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From the District Chair Patriot District

DID YOU KNOW – FUN FACTS about your District:

These stats reflect the hard work and dedicated Scout Leaders we have in our district!

We have a total of 48 Units -

17 Cub Scout units 26 Troops 5 Older Youth programs (Venturing)

Last Year we had a total of 2010 Scouts:

960 Cub Scouts 1011 Scouts-BSA (Troops) 39 Older youth (Venturing)

In 2023, we awarded the following:

- 128 - AOL Awards
- 888 - Cub Rank Advancements
- 76- Eagle / Summit Awards
- 690 - Scouts/BSA Rank Advancements
- 2999 - Merit Badges

And finally – **65% of our Unit leaders are trained for their current position.**



And we had the Largest District Day Camp in the Council – 135 Scouts

Speaking of **TRAINING** – let’s try to have **ALL** of our leaders trained for their current position.

One way to do this is to **Register for the University of Scouting!** on **Feb. 24th** @ **Hayfield High School**

This is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year when 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!

Register and review courses here: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/the-university-of-scouting/>

What are you doing this SUMMER? WE NEED YOUR HELP! Why not help as a SCOUTS-BSA Youth Staffer at the 2024 Patriot & Old Dominion District Cub Scout Summer Day Camp.

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE ADVENTURE - Occoquan Regional Park, Lorton, VA - June 24- 28

Join us on STAFF as we set out on a five day Jungle Adventure!

You will be able help out at Archery, Sling Shots, the Climbing Wall, S.T.E.M., Scout Skills or Arts & Crafts And DISCOVER how to have so much FUN by helping out the next generation of Scouts!

All participating Youth Staff (5-day commitment required) will receive a \$100 voucher towards Camp Goshen or NYLT. Scouts will need to be 14 years or older to participate. AND Lunch is provided every day.

- **Adults:** Why not be a full-time staff Day Camp member. Your scout attends camp for **FREE!** (\$200 value)
- **Cubmaster & Committee Chairs:** To schedule a *Summer Day Camp Presentation* at your Pack Meeting, please contact us at: patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com

Will your **TROOP** attend the **Spring 2024 Camporee -Trout-O-Ree - April 5-7 – Syria, VA?**

Register at [National Capital Area Council - Prince William, Patriot, and Sully 2024 Trout-o-Ree \(scoutingevent.com\)](http://National Capital Area Council - Prince William, Patriot, and Sully 2024 Trout-o-Ree (scoutingevent.com))

As always have fun and let’s keep it safe out there.

Joe Margraf
District Chair
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From the District Commissioner



Happy Presidents’ Day! I hope everyone enjoyed (or at least tolerated) the few inches of snow we have had so far this winter. One of many old Scout sayings with a grain of truth is “the weather dictates what you wear, not what you do!” Scouting is a year-round program, and outdoor activities in cold weather can be just as much fun as in the summer. Just make sure participants have proper gear, know the [signs of hypothermia](#), and make sure to have the hot chocolate ready afterwards!

Journey to Excellence Scorecards

The majority of our units have turned in their [2023 JTE scorecards](#). If you haven’t, please complete the scorecard and submit it to your Unit Commissioner, Lee Cass or me. It’s a great way to see how your unit stacks up against BSA’s standards and is a useful planning guide for areas to work on in 2024.

Blue & Golds, Courts of Honor



February is Scouting celebration month! Blue and Gold banquets are the biggest party of the Cub Scouting year, and Troops hold winter Courts of Honor during this season. Please invite your Unit Commissioner to your big event – we love to see Scouts having fun and being honored for their achievements! If you don’t have a Unit Commissioner or just want an additional friendly face, I’d love to attend your event as well, and participate (or not) as you deem appropriate.

Scout Sunday, Sabbath, Jumuah

Every February Scouts all over the United States do their Duty to God by participating in a Scout commemoration at their place of worship. If your unit is chartered by religious institution, please reach out and offer a visible presence at a service. Scout Sunday (Feb. 11), Scout Sabbath and Jumuah (Feb 9/10) can be observed any time during the month that’s convenient and appropriate for the institution. Scouts might usher or collect the offering, do a flag ceremony, or set up a display, lead a reading or prayer, give a short speech to thank the chartering organization for its support, or just attend a service in uniform. If your family worships at a place that does not sponsor Scouts, you can also attend in uniform to demonstrate the last point of the Scout Law, “A Scout is Reverent.”



