



The Patriot Press



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From the District Chairman

This is a busy time of the year for families and Scouting. It seems like the school year just started and yet we are already finishing the first quarter grading period. Scouting is in full swing with units meeting, Scouts advancing in rank, and everyone camping. At the District level our Cub Scouts attended the first ever Cub-O-Ree and Scouts BSA conducted a huge Camporee with 403 Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and adults participating. Both events were held at Camp Snyder in Haymarket. Additionally, the training committee under the leadership of Justin Day conducted a BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) training session for Cub Scout leaders and the IOLS (Individual Outdoor Leader Skills) course for Scouts BSA leaders.

In Patriot District, we have had a strong and rewarding Scout relaunch program as we began to meet again in person and resume outdoor activities. Now it is time to focus on winter activities. The next NCAC/Patriot District event is Scouting for Food, which takes place the first two weekends this month. For this activity, each unit is asked to collect food and turn it in at the District/Counsel collection point. The Scouting for Food event speaks to the core mission of Scouting, to “help other people at all times,” and to “do a good turn daily.” The food we collect is desperately needed by the food banks that distribute food in our community. During the pandemic local food banks have been able to meet the challenge only because of religious and civic organizations supporting them. Our efforts continue to stop hunger for families in need in our communities. Dan Brunk is the District Scouting for Food Coordinator, and he can be reached at daniel.brunk@yahoo.com or (571) 723-3267.

Another activity I ask that adult leaders at the unit, committee, and Commissioner levels of Patriot District to plan to attend is the annual University of Scouting. It is tentatively scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 26, 2022, in person at Hayfield High School. At the University of Scouting, attendees can take courses in over a hundred subjects that they feel will help them as adult leaders. Courses cover a wide range of Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, and other topics. I ask that each unit gather a group of adults and plan to attend. Each attendee can take the classes they desire, and by the end of the day your unit will have more qualified adults educated in several different areas to support unit activities.

The last topic I want to focus on is the activity of the Patriot District Nominating Committee. The committee is led by three Scouters. Its mission is to retain and recruit Scouters to serve on the District level committee. The Nominating Committee members are Justin Day, PatriotTrainingBSA@gmail.com at (540) 308-1626, Joe Margraf, joedenisemargraf@aol.com at (703) 314-1622, and our District Executive, Bobby Walker, bobby.walker@scouting.org at (434) 429-4112. Please contact them to volunteer to join our Committee and and/or to provide them with names and contact information of other prospective new committee volunteers.

Let’s continue to work hard as a team as we plan for winter Scouting activities.

Bill Dexter
Patriot District Committee Chair





From the District Commissioner

Happy November! It's the season for Scouting for Food, Thanksgiving, and the start of cooler weather activities. We are hoping to continue our return to normal Scouting activities as Covid infection rates decline and vaccines become available for most of our youth members. But for now we must still maintain appropriate precautions, especially for in-person indoor events. As Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner Joe Margraf often says as he closes meetings, "let's keep it safe out there!"

We are finishing our annual rechartering cycle. Some of us may have been a bit optimistic that there wouldn't be many bugs as units all over the country began using BSA's new online rechartering software, but compared to previous rechartering cycles, this one still seemed on the whole to go better. Thank you to all the Packs, Troops, and Crews that persevered and finished the roster update portion of the recharterers. For the handful of units who are still not finished, please wrap up ASAP. Your Unit Commissioner will also be reaching out to you over the next month or so to help you complete your 2021 Journey to Excellence scorecard. If you have any issues with rechartering, reach out to your Unit Commissioner, Deputy District Commissioner Lee Cass, or me for help. We may not have all the answers, but at least we generally know where to find them.

Fall recruiting is also starting to wrap up. Many of our Cub Packs had very strong recruiting, and our District's overall membership is almost back to its 2019 level. But it's not too late to bring on new member; after all, Scouting is a year-round program! And that advice applies not only to Cub Packs, but also to Troops: there is no requirement that a new Scout start in March or be a Cub Scout before joining Scouts BSA. If you don't believe me, ask any Eagle Scout from our District's fantastic Girl Troops!

