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Happy Holidays!



From the District Chair

The Patriot District Year in Review

What a GREAT year we had in the Patriot District! Here are a few highlights:

Membership: The Patriot District currently has 2002 Scouts, and membership is rising. Our membership is the second highest in the VA Central Service Area and fifth highest in the Council. Of our 2002 Scouts, we have the following breakdown:

- 956 Cub Scouts
- 1007 Scouts-BSA (Troops)
- 39 Older youth (Venturing)

Schools: Of 18 public and private elementary schools within our District, we have units in 16 of these schools, which is the second highest in the Council.

Units: We added one new unit in 2023.

Advancement: Patriot District had (to date) 262 Arrow of Light Scouts (AOLs) and 63 Eagle Scouts.

Day Camp: Patriot District has the largest Day Camp in the Council for 2023, with 135 Scouts.

Program: We have some of the best district programming in the NCAC:

- Training
- Roundtable
- Youth Mental Health Training
- Camporees
- Day Camp
- District Pinewood Derby
- Scouting for Food
- OA Chapter

But the **BEST** highlight of all is our **VOLUNTEERS** – we have the best Unit Leaders, Committee Members, and Commissioners.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Holiday Season, and thanks for all you do for our Scouts!

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

Joe Margraf
District Chair

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From the District Commissioner

It's Holiday Season, with all of the family, community, school and religious activities that this time of year brings. And the annual rhythm of the Scouting year also goes on. Troops are starting cold-weather camping season. Packs are distributing Pinewood Derby car kits. AoLs are visiting Troops and deciding where they want to conduct the next phase of their Scouting adventure. And all of us are looking forward to another outstanding year of Scouting in 2024!

Roundtable Holiday Cheer and More

At our **December Roundtable at St. Stephens UMC on Thursday, December. 14 at 7:30 PM**, we're continuing a tradition we restarted last year. We're going to have a little holiday fun during the midway! If you can, **please bring a snack or non-alcoholic beverage to share with others**. We need lots of snacks, because the Order of the Arrow's monthly chapter meeting for youth leaders is also at St. Stephens that evening, and as we all know the 13th Point of the Scout Law is "A Scout is Hungry!" Augmenting your Scouter uniform with appropriate holiday-themed "stuff" is optional but encouraged. We're still debating whether we want to trust Santa's Favorite Elf "Joe" and the Abominable Snow Commissioner to judge home-baked snacks/desserts, but be forewarned there may be a competition...



Rechartering

Online rechartering is almost complete. Thank you to everyone who worked to complete the online rechartering process for your units. Next up is the 2023 [Journey to Excellence](#) self-assessment. Please complete the JTE scorecard for your unit and turn it in to your Unit Commissioner or me. If you and your chartering organization have not yet completed an Annual Charter Agreement (ACA), we will be hounding you for them. Only use the [2023-24 version of the ACA](#). Prior versions are obsolete and cannot be accepted.

All Merit Badge Counselors are required to separately register online this year to remain authorized to conduct Merit Badges. The [link to register is here](#). Scroll down to "Patriot District" and follow the instructions on the following screens. This is required regardless of whether or not one is registered in other positions.

I hope everyone has a healthy and happy Holiday season!

Ken Gaul
Patriot District Commissioner
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Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

December 2023

- 12 Joint Commissioner/PD Committee Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year’s Eve – Celebrate!



January 2024

- 1 New Year’s Day 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
- 14 St. Valentine’s Day
- 27 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, December 14, 2023

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

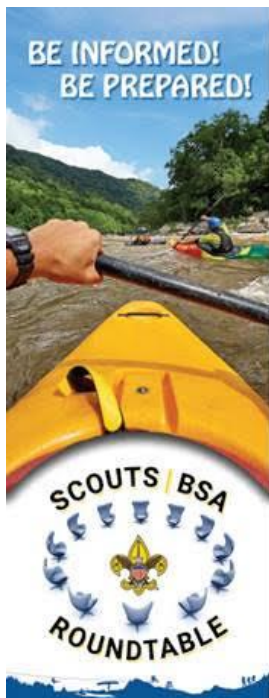
Social: 7:30 PM Midway: 7:45 PM Roundtable: 8:00 – 9:00 PM

Topics: Blue and Gold Leader Recognition, Holiday Celebrations

Word of the Month: Friendly

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, December 14, 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!