University of Scouting

As noted on page 15 in this issue, **NCAC’s annual University of Scouting** will be held on Feb. 24th at Hayfield Secondary School. This is a fantastic training event for all Scout leaders, with hundreds of courses to choose from that cover literally every aspect of Scouting. [Registration is open here](#). I’ll be there both as an instructor and a student, and I hope to see you too!

Ken Gaul

Patriot District Commissioner

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Patriot District Events

Patriot District Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

February 2024

- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 19 President’s Day Washington’s Birthday
- 24 University of Scouting at Hayfield High School
- 27 Patriot District Committee Meeting



March 2024

- 1 OA Lodge Ceremonies workshop
- 2 Pinewood Derby at Living Savior Lutheran Church
- 9 Commissioner College
- 9-10 BALOO Prince William District
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 26 Patriot District Committee Meeting

April 2024

- 5-7 Spring Camporee Trout-o-Ree, Syria, VA
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12-14 Wood Badge (and 4-5 MAY)
- 12-14 IOLS at Camp Snyder
- 20 Youth Mental Health First Aid
- 20-21 Camp Snyder Family Weekend
- 26 Patriot District Committee Meeting



Patriot District Facebook

Follow Patriot District Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict/>

NCAC Join Scouting Resources: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/unit-resources/>

NCAC training link: [Training - National Capital Area Council \(ncacbsa.org\)](https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/)
[Position Specific Courses | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](https://www.scouting.org/training/)

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





Every Troop and Pack should be represented at Roundtable!

Patriot District Cub Scout Roundtable

SUPPORT OTHER SCOUTERS



LET OTHER SCOUTERS
SUPPORT YOU

All Cub Scout Leaders, are invited to 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, February 8, 2024

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

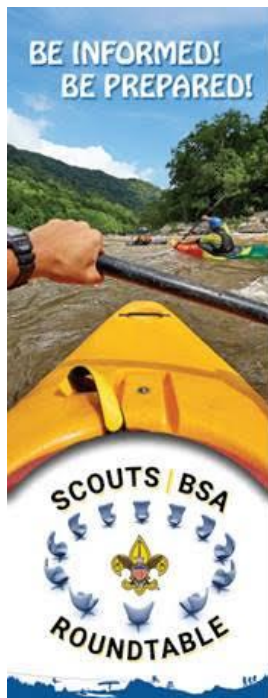
Social: 7:30 PM Midway: 7:45 PM

Roundtable: 8:00 – 9:00 PM

Topics: Technology Resources, Guide to Safe Scouting, Delegation

Word of the Month: KIND

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Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, February 8, 2024

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

Social: 7:30 PM Midway: 7:45 PM,

Roundtable: 8:00 - 9:00 PM

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

**FEB Topics: Shooting Sports, Adult Training,
High Adventure Prep**

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Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioners: Vacant





Patriot District Safety Moment on Hypothermia

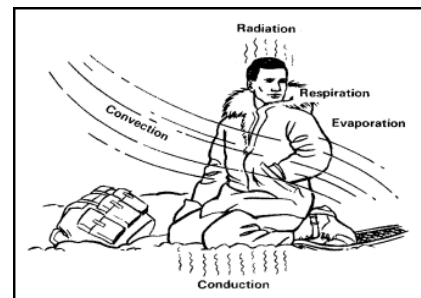
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/hypothermia/>

Test your knowledge!

1) Scouts can tell right away when frostbite is setting in and will take immediate action? (True/False)

Hint: Extremities have fewer nerve sensors

FALSE: Scouts often ignore or miss the warning signs that ears and toes are gradually experiencing frostbite/frostnip. Scout may not be experiencing Hypothermia symptoms when frostnip impacts!



2) Frostbite takes a long time to set in, you don't need gloves if you are only exposed for a short while. (True or False)

Hint: Extremities have fewer blood vessels

FALSE: It takes only minutes for exposed skin to become frostbitten if the temperature falls below 20 degrees Fahrenheit and the wind is blowing at 20 miles per hour or more

3) Scouts recover quickly from dehydration, it's not serious. (True/False)

FALSE: Your body requires at least 45 min to recover. Severe dehydration can lead to death.