It's also the time of year when our Arrow of Light Scouts are looking for a Troop to join. When I was running the District's AoL-to-Scout transition program for several years, I always recommended that each AoL Scout visit at least three Troops before making a crossover decision. We have lots of great Troops out there, each with its own distinct "personality." AoLs are maturing quickly and should have a say in deciding where they will feel most comfortable continuing their Scouting adventure, rather than all AoLs in a Pack just moving to the "default" feeder Troop as a group.

To help our AoLs get information about Scouts BSA and meet some Troops, we are holding a virtual Road to Scouting program on November 11, the evening of our regular monthly District Roundtable. All participating AoLs and parents will get information about the Scouts BSA program, Patriot District Troops, and the opportunity to see Scouts describe the adventures that await after crossover. Information and sign-up instructions have already gone out to Pack and Troop leaders, and they are also available in this issue of the Patriot Press. We encourage every AoL and their parents to join this Zoom event and learn more about our incredible Scouts BSA Troops.

As I reflect on our blessings during this Thanksgiving season, one of them is definitely how many young lives we are positively impacting through Scouting. Thank you to all our dedicated leaders and parents for everything you do!

Ken Gaul
Patriot District Commissioner



Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot



November 2021

- 6 Scouting for Food Flyer Distribution
- 6-7 IOLS (Camp Snyder)
- 9 Commissioner Meeting (*Remote*)
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 Roundtable: Road to Scouting (*Remote*)
- 13 Scouting for Food Pickup
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 19-21 Family Camp Program (Camp Snyder)
- 20 Akela's Trail (formerly Pow Wow) *via Zoom*
- 20 Scouts BSA and Webelos Expo (Camp Snyder)
- 23 PD Committee Meeting
- 25 Thanksgiving

December 2021

- 3-4 OA Trade-a-Ree (Camp Snyder)
- 9 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Joint Commissioner / PD Committee Meeting (*Tentative*)
- 25 Christmas

January 2022

- 1 New Year's Day
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 14-17 NYLT Winter Session, Part 1 (Camp Snyder)
- 21-23 NYLT Winter Session, Part 2 (Camp Sbyder)
- 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





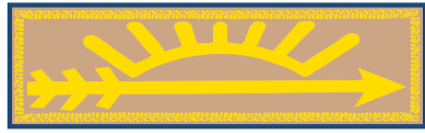
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JOINT CUB SCOUTS AND SCOUTS / BSA NOVEMBER ROUNDTABLE

The Patriot District “Virtual Road to Scouting” 2021

Calling all AoL Scouts, Parents and Leaders!



Learn what **Scouts BSA** is all about!

Meet area **Troops and Scouts BSA - virtually!**

WHAT: Patriot District “Virtual Road to Scouting” 2021
(AoLs to Scouts BSA Transition Seminar)

WHEN: Thursday, November 11th - 7:45 – 9:15 pm
7:30 PM – Roundtable regular opening and announcements
(including SFF and Goshen camping presentation)
7:45 PM – Road To Scouting Welcome - Introductions & Housekeeping
7:50 PM – Arrow of Light to Scout Transition Presentation
8:00-9:15 PM –Troop Presentations

WHERE: ZOOM (*Invite to be sent out in separate email*)

Register in advance:

https://ncacbsa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0vde6uqTouG9CDef7hx1aaFqRb_wseTNJ-%20

WHY: Arrow of Light Scouts are almost ready to graduate from Cub Scouting.
Scouts BSA is the next fantastic step on the Scouting trail.
Come learn about the fun of Scouts BSA, how it’s different from Cub Scouting,
and how to go about finding a Troop that is a good fit for each Scout.

HOW: Just go to your computer to watch and listen to all the great Troops in the Patriot District

***Our Patriot District Scouts BSA Troops will talk about their Troops
to the participating AoL Scouts, Parents & Leaders.***

These Troops will give you a sense of the adventure that awaits you in Scouts/BSA!

- The Troops’ Senior Patrol Leaders will give you the “411” on their Troop
- They will talk about what sort of activities their troop does each year, where their Troop meets, their meeting date/time, and recruiting events
- A Troop flyer that will be sent out to all AOL Parents & Leaders

Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner: Cory Okouchi – cweskridge@gmail.com

Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner: Joe Margraf – joedenisemargraf@aol.com – (703) 314-1622

Scouter Interview: Bobby Walker, Patriot District Executive

Patrick Ring

Bobby Walker is the Patriot District Executive, a professional Scouter responsible for supporting a wide range of activities important to all Patriot District units. He joined the staff of the National Capital Area Council (NCAC) in June. Bobby is a native of Danville, Virginia, and a graduate of Bridgewater College, where he majored in Business with an emphasis on Marketing. I recently interviewed Bobby to discuss his early experiences and selected details regarding the District Executive position.