**Topics: Winter Activities – Cold Weather Training
Scouter Awards**

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Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioners: Vacant





Hail and Farewell
Reflections on Three Decades of Scouting in the
National Capital Area Council and the Patriot District



After more than three decades of Scouting in the NCAC and the Patriot District, the time has come for me to step aside and explore other activities in my remaining retirement years. As a longtime member of the Patriot District Committee, I have held a number of Committee positions over the years, including as Vice Chair for Program, Vice Chair for Finance, and Deputy Committee Chair. And for the last five or six years, I have served as editor of the Patriot Press, even after moving far away to the Pacific Northwest in 2019. I have enjoyed that role very much, but with this issue I am relinquishing that responsibility: this December issue is my last as editor. Beginning in January, the editor will be Jill Brannam, who also serves as District Vice Chair for Communications.

I first became involved in Scouting in the early 1990s when my son, Michael, became a Cub Scout in Pack 1346. He subsequently joined Troop 1346, where I came to serve as Troop Committee Chair for five years. In 1999, I joined the District Committee as it was morphing from being the George Washington District to the Patriot District. My initial committee involvement focused on the annual NCAC Friends of Scouting fundraising effort, and I ended up having a leading role in FOS campaigns for the next 18 years, where due to the generosity of District Scouting families, we never failed to meet our NCAC goal. The principal reasons for my long commitment to Scouting: I recognize the great value of the program in supporting the development of our youth, and as I have noted before, one meets a lot of good people in this organization.

Personal interactions with so many good people have been a major highlight of my Scouting career, starting with Troop 1346 leadership in the 1990s, most notably Dan Hurley, who recruited me for what became a 25-year tenure with the Patriot District Committee. Over that extended period, it has been a great pleasure working with so many great Scouters, including Committee Chairs, District Commissioners, and District Executives. Many of these individuals come quickly to mind, but I note that my memory is as good as it was when I was younger, it's just shorter now:

- Committee Chairs: Dan Hurley, Tony Ryan, Joe Flaig (a great hiker), Aasgier and Catherine Gangsaas, Jack Campbell, Steve Smith, Bill Dexter, and Joe Margraf
- District Commissioners: Craig Pettibone, Tony Ryan, Jae Engelbrecht, Dave Astle, and Ken Gaul
- District Executives: Steve McEwan, Peter Johnson, Gary Carroll, Sarah, McKee, Bobby Walker

But my experiences and fond remembrances across the last several decades also include great interactions with countless Pack and Troop leaders for virtually every unit in our District, as well as those with whom I worked in organizing and conducting the District Pinewood Derby for so many years: Pete Griffiths, MCs Joe Margraf and Andy Chavez, Greg Wagner, Steve Smith, Bill Dexter, Joe Casey, and Lee Cass.

Beyond all of these positive and productive Scouting interactions over the years, there are many other memorable experiences to highlight: a 1995 Philmont trek with Michael, working with Bill Dexter on so many great camporees; the many successful FOS campaigns; becoming a Silver Beaver awardee; the fun times at many Pinewood Derby events; helping out on various occasions at Camp Snyder, most notably in assisting in the startup of Michael's Woodshop; and many more. I will remember them always.

As I move on, I wish all Scouts and Scouters in the Patriot District only the best in what lies ahead. With continuing strong leadership, I am confident that the District will continue to prosper long into the future.

Bill Snowden
Patriot District Committee
Patriot Press Editor



Successful Results for Scouting for Food 2023

The Patriot District’s annual food drive – Scouting for Food 2023 – collected a total of **14,374 pounds of food** for the Capital Area Food Bank to offer food to neighbors in need. This total represents a wide range of food items ready to be distributed in Fairfax County through partner agencies and direct food distributions into the holiday season!

A food drive is important to the health of an entire community. Donating food to those in need benefits to the overall well-being of our communities in more ways than we may realize. A food drive increases the supply of high-need items, builds community, increases the donor pool, raises awareness about the need to address food insecurity, and provides for a creative hands-on community service project.

