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From the District Chairman

February is the critical month for our annual Friends of Scouting campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to raise funds to support National Area Council (NCAC) core operations. To keep yearly membership fees low, NCAC relies on charitable giving, with the Friends of Scouting campaign an integral part of its budget. The funds are used to pay utility bills, support salaries, cover insurance and other administrative expenses and provide “cash flow” to allow Council to financially run smoothly. Donated funds are spent on expenses within months of being received. None of this sounds exciting, but all of it is necessary. Also, Funds of Scouting donations to Council allow NCAC to run programs and camps at a reduced cost since much of the overhead is already paid for. An example is Summer Camps. Fees at Council Camps are a bargain compared to similar programs operated by other organizations. **No Friends of Scouting dollars are used to support or pay for the bankruptcy settlement Scouting is now involved with.**

At the family level, donations to Friends of Scouting are completely voluntary. Please, if your family is under financial stress don't feel any obligation to donate. As a young Scout, my family could never donate to Scouts. When I became an adult, things changed, and I now am thrilled that I have funds that I can use to contribute to the Friends of Scouting campaign. So, if you are in a difficult financial position, skip this year and join us in the future when you can.

While at the family level, Friends of Scouting is voluntary, it is mandatory at the unit level. Each unit is required to conduct a unit Friends of Scouting Campaign to help raise funds for Council. It starts by appointing a unit coordinator, arranging a presentation from a District representative, and then conducting a follow-up effort to make sure families considered Friends of Scouting. A representative from every unit should attend Friends of Scouting orientation via zoom on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 7 PM. This is prior to Roundtable. Use the same login for Roundtable to attend the orientation. Bill Snowden will conduct the session. The unit coordinator should schedule the unit's presentation with Patriot District's District Executive, Bobby Walker at Bobby.Walker@Scouting.org or (434) 429-4112. The coordinator should schedule the presentation at a unit event where parents are present, such as a Court of Honor or a Blue and Gold Dinner.

A team from Patriot District will come out a give the presentation. It will take only about 10 minutes. At the presentation, we ask families to make a pledge or donation either electronically or using the pledge card. In the week following the presentation, the unit coordinator, needs to follow-up with families and report what additional pledges/donations have/will be made. So far, 14 units have scheduled their presentation, and one unit, Troop 1131, has already held it. We need every unit to schedule their presentation by the end of February and conduct their event by the end of April.

In summary, Join in the 2022 Friends of Scouting Campaign. Let's provide vital support to NCAC and keep the costs for Scouting reasonable and the price of Scouting events, especially camping, affordable. NCAC depends on the Friends of Scouting campaign to provide a significant amount of funds for its budget.

*Bill Dexter
Patriot District Committee Chair*





From the District Commissioner

In last month's column, I wrote that sometimes it feels like we're living in the Bill Murray movie [Groundhog Day](#) when it comes to Covid-19. I'm writing this column on the real Groundhog Day 2022 (or is it still 2020?), and once again I have to begin with Covid-related adjustments. Most notably, our Council just made the difficult decision to make the annual University of Scouting on February 26 virtual-only, because Covid-related issues made holding a robust in-person, indoor program for 1,000 Scouters impractical. The good news is that the full curriculum planned for the in-person course will be offered online, and the cost of registration is reduced. [Registration is open now](#). This is a fantastic opportunity to get a day of high-quality supplemental training that will make you a better Scout leader and help you give your Scouts the quality program they deserve. I hope everyone will attend.

Our February 10, Roundtable will also be on Zoom, although we're guardedly optimistic that we will soon be able to transition our monthly Roundtable to a hybrid in-person/virtual format. This month the Patriot District's amazing Roundtable Commissioner team will once again be putting on an engaging and educational program for all leaders. [Register here](#).

The next installment of our District's Life-to-Eagle Seminar will be held on February 12. This is where Life Scouts, their parents, and Scouters can learn about the steps on the Trail to Eagle. We will also discuss changes to Eagle requirements and procedures, including the new [Citizenship in Society](#) Merit Badge. [Registration for this free Zoom seminar is open now](#).

Lest you think the Council and District only operate in cyberspace, we have some great in-person events coming this spring. Our District Pinewood Derby championship has returned! It will be held on March 5th at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Fairfax Station. And we're having an incredible spring Camporee with the Prince William District on April 1-3 at Graves Mountain in Syria, Virginia. Both of those events are discussed elsewhere in the Patriot Press. We'll also be hosting live training for our leaders, including Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills and BALOO. Patriot District Day Camp, with a superhero theme, is going to be a blast! And NCAC also has a full menu of activities planned, ranging from adult trainings like Wood Badge and Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS), to Scout-focused events like family camping weekends and a summer merit badge week at Camp Snyder. See the [NCAC calendar](#) for details. Goshen is running its full summer camp program this year, including a [provisional week](#) for Scouts who can't get to regular summer camp with their Troops.