Patrick Ring (PR): What are the principal roles and responsibilities of a BSA District Executive?

Bobby Walker (BW): The District Executive is a professional Scouter employed by the Council to support a particular District in providing for a healthy Scouting program in the community. This includes building relationships with community and business leaders to identify, recruit, train, guide and inspire them to become involved with Scouting.

PR: What motivated you to become a professional Scouter and NCAC District Executive?

BW: Assuming the position of NCAC District Executive was brand new to me because I was not a Scout when growing up. But I recognized that becoming a District Executive would enable me to provide children and teenagers an outlet in life for becoming special and letting them know that someone cares for them.

PR: How have your observations of Scouting in action over your first five months as our District Executive expanded your view of the value of Scouting to participating youth? How has your outlook changed?

BW: Coming into this role I didn't know what to expect. But I have quickly learned a lot thanks to the District Committee and my Field Director, Tonya Dobbins. Seeing kids at Day Camp doing various activities without a care in the world, but knowing they are safe means a lot to me and showed me the reason for my work.

PR: What are the most notable challenges you see facing the Scouting program in the Patriot District?

BW: One of those challenges is increasing the number of minority Scouts because the current number is not where I would like for it to be. Mr. Bryant Butler from Troop 1965 is helping me with that effort.

PR: What are potential approaches to overcoming that challenge?

BW: Understanding the community and how it's different from yesterday and will be different again tomorrow. We have to adapt to the Scouts of today, so that tomorrow they can become effective leaders in the community.

PR: Over your first few months as a professional Scouter, what experiences have you found to be most enlightening and rewarding?

BW: Day camp was the most enlightening to me because I watched Cub Scouts improve day to day as they enjoyed the many camping activities. Some started Monday and couldn't get to the top of the rock-climbing wall, but by Friday they were able to reach the top! For me, that emphasized the importance of NEVER SAY NEVER!

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

Patriot District Fall Camporee: A Great Escape for Scouts

More than 400 Scouts and Scouters participated in a fun-filled Patriot District Fall Camporee at Camp Snyder on October 15-17. The 285 Scout participants included 144 Scouts from the Patriot District, 128 Scouts from Old Dominion District, and 13 Scouts from Chain Bridge District. Among these Scouts were 23 non-camping Webelos Scouts who participated in a range of camporee activities. Camporee administration and execution were supported by a staff of 118 adult Scouters and parents.

Participating Scouts and troops started arriving late Friday afternoon, a warm early fall evening, and the Scouts promptly went to work with enthusiastic energy as they set up their campsites for the weekend. By sundown, about an hour later, the camporee field was a sea of color with dozens of tents and dining tarps lined up on both sides of the field. At 9:00 PM all troop Senior Patrol Leaders and Scoutmasters gathered for an organizational meeting, followed by a hearty Cracker Barrel, sponsored by the NCAC Endowment Committee, that included Scout Dutch Oven peach cobbler for dessert.

Saturday morning events started early under a beautiful sunlit sky as Scouts assembled by unit on the parade field adjacent to the dining hall for the camporee opening ceremony. Troops 1533B and 1533G provided the Color Guard. Eagle Scout Colleen Harrington from Troop 1533G served as the camporee Senior Patrol Leader. Adair Petty from Old Dominion District was the official bugler. Camporee Director Bill Dexter provided opening remarks and an overview of the many activities planned for the day. Following the ceremony, Scouts dispersed to activity sites across the vastness of Camp Snyder to participate in a day of Scouting challenges and fun.



Opening Ceremony Color Guard

The theme for the camporee was *Escape Room*. Groups of about 12 Scouts each were challenged to work through a series of COPE challenge games, developed by John Merchant, to complete the event. The group was critiqued by a monitor on their team-building and communications skills as they worked to overcome each challenge. Another *Escape Room* was set up at the pirate ship by Eagle Scout Michael Harrington, Troop 1533B. It required special attention to details to solve the riddles and successfully escape. The competing teams of Scouts were challenged, befuddled, and entertained as they worked, but they prevailed.