4) Dehydration is not as serious or problematic during the Winter. (True/False)

FALSE: Since they are not visibly sweating Scouts often ignore or miss the warning signs of dehydration. A Scout experiencing mild Hypothermia will mask the symptoms of dehydration!

Winter Camping Tips:

1. Closed cell foam insulating pad provides more insulation and warmth than an air mattress.
2. Turn water bottle upside down, water freezes from the top down.
3. Socks that are too thick will restrict circulation, making your feet colder. Make sure your sock thickness is accommodated by your boots.
4. Sleep in base layer to allow your body heat to be trapped in your bag. Add a bag liner for an additional 8-15* warmth. Never bury your head inside the bag, breath moisture will make you colder. Protect your extremities and wear a hat covering ears.
5. Add an emergency space blanket inside the tent to reflect body heat.

[Guide to Safe Scouting | Boy Scouts of America](#)
[Safety Moments | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](#)
[Winter Activity Safety | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](#)
[Winter Camping Tips – Michigan Crossroads Council | Boy Scouts of America \(michiganscouting.org\)](#)





YMHFA Training is Coming Back!!

ANNOUNCING A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO BE TRAINED in Youth Mental Health First Aid

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

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

An in-person class will be held on **20 April from 8am-5pm**. The location will be the Holy Spirit School (8802 Braddock Rd, Annandale, VA). As of right now, there is no cost for the training as the county has received a grant for this course, but a \$5 contribution to offset the cost of snacks, water, and coffee is appreciated.

The class limit for both is 20; please sign up quickly.

- **Register with Mark Greer** at mfgreer@verizon.net and include your mailing address and a good phone number.
- All participants will receive a YMHFA certificate of completion and an NCAC sanctioned patch demonstrating the achievement.
- **Don't miss out! Don't Wait!** We can only serve 20 students in each class - register now for this essential training. To register, please email Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net. Mark can also answer any questions you may have.

Troop 1345 supporting Wreaths Across America at Arlington Cemetery





Patriot District Program News

Goshen Registration for Summer 2024

Registration for the five Camps at Goshen Reservation at gotogoshen.org

The five camps include:

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

Register early to get your preferred dates and camps.

NOTE: one week of Camp Ross is already full!

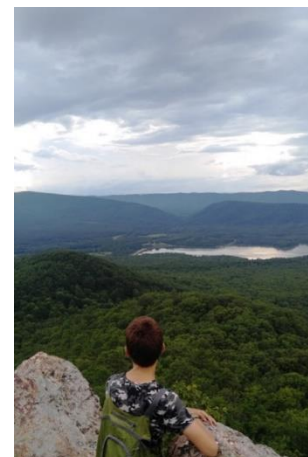
Camp Snyder Registration for Summer 2024

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.



Patriot/Old Dominion Cub Scout Day Camp JUNE 24-28

The Day Camp Theme for 2024 is “Jungle Adventure.” It will be a fun-filled week with lots of learning and challenges for the Cub Scouts. The District Camp team is eager to present Jungle Adventure at your Pack Meeting to get the Scouts and Adults excited about Day Camp and have some fun, send an email to patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com.



Registration is now open at

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-78675>

Not with a Cub Pack? Volunteer for Staff – It’s a Blast! Help run Nature, S.T.E.M, Archery, Climbing Wall, and more ...

Contact Camp Leadership at patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com.



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

This valuable training is required for at least one adult leader on each BSA High Adventure, including Goshen’s Lenhok’sin Trek or Canoe Adventure. There are spaces available, for the Spring Wilderness and Remote First Aid training at Camp Snyder, but they fill up fast. Dates for this Spring are **February 24-25, March 23-24, 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. Further information and registration at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-WFASpring2024>.