One upcoming event we are working on that I'd like to highlight: on the afternoon of Sunday, March 20, we hope to host our first-ever Patriot District Spring Scouts BSA Recruiting Fair. This will be an outdoor event for our Troops to show off what Scouts do and provide information about their programs to prospective members. We'll be advertising heavily in the community to attract youth not already in Scouting (Webelos Scouts and friends of current Scouts are also encouraged to attend), but we need lots of support from our Troops to make this event a success. We'll have more information about this in the Scouts BSA breakout at Roundtable.

When you deliver the promise of Scouting, you're changing the world one child at a time!

Ken Gaul
Patriot District Commissioner



Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot



February 2022

- 5 YMHFA Training
- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 12 Life-to-Eagle Seminar (*Remote*)
- 12-13 Wilderness First Aid Training (Camp Snyder)
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 21 Presidents' Day
- 22 PD Committee Meeting
- 26 NCAC University of Scouting (*Remote*)

March 2022

- 5 Patriot District Pinewood Derby
- 5 BCOLS Training, Part 1
- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 12 NCAC Commissioner College
- 12-13 Wilderness First Aid Training (Camp Snyder)
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 20 Scouts BSA Recruiting Event (*Tentative*)
- 22 PD Committee Meeting

April 2022

- 1-3 Spring Camporee (Trout-o-Ree)
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 17 Easter Sunday
- 22-24 Family Camping (Camp Snyder)
- 26 PD Committee Meeting
- 30 NCAC Climbing Level 1 Instructor 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





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, February 10, 2022

Remote Meeting via Zoom: Connection instructions will be sent via email.

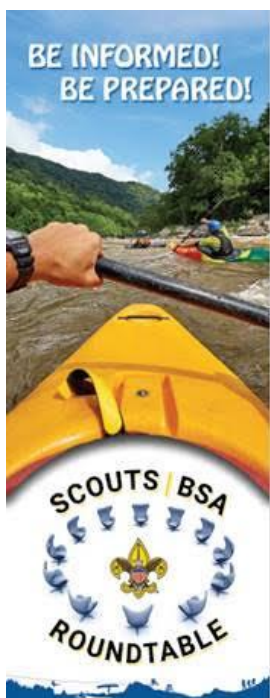
Midway: 7:30 PM (via Zoom) **Roundtable:** 8:00 – 9:00 PM (via Zoom)

Topics: Spring Camping and Recruiting, Cub Scout Pizzaz, and Derbies

Word of the month: Cheerful

Bring a treat to enjoy while we meet!

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
cweskrige@gmail.com



Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Remote Meeting: Connection instructions will be sent via e

Social: 7:30 PM (get signed in to Zoom)

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

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

Topics: Shooting Sports Opportunities in Scouts BSA
Guide to Safe Scouting

Joe Margraf, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner

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Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioner: Rick Priest



Scouter Interview: Cory Okouchi

Patrick Ring

Cory Okouchi currently serves as the Patriot District Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner, Pack 1346 Cubmaster, STEM Scouts Lab 605 Manager, and Lab 6022 Assistant Lab Manager. He is a recent Distinguished Patriot Scouter awardee.



Patrick Ring (PR): How and when did you first become involved in Scouting, and then later as Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner?

Cory Okouchi (CO): I earned my Eagle at age 13 in the Ore-Ida Council growing up in Boise, Idaho. After 2 palms I started working and stepped away from Scouting until my son was old enough to join as a Cub Scout in Pack 1346, at which point I started as an Assistant Tiger Den Leader. Additional roles just kept needing to be filled so I volunteered for them.

PR: Please give us an overview of your activities and goals in your position as the Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner.

CO: As Roundtable Commissioner my goal is to facilitate discussion of best practices among the Cub Leaders in the District, and to be available as a resource for leaders to reach out to when they need inspiration or are struggling with something, as well as to communicate new policies and procedures as they are released.

PR: What are some challenges facing the Patriot District Cub Scout Packs and do you have any suggestions for meeting those challenges?

CO: Our Cub Packs continue to be challenged by COVID issues and keeping all our families safe and participating. BSA is doing its best to keep up with evolving science and best practices, which we communicate as quickly as possible through Roundtable and District communications, But it's important that leaders take the time to listen to what their particular units are comfortable with, and look for ways to tweak meeting locations or schedules for the benefit of all. Leaders need to reach out to those families that haven't been participating to find out what their expectations are, and not be afraid to get creative.

PR: Do you have any advice for someone aspiring to be a Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner?