Scouts also had an opportunity to engage in a variety of Scouting Adventure activities, including the climbing wall, archery, air rifle marksmanship using competition-grade air rifles, and sling shots. The rifle marksmanship, archery, and sling shots stations extended their operating hours through lunch, and again in the early evening, so that additional Scouts could enjoy these shooting activities.

The camporee also featured opportunities for advancement for younger Scouts. For Scouts needing to advance to the ranks of Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, or 1st Class, skills advancement stations were available for fulfilling the following requirements.

Tenderfoot: Tools, requirements 3a, 3b, and 3c; and First Aid, requirement 4a.

2nd Class: Knots, requirements 2f and 2g; First Aid, requirement 6a; Navigation, requirements 3a and 3b. (Special note: Meeting Navigation requirements required a five-mile hike lasting over two hours. The hike was led by Sarah McKee, our former District Executive and now a Scouter volunteer member of the Patriot District Committee. After receiving map and compass instruction, the hikers headed out, first trekking for 1.5 miles along the Camp Snyder Nature Trail and then navigating 3.5 miles across the camp

grounds using a map and compass. Although wearied by the experience, the Scouts felt a real sense of accomplishment on completing ordeal.

1st Class: Tools (knots and lashings) requirements 3a, 3b, 3c, and 3d; Nature (weather) requirements 5b, 5c, and 5d; First Aid requirements 7a and 7b; and First Aid (CPR) requirement 7c.

An additional offering at the camporee was the opportunity to earn the Geocaching merit badge. Seven Scouts completed the merit badge during the camporee, with Richard Harrington serving as the merit badge counselor.

Weather for Patriot District fall camporees can sometimes be challenging, as veteran Scouters know well. For this year's event, the weather was ideal on Friday night, throughout Saturday morning, and into the early afternoon. But at about 2 PM a heavy rainstorm and intense winds hit the area, although without accompanying thunder and lightning. Scouts quickly took shelter in camp buildings for about two hours until the rainstorm had passed. While high winds continued throughout the evening, because the Scouts had properly staked down their tents and dining tarps everyone weathered the storm with only minor damage.



Saturday Evening after the Storm

Unfortunately, the persistent high winds forced cancellation of the planned evening campfire. Other plans remained intact, however, and for the first time we were able to show a movie at a camporee. Scouts assembled in the dining hall after dinner at their campsites, and everyone enjoyed watching *Night at the Museum 2*. After a long, challenging, and enjoyable day, exhausted Scouts then returned to their tents for a good night's sleep.

Sunday morning started early with breakfast followed by assembly at the parade field at 9 AM for a special environmental project. Over 120 Scouts and adults fanned out across the camp and helped the environmental staff remove invasive species plants. In about one hour, 49 large bags were filled for removal. The camporee came to a close with a formal closing ceremony at 10 AM, with Scouts from Troops 1533B and 1533G again leading the ceremony. Xander Obruba from Troop 1533B was the Senior Patrol Leader for the closing ceremony.

Patriot District leadership appreciates and extends a hearty thank you to the numerous Scouters who served as camporee staff effectively supporting the event: John Merchant, COPE Coordinator, Short Term Camp Administrator and Medical Officer; Ken Gaul, District Commissioner and Shooting Sports Director; Adair Petty, Old Dominion District coordinator and Bugler; Pat Ring, *Cracker Barrel* Grubmaster and Sling Shots activity leader; Lee Cass, Administration and Assistant Commissioner; Bill Snowden, Photographer/Reporter; Gary Black, Photographer; JAE Engelbrecht, Assistant Commissioner; Jack Oliva, Assistant Commissioner and Rifle Marksmanship Instructor; Joe Margraf COPE Coordinator and Assistant Commissioner; Kelly O'Malley, Rifle Marksmanship Instructor; Mike Stonkey, Archery Instructor; Michael Harrington, Escape Room Challenge Instructor; John Cavan, Climbing Wall Instructor; Patrick Boyd, Climbing Wall Instructor; and Mark Greer as the Scout Advancement Program Coordinator.