Short-Term Camp Administrator Training

Since 2019 All District and Council overnight events of no more than three days are required to meet National standards (NCAP) for Short-term Camping. A Short-term Camp Administrator (STCA) must certify that the event meets minimum standards, primarily for health and safety and BSA policy concerns. An STCA also works with the event director in the planning stages to avoid unpleasant surprises. In Patriot District we have had a number of Volunteers get trained for this position but **we need more**. Requirements to fill this position are: a) to be a registered adult at least 21 years of age and b) be certified as an STCA. 2024 training dates for this certification, which lasts two years, have been published. Upcoming training session **February 20, 22, 27, 29, 2024 – This is a weeknight course, held from 8 pm to 10 pm Eastern Time**. Must attend all four sessions to be certified. <https://www.scouting.org/trail-to-adventure-blog/registration-now-open-for-2024-short-term-camp-administrator-online-classes-national-camping-school/>



Pinewood Derby Is Just Around the Corner

Patriot District’s Pinewood Derby is fast approaching: March 2nd at Living Savior Church on Ox Rd. Get your cars revved up and looking flashy. We’ll see you at the track next month.

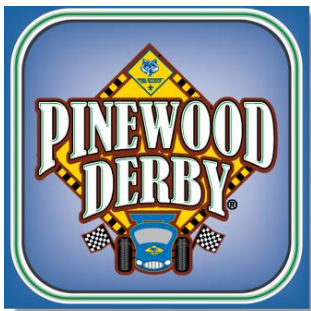
[Click here to view the Patriot District Pinewood Derby Rules.](#)

Details at [Patriot District Pinewood Derby \(patriotpinewoodderby.us\)](http://patriotpinewoodderby.us)

Each Pack must complete one form prior to February 25th! Each Scout's name must be listed and please be sure to provide a good Pack contact so we can verify your Pack's entry!!

[Click here to register your Pack.](#)

Volunteers Needed: We are always happy to have additional volunteers to help on the big Race Day, as well as for set-up (on Friday night and Saturday morning), pit crew, and clean-up. If you are available to help, please send an e-mail to us at PinewoodDerby.patriot@gmail.com.



Patriot District Pinewood Derby Schedule:

Rank/Den	Registration	Speed/Show Competition
** Setup **	8:00am to 9:30am	n/a
Lions	9:00am to 9:50am	10:00am to 10:30am
Tigers	10:00am to 10:50am	11:00am to 11:30am
Wolves	11:00am to 11:50am	12:00pm to 12:30pm
Bears	12:00pm to 12:50pm	1:00pm to 1:30pm
Webelos	1:00pm to 1:50pm	2:00pm to 2:30pm
Arrow of Light	2:00pm to 2:50pm	3:00pm to 3:30pm
** Clean-up / Wrap **	3:30pm to Finished	n/a



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

Zohra Sharief

Patriot District - Vice Chair Program

JOIN CAMP STAFF!



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

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

JOB REQUIREMENTS

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

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

ABOUT THE JOB

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

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



 Goshen Scout Reservation
www.gotogoshen.org/staff

Summer 2024

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

Interviews start in January 2024.





Patriot OA Chapter News February 2024

Chapter Meeting Thursday, 8 February, 7:30pm – 9:00pm St. Stephens UMC

Topics: All OA Members are welcome; Unit Reps strongly encouraged to participate

- Flag Ceremony – learn and do
- Review Upcoming Unit Elections
- Discuss upcoming Service, Fellowship, and Training Opportunities E.G.
 - Help at Pinewood Derby on March 2nd
 - Help Staff University of Scouting on February 24th



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.

If you were inducted into the OA somewhere outside our Council, whether recently or many years ago, you can transfer your membership to our Lodge at that same site. Just hit the “Click to Transfer Membership” button. You will be asked to fill out a form and pay your 2024 dues.

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 began Nov 1st and continues through May 31, 2024. 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.

If you have not already done so, and even if your unit has no eligible Scouts, please respond to the Lodge email about elections. Alternatively, especially if you have not been receiving emails from the Lodge about elections, you can send an email to patriotchapter@wipit470.org to schedule an election, or request a briefing on what the OA is about and a Camping Promotion or just to confirm the correct address for your unit.

The **Spring induction weekend (ordeal) is April 26 – 28 at Camp Snyder**. In order for your elected Scouts to take advantage of that, please try to schedule your elections prior to mid-April. There will be other opportunities for induction in August and the Fall.

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.

Not Receiving OA Correspondence?