To help other people at all times... Duty to other people... Many people need help. A cheery smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By doing a Good Turn daily and helping when you’re needed, you prove yourself a Scout and do your part to make this a better world. Scouts and Scouters of the Patriot District can and should be proud that you all lead by example and are committed to helping our neighbors get the food they need to thrive.

Please remember that the **Patriot District’s Virtual Scouting for Food Campaign**, intended to supplement our primary door-to-door collection, is continuing until **December 16**. Please go to <https://yougivegoods.com/patriotdistrict-scoutingforfood2023> or see the flyer on the next page of this issue of the Patriot Press for more information. Currently the Patriot District has raised an additional **167 pounds of food**. Distribute the flyer and **KEEP GOING!**

Don’t forget to report your unit’s Scouting for Food data on the NCAC Scouting for Food website at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/scouting-for-food-unit-data/>. Do your best regarding estimated weight totals. Estimate 6-8 lbs. for a full shopping bag, where one 16-ounce is about one pound.

It’s never too early to start planning. Mark your calendar: **2024 Scouting for Food collection date is Saturday, November 9, 2024; the sticker distribution date is Saturday, November 2, 2024!**



The Scene November 4th at the Safeway SFF 2023 Collection Site

Gordon Goetz
Patriot District SFF Coordinator





National Capital Area Council

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Virtual Food Drive

October 1 - December 16

Join the Patriot District Scouts to help our neighbors who are food insecure – Donate healthy food items today!



It's easy to help!

- ✓ Scan the QR code to visit our online giving event
- ✓ Click on SHOP to purchase the most needed items - please enter the Pack/Troop number you are supporting at checkout
- ✓ You will be emailed a tax receipt at check out
- ✓ All items will be shipped directly to the selected charities

Thank you for making an immediate impact today!

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Membership Corner



If you have not already done so, you can request to join the Patriot Membership project on Basecamp by emailing me at pring978@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 Guides
- (4) Member Application Forms,
- (5) Share communications regarding membership with your peers

Membership Report as of 12/5/2023

Number of Scouts

	December 2023	December 2022	Percent Change
Patriot District	2,002	2,042	-1.9%
NCAC wide	32,193	33,437	-3.7%

Happy Holidays to All!



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Patriot District Program News

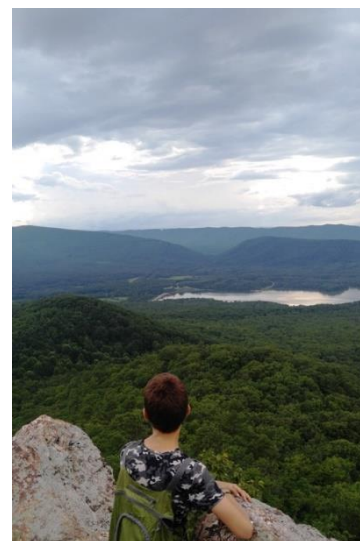
Goshen Registration for 2024 is Now Open

Registration for the five Camps at Goshen Reservation is now open at 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!

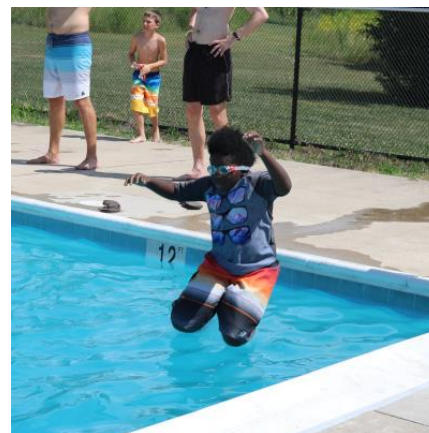


Camp Snyder Registration for 2024 is Now Open

Camp Snyder has multiple Cub Scout options and Scouts BSA options. Many details can be found at 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 (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.