Bill Dexter
Camporee Director



Fall Camporee 2021 in Pictures 1



Opening Ceremony



COPE Course Challenges and Fun

Fall Camporee 2021 in Pictures 2



Archery Instruction and Shooting



Air Rifle Marksmanship



Slingshot Range

Lawn Darts



Climbing Wall

Fall Camporee in Pictures 3



Advancement



Geocaching Merit Badge



Scouts Just Chillin'



Camping Field



The Comms Guys



Some of the Many Scouters Supporting the Camporee

Patriot District Program News

Registration is Open for Goshen 2022

Beautiful Goshen Scout Reservation includes three Scouts BSA Camps, a High Adventure Base and a Webelos Camp, all are located on the shores of Lake Merriweather.

Camp Olmsted: Meals are served in the beautiful dining hall; STEM programs are found in the Tech Center, and a full merit badge program is offered.

Camp Bowman: This is one of the last BSA Camps to offer week-long Patrol Cooking, which is “real” camping. Patrols really grow during the week here as they share camp duties. A full selection of merit badges is offered.

Camp Marriott: This camp offers a “heater stack” meal plan and lots of merit badges. It also has a specialty week focusing on Eagle-required merit badges.

Camp Ross: This Webelos Camp welcomes Webelos Scouts and AOLs. Its dining hall is beautiful, and the camp offers advancement and features lots of action areas, including a waterfront on the lake with fun-yaks, archery, BB marksmanship, handicrafts, and more.

Lenhok’Sin High Adventure offers a backpacking program for Scouts BSA at least 13 years old, with action and interpretive outposts. Action outposts include caving, climbing, stand-up paddleboarding, and kayaking. Interpretive outposts include mountain man, foxfire, and Robin Hood.

Visit <https://gotogoshen.org> for open weeks, detailed program descriptions, and registration information.

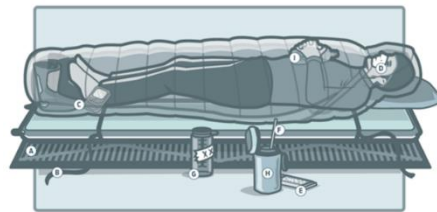
Cold Weather Camping

There is a great article in this month’s Backpacker Magazine on Cold Weather Camping.

<https://www.backpacker.com/skills/beginner-skills/winter-camping/cold-weather-camping-sleep-better-than-a-hibernating-bear>

Camp Like a Cold-Weather Pro

Check it out.



Weekend Family Camp at Camp Snyder

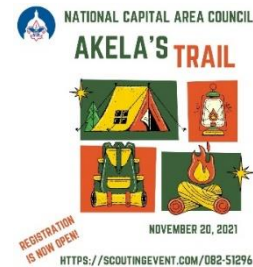
The last Council Family Camp Program weekend until the spring is November 19 - 21. Programs include Climbing Wall, BB’s, Archery, STEM activities and others. For more information and registration visit <https://www.gotosnyder.org/year-round-events/cub-scout-expo/> Scouts BSA and younger and older siblings can participate. Sign-up quickly, because these weekends with program activities are limited to 150 participants.

Mark your Calendar



Akela’s Trail – Cub Scout Training

Registration for Akela’s Trail, the training formerly known as Pow-Wow!, is open! Akela’s Trail is a 1/2 day virtual event that will be held on November 20, 2021, to provide supplemental training for Cub Scout Leaders, adults, and partners. Please pass the information along to everyone in your Cub Scout Units! Register today at this link: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-51296>



Wilderness First Aid 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, Scouters, and outdoor enthusiasts for high adventure activities and other outdoor adventures. Certification is provided through the American Red Cross.

This two-day course will offer day only instruction Saturday from 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM and Sunday from 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM. There will not be an overnight stay involved. Participants should bring their own lunch / snacks.

Dates currently offered: November 20-21 and December 18-19.

High Adventure Year-Round at Northern Tier

Check out one of the four Premier National High Adventure Bases in Ely, Minnesota. Ely offers programs year-round, both for individuals and for Crews. Check it out at <https://www.ntier.org/>. There are Canoe Treks in the Boundary Waters in the summer and the iconic Okpik winter camping program. Dates for Okpik 2022 are Session1: January 28-31, 2022; and Session 2: February 11-14, 2022.