If you are an OA Member and are not receiving emails from the Lodge or Chapter, contact patriotchapter@wipit470.org. We will add/correct information in the Lodge database. The database can accommodate several emails for each member – both youth and parent.

John Merchant

OA Adviser





Advancement News

Fellow Scouters,

A common theme with Advancement is doing and experiencing new things. From "Baloo the Builder" through Service projects we see Scouts and maybe Scouters developing new skills. Responsibility for keeping everyone safe belongs to us all.

The "Guide to Safe Scouting" and the "SAFE project tool use" are the starting point. The February 2022 version with online updates is current. Available at: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/>

The SAFE project tool use .pdf is an appendix at the bottom of the page.

Broadly though, powered cutting tools like jig saws and circular saws require properly trained adults and no Scouts. Age-appropriate hand tools are the way to go with Scouts.

However, instead of having an adult cut the wood for a project, you could take the Scouts to **Michael's Woodshop located at Camp Snyder**. They have the tools and volunteers to help with any scout woodworking project. Volunteer host monthly Woodwork Merit Badge and Webelos Build It workshops.

Full details at: <https://www.gotosnyder.org/rentals/michaels-wood-shop/>

At last month's roundtable I was invited to talk about the Life to Eagle process from a program management perspective. I frequently ask the Scouts for their thoughts on what merit badges should be Eagle required and why. Next month I'll offer their responses and you might consider them in your Advancement program.

If you have questions please drop me a note, someone else may have the same question.





Thanks again for all you do to deliver the Scouting program.

Tom Tyra

Advancement Chair

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AGE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES— PROJECT TOOL USE	 Lions / Tigers with Adult Partner	 Wolf / Bear	 Webelos	 Scouts BSA	Older Scouts BSA* Sea Scouts Venturers
Wood- and Metal-Working Tools					
Hammers, screwdrivers, wood sanding blocks		√	√	√	√
Pocket or wood-carving knives***		Bear only	√	√	√
Handsaws, wood chisels, wood planes, brace and bits				√	√
Small, handheld electric screwdrivers and palm sanders				√	√
Belt or large sanders (electric or cordless)					√



Patriot Training Corner

There is a lot of good training coming up, starting with the University of Scouting this month (2/24 at Hayfield Secondary School). University of Scouting is a nationwide program that brings a curated list of courses appropriate for leaders at all levels of scouting, from the newest Cub Scout Leader to grizzled District staff.

There will be several Cub Scout Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) and Scout BSA Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) sessions this spring (see table below). At least one BALOO trained leader is required to take Cub Scouts camping and a best practice is to have at least two or three on every Pack, Webelos or AOL camping trip. IOLS is required for a Scouts BSA adult leader to be considered “Trained.” In addition to the courses listed below, many Scouts BSA summer camps offer IOLS while the scouts are in merit badge classes, so if you plan to attend a camp as a chaperone, check and see if it is available. They do plan to offer IOLS at each session at Goshen.

Speaking of Goshen, if you are interested in helping to teach IOLS at Goshen, or teaching parts of IOLS or BALOO within Patriot District, please let me know.

BALOO

Host District	Planned Dates	Location	Registration Link
Prince William	3/9-3/10	Camp Snyder	PW QR
Chain Bridge	3/16-3/17	Camp Snyder	Coming Soon
Mattaponi	4/12-4/14	Camp Snyder	Coming Soon
Patriot	6/1-6/2	Camp Snyder	Patriot QR
Colonial	6/15-6/16	Gunston Hall	Coming Soon



Prince William
BALOO



Patriot
BALOO

IOLS

Host District	Planned Dates	Location	Registration Link
Mattaponi	4/12-4/14	Camp Snyder	Coming Soon
Old Dominion	5/3-5/4	Camp Snyder	Coming Soon
Colonial	6/15-6/16	Gunston Hall	Coming Soon

Yours in Scouting,

Rick Chandler

Training Chair, patriottrainingbsa@gmail.com





National Capital Area Council - University of Scouting 2024 (scoutingevent.com)



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

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

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

Registration: Please review the 2024 Catalog and make your class selections before starting to register.
[National Capital Area Council - University of Scouting 2024 \(scoutingevent.com\)](http://scoutingevent.com)