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

*John Merchant
Patriot District Committee*



Patriot OA Chapter News December 2023



Patriot Chapter December Meeting: Pajama-O-Ree, December 14

Our Chapter youth leadership has decided to make our last chapter meeting of the calendar year a Fun Fellowship called Pajama-O-Ree. There will be games with prizes – e.g., Bingo and Trivia games – and food. Participants are invited to wear their most comfortable pajamas or sweats. The event will start at 7:00 PM, which is 30 minutes earlier than normal, and run until 8:30 PM. It will be held at our normal meeting place: St. Stephens United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA 22015.

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

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.

At that website, you will also have an opportunity to buy the Annual Passport at a cost of \$120. The Passport covers dues for the year and three Lodge events: our Banquet in January, Lodge Spring Fellowship, and Lodge Fall Fellowship. In addition, you have the opportunity to make a contribution to help support our Lodge activities and operations. Become a Lodge Contributor by making a \$100 contribution and receive our special Lodge Contributor patch and the satisfaction of knowing that you've dramatically helped further our mission of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. NOTE: The Passport option ends when Banquet Closes: January 4, 2024, at 11:59 PM.

OA Lodge Banquet January 6 – University of Maryland’s Riggs Alumni Center

On Saturday, January 6, the Lodge will gather for our annual “Court of Honor” banquet at the Riggs Alumni Center on the campus of the University of Maryland. This event is open to all OA Members and their families. Check-in begins at 9:00 AM and the Program starts at 10:00 AM, with a formal opening and brunch. One of the highlights of the Banquet is to officially recognize those who achieved Vigil in 202, and hear their Vigil names. It also recognizes individuals and chapters who have excelled in 2023. Registration can be found at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-77696>. NOTE: Patriot District is recognizing four new Vigil members this year: Bill Dexter, Ken Gaul, Rick Priest, and Justin Day.

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

Advancement Updates 2024

As of January 1, 2024, the following changes to Scouts BSA requirements become effective:

Rank Requirements:

- There were minor changes to Scout (6), and Star (6).
- The Cyberchip has been phased out. Scouts should use the Personal Safety Awareness training at <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/scouts-bsa/> for both Scout and Star ranks.

Eagle Palms:

- Scouts BSA will no longer have to wait three months between Eagle Palms. They will have to earn five additional merit badges and live by the Scout Oath and Law.

Merit badge with significant changes to content are:

- **Automotive Maintenance** – updated to include electric/hybrid vehicles (1c,d,e,f,g,h) (2a,b,c,d,e) (3c) (8a,e,f)
- **Canoeing** – major reorganization (3) (4b) (7) (8) (9)
- **Coin Collecting** – reorganization and updated for new/retired coinages (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)
- **Fire Safety** – safety updates (1c) (2) (4) (6b,c,d,g) (7a) (9a) (10a) (11)
- **First Aid*** – more hands-on (2) (4) (7) (8d) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16)
- **Golf** – reorganized and added disc golf option (1) (2)
- **Insect Study** – expanded requirements (2) (4) (6a,b) (12)
- **Journalism** – included social media (2a1)
- **Nuclear Science** – updated, more active options (1a,b,c,d,e) (2b) (3a,b) (4,4c) (6a,b)
- **Safety** – updated to include natural disasters (1c) (2c,d,e)
- **Skating** – added skateboarding option (1b)(2) (Skateboarding Option), Ice Skating Option (2b1) (2d2), Roller Skating Option (2c1)(2d2)
- **Surveying** – added use of drones (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
- **Sustainability*** – major reorganization (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)
- **Swimming*** – added correct demonstration of strokes (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)

Merit badges with minor changes include:

- Backpacking (11b)
- Bird Study (2) (4) (7) (8c) (9d) (11) (12)
- Camping* (9c)
- Chemistry (2c) (5)

- Cooking* (5 a,b,c,d,e)
- Digital Technology (1)
- Engineering (5) (6c)
- Fly-Fishing (3b,c) (10)
- Indian Lore (2) (3) (4) (5)
- Law (1) (5) (11)
- Mining in Society (8c)
- Photography (1b)
- Plant Science (8 Option 1: Agronomy E5c)
- Programming (1a)
- Radio (9a5)
- Scouting Heritage (2b3, b4) (3) (4c)

Merit badges marked with an asterisk (*) are required for achieving Eagle Scout rank. Overall current merit badge requirements are found at <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/>

The Guide to Advancement Section 7.0.4.3 addresses what to do when merit badge requirements change, and Section 4.0.0.1 addresses changes to rank requirements. This information can be found at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

There are detailed instructions for specific circumstances relevant to merit badges. In short, though: Once new or revised requirements appear, any Scout beginning work on a merit badge must use the requirement. If they have already begun work they may continue using the old requirements, or they may switch to using the new requirements.