CO: Roundtable Commissioner is a great role that allows a Scouter to impact lots of youth through all the other leaders they help. It's a great opportunity to stay up to date with the happenings within the District and Council, as well as to be able to help provide a level of consistency to the Scouting program in the District.

PR: What are some of your most memorable experiences as a Scouter?

CO: My most memorable experiences as a Scouter are those times when I've been able to rely on my team to effectively execute an event so I could step back and take a moment to just observe the youth and the smiles on their faces, or to just enjoy some time and fellowship with all the amazing volunteers that are involved as Scouters. Our common vision of improving our communities by empowering our youth to live the Scout Oath and Scout Law continues to give me hope for the future, and I'm proud to be able to call many of the amazing Scouters in Patriot District my friends.

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



Friends of Scouting 2022 Campaign Underway

The annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign for NCAC is now well underway. All donations made or pledged to NCAC since December 1, 2021 will be credited to the 2022 campaign. FOS is an annual giving campaign for the National Capital Area Council that provides funding to ensure a quality Scouting program for every youth. FOS is the largest source of income for the Council.

Critical to a successful FOS campaign in our Patriot District is support from the Troops and Packs in the District. Specifically, units are requested to support the campaign by:

- Scheduling a presentation to the parents of Scouts in the unit. This presentation usually takes place at a Court of Honor at the Troop level and the Blue and Gold dinner at the Pack level. The presentation by a District presenter takes between 10 to 15 minutes, including a question-and-answer period. The presentation should be scheduled with our District Executive, Bobby Walker at Bobby.Walker@Scouting.org or by phone at (434)429-4112 soon, with the presentation held prior to April 30th, if at all possible.
- Appointing a unit FOS coordinator who will coordinate with the District presenter concerning the logistics of the presentation and then follow up with parents after the presentation to facilitate donations.

The Patriot District staff thanks the units in advance for supporting the 2022 FOS Campaign and we look forward to visiting each unit and working with all families. It is a new year for Scouting and change is coming!





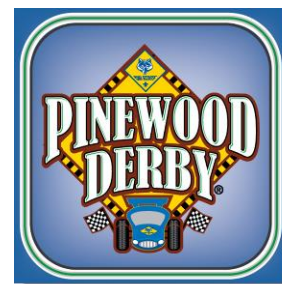
Patriot District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby



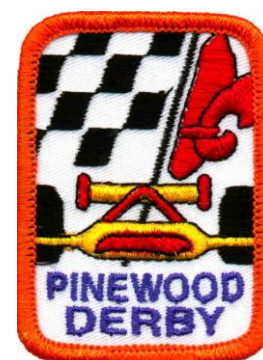
It's Pinewood Derby season!!

After a year-long hiatus due to COVID-19, the Patriot District Pinewood Derby will return on **Saturday, March 5th**, at **Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Rd (Route 123) in Fairfax Station.**

No doubt our Cub Scouts in the Patriot District are creatively, diligently and safely(!) carving, sanding, painting, tuning, and primping their cars for the pinnacle of Cub Scouting fun: the typically-annual District Pinewood Derby!!



Cub Scouts will compete in either Speed or Show categories, with their respective Ranks/Dens. Registration and competition times for each Den are as listed in the table below. All participating Cub Scouts should plan to arrive early enough to get registered within the period specified for their rank. Registration lines will close promptly at the time indicated in order to help ensure that the overall competition schedule for the day can be maintained.



Each Pack in the Patriot District is invited to register one Cub Scout in each of six age/rank categories, and in one of two event competitive categories (either Speed or Show). Each Pack may therefore register up to 12 Cub Scouts total (Scouts may not compete in both Speed and Show competitions).



The Pinewood Derby Committee has loads of typical Cub Scout silliness planned, seriously bad jokes, and a return of the TNT-like "starter-plunger" that gives each racing Cub Scout a chance to literally start the race. Rumor has it that Patriot District holds the finest Pinewood Derby competition in the DC area, nay, the entire country! (OK, we may have started that rumor but we're pretty sure it's true.) We look forward to having loads of fun again this year with all participating Scouts, families, and friends.

The Patriot District Pinewood Derby is not an open event and **all participants must be pre-registered** by their respective Packs. The registration fee for each participating Cub Scout is \$10.00. Your Pack leadership will know who in your Pack will be competing; please communicate with them if there are Pack-specific questions.

The rules and location/schedule information for this year's Patriot District Pinewood Derby can be found at: <https://www.patriotpinewoodderby.us/>

If you have any questions about the competition or rules, please contact Pete Griffiths, Patriot District Pinewood Derby Chairman, at (571) 466-8679 or at PinewoodDerby.Patriot@gmail.com.