2024 Camp Cards Program

This year NCAC has put together a fantastic fundraising opportunity **FOR ALL Scouts**. Every Pack, Troop and Crew will make money if you get on board. The 2024 Spring Camp Card Program will help scouts and their units earn the dollars needed to cover the costs of their scouting program - (Unit dues, participation fees, awards, Blue & Golds, Summer Camps, etc)

The Camp Card Program has two commission structures:

-70% Commission when a unit pre-pays for 100 cards (70% Troop / 30% NCAC)

(Example: Troop 1 sends in \$900 and they receive 300 cards. Troop 1346 Scouts sell all 300 cards for \$10 each. The unit makes \$3,000 and they keep all the money!)

-50% Commission when a unit does consignment (50% Troop / 50% NCAC)

(Example: The NO Risk Option - Troop 2 emails the NCAC and says they think they can sell 300 cards, but are unsure or they don't have \$900 to buy the cards. NCAC will send 300 cards to Troop 2. Scouts from Troop 2 sell 200 cards at \$10 each. They make \$2,000 on the sale and then send \$1,000 and 100 unsold cards back to NCAC)

This year NCAC designed a Camp Card that is "simple but valuable." **The card is sold for \$10**. The two tear-offs alone have a \$20 value, and there is a bonus on the back where customers will receive a code they can use anytime. BSA has partnered with the Entertainment Card, so when you register your card online you'll be able to see savings and discounts from **over 500,000** businesses.

To participate in the NCAC 2024 Camp Card Program complete sign up form and email campcard@ncacbsa.org: [2024-Camp-Card-Sign-up-Form-NCAC-1.pdf \(ncacbsa.org\)](#)

Scout Card Timeline:

- December** Scout Card Promotions and Unit Sales Sign-up begin
- December – January** Scout Card Promotions at Roundtable Meetings
- February 7** Deadline for units to sign up and place order to sell
- February 13** Council/District Card Kickoff- (Scout Cards Distributed)
- February 17** Scout Camp Card Sale Begins
- April 12** Scout Camp Card Sale Ends

Please Email Bob Sweeney, Patriot District Finance Vice Chair to receive your Unit Commitment Form and ask any questions! RobertSweeney2@gmail.com

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Bob Sweeney
Finance Chair





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



Join us as we set out on a five day *Jungle Adventure!*
We will SWING over to Archery, Sling Shots, and the Climbing Wall
EXPLORE S.T.E.M. Scout Skills and Arts & Crafts
And DISCOVER how to have so much more FUN!



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

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

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

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

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

Adults: If you have a full week of free time available, why not be a full-time staff member! Your scout (*one scout only*) will attend camp for **FREE!**

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

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

Zohra Sharief, Patriot District Day Camp Director





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.

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, their 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.

www.gotogoshen.org



Save the Day!
Be a Superhero!
 at Camp Snyder Summer 2024

Cub Scout Camp Day Camp

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

Resident Weekends

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

Family 4th of July

7/5 - 7/7

Adventures! Advancement! Fun!

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

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Looking for programs for older campers?

Scout Specialty Weeks
 for Scouts BSA
www.gotosnyder.org

Goshen Scout Reservation
 for Scouts BSA, Venturers, & Webelos
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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

The Patriot Press, Patriot District National Capital Area Council

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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 jill.and.jay@gmail.com.

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Technology Policy based on the Scout Laws

Trustworthy

- A Scout is truthful with others online and is careful of the information shared.
- A Scout does the right thing when sharing and makes sure to have permission to share the words or pictures of others.

Loyal

- A Scout uses their phone or device in a way that adds to the troop or patrol.
- A loyal Scout is careful to post only appropriate photos or clips and would never want to embarrass others with personal updates or communication.
- A loyal Scout would not use a phone to exclude some Scouts from the conversation, for example with secret messages.

Helpful

- A Scout could use applications that can add to the outdoor experience, such as a star-map, first aid or GPS.
- A Scout should alert others to scams, cheats, and suspicious sites and point them to reliable sources of information. Encourage people to report bad online behavior.
- A Scout may use a phone to take appropriate photos of events or situations for the troop history or for personal memories.

Friendly

- A Scout could use their phone to assist someone else with information or access to communication.
- A Scout could use their phone to invite others to join Scouting or to remind fellow Scouts of important events and activities.