For rank advancement: Once new or revised requirements appear, any Cub Scout, Scouts BSA member, Venturer, or Sea Scout beginning work on the next rank (or Eagle Palm) must use the new or revised requirement as stated there. If they have already begun work they may continue using the old requirements, or they may switch to and begin using the new requirements.

Tom Tyra
Advancement Chair
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Onward and upward, Scouts! Continuing to advance will help to ensure you achieve your Scouting goals all the way to the mountain peak.



Patriot Training Corner

As leaders within Scouts BSA, our commitment to training is pivotal in providing the best experiences for our Scouts. Currently, only 65% of our leaders are trained, highlighting the need for us to prioritize and enhance this aspect. Currently, 66 Den Leaders/Assistant Den Leaders and 119 Assistant Scoutmasters within Patriot District. are not considered trained These are direct contact positions and should be our top priority.

Why is training crucial? It equips us with essential skills, safety protocols, and leadership practices vital for guiding our Scouts effectively. Continual education ensures we can navigate challenges and create a safe, inspiring environment for our youth.

Whether you're a seasoned leader or new to Scouting, ongoing training is key. It's not merely a checkbox to complete; it's an ongoing commitment to growth and excellence in guiding our youth toward becoming responsible, contributing members of society. Scouts BSA offers diverse training programs catering to various leadership roles, ensuring access for all. From online courses to hands-on practical sessions, these training programs are designed to accommodate different learning styles and schedules.

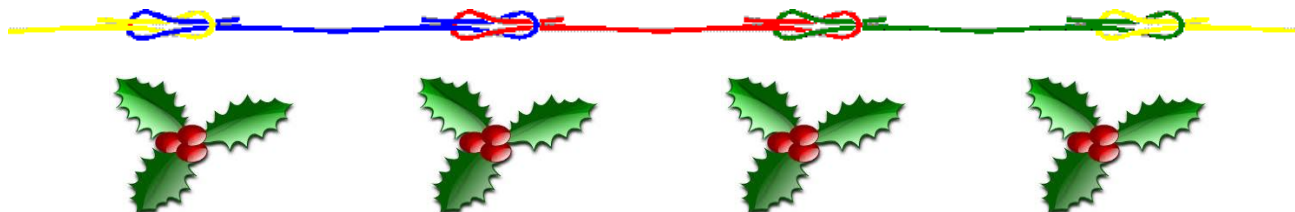
Let's close the training gap. Encourage fellow leaders to complete their training and begin the journey if they haven't already. Together, let's ensure that every Scout receives the exceptional leadership they deserve.



Thank you for your dedication to Scouting and for your commitment to continual learning and growth as leaders within Scouts BSA. Please reach out to me to better understand your personal or unit training status and how I can help move the needle on this important issue.

Yours in Scouting,

Rick Chandler
Training Chair
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The only use of an obstacle is to be overcome. All that an obstacle does with brave men is, not to frighten them, but to challenge them.

~ Woodrow Wilson (b. December 28, 1856)

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



Save the Dates Snyder Summer 2024

Cub Scout Camp

Rising Tigers to rising Webelos & AOLs.

Day Camp

Session 1: June 24 - June 28, 2024

Session 2: July 8 - July 12, 2024

Resident Weekends

Session 1: June 20 - June 23, 2024

Session 2: June 27 - June 30, 2024

Session 3: July 11 - July 14, 2024

Scouts BSA Camp

Specialty Weeks

Session 1: July 15 - July 19, 2024

Session 2: July 22 - July 26, 2024

Family Camp

All ages!

July 5 - 7, 2024

Registration opens in October 2023.

www.gotosnyder.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.



Summer 2024

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

Interviews start in January 2024.

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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