John Merchant
Vice Chair, Program



OA NEWS ITEMS



Preparing for Election Season

Order of the Arrow Unit visits for OA elections officially begin in December, so now is the time to begin preparing. Our November Chapter Meeting on November 14 will include Elections Training. We need each unit to appoint a Unit OA Representative and Adviser. One of the jobs for these Brothers is to help their fellow Scouts by visiting other units to promote the OA and help them with their elections. The Lodge is still finalizing instructions based on National's latest guidance. It appears virtual campouts conducted after December 2021 will no longer be able to be counted toward the 15 nights of camping requirement. However, Scouts elected in 2021 will still have two years to complete their Ordeal.

A Fun Service Opportunity – Scouting for Food Central Collection

The Patriot Chapter of the OA has been asked to help at the central food collection point for Scouting for Food on November 13. This collection point is located at the Burke Safeway on Burke Center Parkway near Rt. 123. We will help the Cub and Scouts BSA units unload their cars and sort out the glass, dry goods, and cans into separate bins. You can start by helping your unit pick up the donations in your neighborhoods and then stay at the drop-off point to help unload cars. We will have donuts early on and then provide pizzas for lunch later in the morning at around 11:30. We normally finish up around 2:00 PM. This is a fun event. Please plan to participate.

Brotherhood Opportunity?

Are you an Ordeal member? Has it been more than six months since your Ordeal? Are your dues-paid, and have you continued service to your unit? If all of these are true, you are eligible to achieve the Brotherhood honor – it is easy. The requirements are to participate in a discussion about the obligation and symbolism of the Ordeal, and then participate in a Brotherhood Ceremony. If there is enough interest in holding a Chapter Brotherhood Ceremony, and if we can recruit four ceremonialists, we can do this. If interested, let us know at patriotchapter@wipit470.org

Chapter T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

At the ice cream social in October, the officers and others present chose two designs and colors for Chapter T-shirts and sweatshirts. These items can be earned by helping with Chapter activities, and they can also be purchased. Hopefully, we will have some to show at the Scouting for Food event on November 13. These items have long been in the works and are finally becoming real.

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) 2022

NOAC 2022 takes place July 25 – 30 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. This is the large gathering of OA members from all over the country that takes place every two years. See this link for a promo video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hD8OLAqnseQ> Registration for the Amangamek-Wipit contingent is now open. See this link for more details: <https://wipit470.org/noac.html>

Near-term Calendar of OA Events:

- November – Instructions for OA Elections and Unit Visits sent to Unit Leaders and Troop Order of the Arrow Representatives (TOARs).
- November 13 – OA Help with Scouting for Food Central Collection Facility at Burke Center Safeway.
- November 14 – Chapter Meeting – Election Training. ZOOM and In-person information will be sent to OA Members.
- December 1 – Early Bird Fee for NOAC 2022 ends.
- December 12 – Chapter Meeting and Holiday Fellowship – Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest.
- January 1 – Lodge Dues Due (Note: if your Ordeal was in the Fall 2021, your 2022 dues are already paid).
- January 8 – Lodge Banquet – Brunch at University of Maryland. Registration should open late in November.



Advancement Notes

The air is crisper, and the leaves are falling! You may have noticed more Scouting activity as we expand out of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, and you would be right.

At the end of October we saw Patriot District Cub Scouts earn over 700 advancements to date.

We have seen a 25% increase in Cub Scout Adventures with over 5100 Adventures to date. This is a 25% increase over the same period in 2020 so you know that we are finally getting out and about.

I want to thank everyone for what they do to make the program – and all of these advancements – possible.

As noted in previous issues of the Patriot Pres, the new Scouts BSA Guide to Advancement is available for downloading at this website: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

Keep an eye out for a new Life to Eagle seminar coming on Zoom in December.

*Tom Tyra
Advancement Chair*



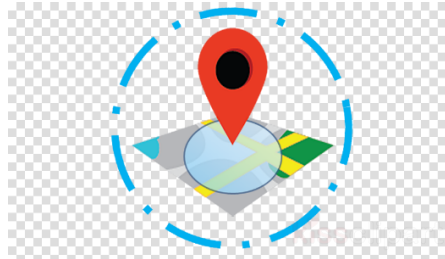
“I have never been lost, but I will admit to being confused for several weeks.”

