developing plans to meet those goals. It communicates the national goals and encourages lodges to set goals consistent with those. It uses and teaches several methods of training, including lecture, small group-brainstorming, and others. The conference will be held Saturday, January 21, in Towson MD. Anyone interested in participating should contact the chapter leadership at patriotchapter@wipit470.org. We will make arrangements to carpool.

Coming up in the next few weeks:

- January 12: Chapter Meeting – Review Ceremonies Costumes and plan for a Brotherhood Ceremony
- January 21: LEAD Conference, Towson MD
- February 9: Chapter Meeting
- February 25: University of Scouting – OA Service to Council training event
- March 4: Patriot Pinewood Derby, OA Service – Help with Cub Scout event

Term Events – Mark Your Calendars

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

John Merchant
OA Adviser



Training Updates

Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for another fantastic Scouting year. I want to start the first training update for 2023 with a few save the dates:

Saturday, February 25th: University of Scouting is back for the 2023 edition. It will again be held at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. Registration is not open at the time of publishing but keep an eye out for an announcement on registration opening.

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

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

Wood Badge: NCAC will be presenting three courses this year so there will be lots of opportunities to attend the premier adult leadership training in scouting. Registration for all 3 courses can be found at: [Wood Badge - National Capital Area Council \(ncacbsa.org\)](http://Wood Badge - National Capital Area Council (ncacbsa.org)) The course dates are:

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

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

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

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

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT): NCAC will again be presenting four courses this summer. NYLT is an exciting opportunity for your troop's youth leaders to explore their leadership styles and grow as leaders. Registration for all 4 summer courses can be found at:

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

The course dates are:

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

*Justin Day
Training Chair*



*It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another.
But above all, try something.*

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt (b. January 30, 1882)

Advancement News

The 2023 changes to Scouts-BSA advancement merit badge requirements are now on the website at <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>

There are updates to 30 of the 138 currently available merit badges. However, over half of those 30 merit badges include only minor changes.

Scouts starting a merit badge now must use the 2023 requirements. Scouts who are already working on a merit badge may choose to use the old requirements until the merit badge is completed.

There are also minor modifications to each of the rank requirements. All Scouts must use the new requirements. The announcement is here: <https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/minor-modifications-to-scouts-bsa-rank-requirements/>

At this month's roundtable we will hold a short discussion on Life-to-Eagle from a program management perspective.

Keep an eye out for a new Life-to-Eagle seminar. We will host a Zoom conference around the March-April time. The Seminar is a great way Scouts, Scouters, and parents to learn the process and ask any questions.

*Tom Tyra
Advancement Chair*



Scouting Civic Service: Scouting for Food 2022 Report

Over 25 Patriot District BSA Packs and Troops pulled together for the annual Scouting for Food service project in November. On November 5th, Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA delivered thousands of 'post-it note' type stickers and did a great job adapting to filling in the collection day on this year's stickers that lacked the date. On the following Saturday, units organized to scour the neighborhoods and gather donations. Patriot District's combined efforts resulted in 30,000 pounds of food donated to the Capital Area Food Bank and local church food pantries for people in need. Congratulations to all the youth, leaders and parents who helped make this a very successful food drive important to our local community.



Some of Our Many SFF Volunteers

Special thanks to John Merchant, the Order of the Arrow, Patriot District leadership, and all the other volunteers who helped at the Safeway collection point sorting the donations and filling the Capital Area Food Bank trucks. The parking lot collection was very efficient this year, including dealing with disposing of the huge increase in cardboard boxes as plastic bags are less frequently used. Your efforts were recognized with a visit from Braddock District Supervisor Walkinshaw, who was very impressed with your efforts and thankful for your support of the community.

*Daniel Brunk
SFF Coordinator*



Work with the Patriot District

You join either the Patriot District Committee Staff or the District Commissioner Corps. We are always looking for new people to join our ranks. Our Patriot District mission is:

- To retain and recruit Scouters to serve on the District Committee and on the District Commissioners Corps.
- To continue to provide the leadership needed to maintain Patriot District's position of Excellence

A little background; The Patriot District Committee and Commissioners Corps is one of the strongest in National Capital Area Council (NCAC). It is robust and dynamic and it provides our District's 51 units superb programming, outstanding support and strong leadership. The committee and the corps currently has about 25 strong active members, but due to its many areas of responsibility, most members must fill two or three positions. By adding additional committee members and commissioners, the time commitment and workload for current members will be reduced and it will be easier to more effectively cover all of our areas of responsibility.

The Committee is made up of four areas: Program, Membership, Finance and Communications while the Commissioner Corps is made up of Unit Commissioners and the various Roundtable staff.

We are looking to fill the following District positions:

Remember you are only volunteering for one year starting in January 2023, or for a specific project/activity for a limited time and we will train you.

On the **Program** Committee - we are looking for volunteers to fill these openings:

- Venturing Training Chair
- Activities Chair
- Day Camp Program Director
- Cub-o- Ree Coordinator
- Camp Promotion Chair
- High Adventure Chair

On the **Membership** Committee - we are looking for volunteers to fill these openings:

- AOL to Scout Transition Coordinator
- Join Scouting Night Coordinator
- Outreach Coordinators; Hispanic

On the **Finance** Committee - we are looking for volunteers to fill these openings:

- Friends of Scouting Coordinator
- Popcorn Kernal

On the **Communications** Committee - we are looking for volunteers to fill these openings:

- Social Media assistants
- Webmaster
- Photographer

On the **Commissioner Corps.** - we are looking for volunteers to fill these openings:

- Unit Commissioners
- Scouts/BSA Roundtable Staff
- Cub Scout Roundtable Staff
- Venturing Roundtable Staff

If you would like to know more about any of these positions, please reach out to **Joe Margraf** at (703) 314-1622 or joedenisemargraf@aol.com



B-P Wants and Needs You!



**To Join the Patriot District Committee
Great Jobs for Great Volunteers**

Take your Scouting leadership to an exciting and rewarding new level.

Work with other great Scouters providing great programs for great Scouts.

Contact Joe Margraf: joedenisemargraf@aol.com

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Deadline for articles to be included in The Patriot Press is two Sundays prior to Roundtable. Articles for publication, in MS Word, may be emailed to the editor at bsnowden419@gmail.com.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

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

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

SCOUT OATH

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

SCOUT LAW

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