Courteous

- Ringers and alert messages should be muted — beeps, rings, and recorded music take away from the outdoor and Scout experience.
- A device should not be a distraction. Scouts should pay attention to the program and fellow Scouts. In a program or troop situation, a Scout should avoid checking their phone for incoming messages or emails, unless messages related to the program are expected. Consider using “airplane mode” and wait to check at designated free times.
- A courteous Scout does not interrupt a conversation with others to stop and check for inbound messages. The courteous Scout focuses their attention on their personal interactions, such as conversations in which they are engaged.
- A phone should not be used to insulate a Scout from the outdoors or fellow scouts. For example, a Scout should not use headphones during a Scouting activity. During a Scout outing a phone should not be used for entertainment such as playing solo electronic games, idle web surfing, shopping, etc.

A SCOUT IS

TRUSTWORTHY
LOYAL
HELPFUL
FRIENDLY
COURTEOUS
KIND
OBEDIENT
CHEERFUL
THRIFTY
BRAVE
CLEAN
REVERENT



- A phone should not be used to play music or videos — for themselves or for others — at an outdoor experience. Phone music at a campsite or campfire will take away from the outdoor experience for others.

Kind

- Not everyone can afford a smartphone. A Scout needs to be sensitive to others and avoid using their phone in a way that looks like boasting and makes other Scouts disappointed that they cannot afford such a device. This is no different from any other piece of gear.
- A Scout always treats people with respect while on social networks, playing games, talking, texting or in other digital activities.

Obedient

- When using digital devices, a Scout follows the rules and examples set by parents, guardians, teachers, and Scout leaders.
- A Scout abides by the rules on websites, services, devices, and games.
- A Scout is aware that different settings, events, or locations will have different rules for electronic device use.

Cheerful

- A Scout uses games, messaging tools and social forums to build relationships with others while having fun.

Thrifty

- A Scout recognizes that the phone may run out of power and learns to take measures to conserve power in the device such as switching to “airplane mode” to conserve their battery.
- A Scout should not become overly reliant on devices. For example, a Scout should be ready with a map and compass rather than rely on a smartphone GPS.
- A Scout is a smart consumer. A scout knows their voice, text, and data plans and uses them wisely, careful not to run up charges on apps and sites.

Brave

- The Scout should not normally be calling home or sending text messages back and forth with home. If the Scout thinks there is an urgent need to contact home, then they should consult an adult leader first.
- Parents need to understand and agree that they normally should not send messages or call their Scout while they are out with the program. Communication from home should be routed through an adult leader.
- Stand up for what is right. Do not participate in mocking or bullying others, even if others are doing it. Report suspected abuse to a trusted adult, like a parent or leader or call 911 as appropriate.

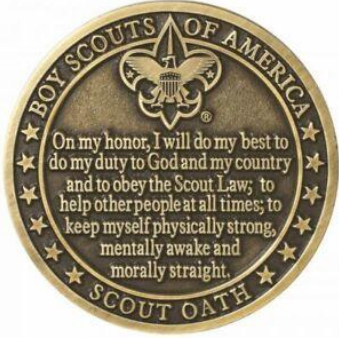
Clean

- A Scout uses clean language and only discusses appropriate topics when using digital devices to communicate with others.
- A Scout takes responsibility and takes care of their device against damage from dirt, drops, water or other hazards. Scouts protect against damage and keep gear in good, working order.

Reverent

- A Scout respects the feelings of others and would never use devices to spread irreverent ideas.





Scout Oath

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to

- Be **C**lean in my outdoor manners,
- Be **C**areful with fire,
- Be **C**onsiderate in the outdoors, and
- Be **C**onservation-minded.

Cub Scout Oath

X X C H E L P P E O P L E F Y W L
 F F J R J R S L R K D M X T A H L
 J E F Z O Y C G O O W X Z P E K Z
 P G T Y B N H S M K O K D O Z M H
 V G U J E S O Y C P H J U B V J Y
 Z O N P L D B H D O L H K Q O J F
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Scout Oath	morally straight	mentally awake
physically strong	help people	Scout Law
obey	country	God
do my best	do my duty	my honor