~ Daniel Boone (b. November 2, 1734)

Get the Biggest Results for Your Units GeoFenced

It's not just for Cub Packs

Join Scouting Events



- (1) Get the information about your event(s) to Bobby Walker and John Stewart three weeks prior to the event. The information needed is: your Unit # and type, what the event is, where the event is occurring, when-Day and start and end times, and the why of course—to give the families young people opportunities to develop physically, mentally, ethically and experience the outdoors all while they are developing as the leaders of tomorrow. Scouting is a great program just waiting to be shared with the other youth in the neighborhoods, schools, churches, and children rising up out of pre-schools into kindergarten!
- (2) Once the GeoFence is posted on the internet (Facebook) get the word out to all unit families so they can do a couple of things: 1) they can RSVP for the event and you want everyone to do this. 2) they can share/push/like the event, and this again is something you want all unit families to do. The more folks who do the RSVP and push/like the event drives the internet algorithm for the social media website to advertise your event to neighboring families in the area with similar characteristics. The earlier your unit families start attracting attention to the event the more the event will get seen and shared with local families. Each day put a new comment/article on the event: ie Suggestions to bring something/wear something, what Scouting is about, what you'll get out of Scouting, new to Scouting Parent announcement, we can't wait, post for everyone to share the event.
- (3) During the event take pictures and get some testimonials. Have a couple of Parents share how they have seen Scouting benefit their Scouts and Families talk to the Visiting Parents,
- (4) After the event post pictures and testimonials on your unit website as well as share on the Patriot District website with our Vice Chair for Communications Rich Herrington rich@rhedpixel.com or on his cell at (703) 608-4852. These pictures, testimonials and even an article from your unit on the event could be shared with NCAC for visibility on the council website.
- (5) Yard signs with metal frames are still available in significant quantities for Cub Packs. Contact John Stewart for these signs as he has them at his house. Scouts BSA Troops if you would like yard signs please contact Bobby Walker to see if he can get any of these at this date.

Units can get GeoFencing scheduled for up to two Join Scouting events this Fall.

Take advantage of this great opportunity.

Our District Executive Bobby Walker Bobby.Walker@scouting.org can help your unit create great looking flyers for your event that even have a QR code unique to your Unit that will lead a family right to your Unit's information. At the event or after it, the family can use your Unit's information as they go to BeAScout.org to register for Scouting. You can use the following website to submit the required info to Bobby: <https://ncacbsa.org/jsnrequestform>. Again, submit your GeoFencing needs at least three weeks in advance so you can get the benefit of a whole two weeks prior listing for your event. Units are encouraged to plan on holding two Join Scouting events and to submit both events for GeoFencing. Unless you have some unique considerations most "fences" are established as a two-mile radius of the event location/or your unit's meeting location-school, church, community group...

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

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

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

Yours in Scouting,

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"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity."

~ George S Patton (b. November 11, 1885)

Patriot District Training Updates

Coming up in November is Akela’s Trail! Akela’s trail will be a half day of Cub Scout focused training via Zoom on Saturday, November 20 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Registration is open and filling up so please don’t delay! The link for registration is: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-51296>

If you have thought about attending Wood Badge, registration is now open for the Spring 2022 course, which will be held the weekend of April 29 – May 1 and May 14 – 15. Registration can be found at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49317>

Finally, don’t forget that you can attend training put on by any district so if one of our trainings doesn’t work for your schedule, be sure to check out the Council’s calendar to see what is available. The calendar can be found at this link: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/calendar/>



Yours in Scouting,

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MEN'S BASKETBALL SALUTE TO SCOUTS

<p>MASON BASKETBALL VS. Saint Joe's Saturday, January 8th 4:00 PM EagleBank Arena</p>	<p>TICKET PRICE</p>	<p># OF TICKETS</p>	<p>SUB TOTAL</p>
	<p>\$10</p>		

- \$10 tickets for Scouts and their families
- The first 40 Scouts to submit their order may participate in the on-court presentation of the American Flag during the National Anthem
- Each Scout will receive an exclusive patch

Processing Fee	+ \$6.00
GRAND TOTAL	

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Pack/Troop _____

How many scouts will participate in the flag ceremony? _____

Make checks payable to George Mason University or charge using

Visa/MC

Check # _____

*returned checks will incur a \$50 returned check fee

Signature _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

- Each Scout will get a patch.
- First 50 Scouts to register will be included in our on court promotion.
- Children 2 & older require a ticket for admission
- Visit GoMason.com for up to date information

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

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

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

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

SCOUT OATH

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

SCOUT LAW

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