Patriot District Pinewood Derby Schedule, 5 March 2022

Rank/Den	Registration	Speed/Show Competition
Lions	9:00 AM to 9:50 AM	10:00 AM to 10:30 AM
Tigers	10:00 AM to 10:50 AM	11:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Wolves	11:00 AM to 11:50 AM	12:00 PM to 12:30 PM
Bears	12:00 PM to 12:50 PM	1:00 PM to 1:30 PM
Webelos Scouts	1:00 PM to 1:50 PM	2:00 PM to 2:30 PM
Arrow of Light	2:00 PM to 2:50 PM	3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

*Pete Griffiths
District Pinewood Derby Chairman*



Patriot District Program News

Family Camping Dates: Camp Snyder

- April 22 – 24
- May 20 – 22

Program elements include shooting sports, archery, arts and crafts, climbing wall, and more



Goshen Family Camp

- May 27 – 30 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Wilderness First Aid

As of late January, all **Wilderness First Aid Classes** scheduled are “Sold Out.” However, they are looking into finding more ARC WFA Certified instructors. Any adult Scouter certified to teach Red Cross Wilderness First Aid is encouraged to contact Stephanie Messenger (Camp.Snyder@scouting.org) or Eric Smith (eric.smith@scouting.org)

Patriot District Pinewood Derby



Cub Scouts: Get your cars built, decorated, and tuned up for Race Days. All Cub units should have received detailed information about the various requirements and how to register. Hopefully, your unit Race Days are well under way. The District Pinewood Derby is scheduled for March 5th at Redeeming Savior Church. Registered Scouts are given a time slot for their races and competition for “Show Cars.” Volunteers are on standby to set up and help run the races and present the awards.

Prince William County / Patriot District Trout-O-Ree April 1 – 3

Start Spring Break out with a weekend of fun, adventure and learning. The Trout-O-Ree is opening weekend of fishing season when the Commonwealth of Virginia restocks many of the rivers with Trout and other fish. Learn to Fish, or if you are already a fisherman, enter the contests to see how many you can “Catch and Release.” Other activities include Climbing wall, Dodge Ball, GaGa Ball, Archery, and selected merit badge offerings. See full set of instructions sent to all units by our Grand Master of Camporees, Mr. Dexter.



Service Opportunities for Older Scouts and OA Members

We have had a number of requests for older Scouts and Assistant Unit Leaders to help out with various Scouting events. In most cases, these are all day events and Scouts are asked to come when they can and leave when they must. Wear your uniform but have a T-shirt handy if the work gets messy. If you can, please let us know in advance by sending a note stating your name and event(s) you can help with to patriot-program@ncacbsa.org. Here are some upcoming opportunities for Scouts to help:

- March 5: Support for Pinewood Derby. Help with check-in and weigh cars; help with staging cars for races; help judge the “Show Car” division. Help distribute awards.
- March 12: Commissioner’s College, at Holy Spirit RC Church. The organizers have requested about 12 older Scouts and OA members to help set up the General Session room, set up tables and

chairs for the lunch, help with the serving line and clean-up from lunch, and other support. This is a large event with visitors from all over the North East Region.

Climbing Certification

Become a climbing mentor for your unit and give Scouts the adventure of climbing on nearby natural rock. The NCAC Climbing Committee will offer April 2022 Climbing Level 1 Instructor Training on Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st at the Devil's Kitchen climbing area on Maryland's Sugarloaf Mountain. Contact the Course Director at ncac.climbing@gmail.com for details and to register for the event.

Climbing Wall

Are you looking for a "hands-on" way to promote your programs? Consider using our 24' mobile climbing tower, the Scouterhorn. Unit leaders can become trained tower operators, then rent the Scouterhorn for unit and District events. Contact NCAC.COPE@gmail.com for details. Please put Scouterhorn in the subject line.

Camp Staff: One of the Best (and most Challenging) Jobs You'll Ever Love

Goshen's three Scouts BSA Camps (Bowman, Marriott, and Olmsted), its Webelos Scouts Camp (Ross), its High Adventure Camp (Lenhok'sin), and Camp Snyder are accepting applications for Counselors and Counselors In Training (CITs). To be a paid counselor, a Scout must be at least 15 years old; to be a CIT he or she must be at least 14. Commissioners and some Program Area Directors must be at least 18 years old, other Area Directors must be at least 21. CITs are generally rotated around to different program areas to gain experience. You will receive training and be provided housing, food, and experiences of a lifetime.

More information can be found at <https://www.gotogoshen.org/information/goshen-staff/> and <https://www.gotosnyder.org/work-volunteer/summer-camp-staff/>

*John Merchant
Vice Chair, Program*



OA NEWS ITEMS



2022 OA Dues Are Now Due

Payment site for 2022 Dues is now open at <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>

NOTE: for those who completed their Ordeal in Fall 2021: Your dues through 2022 are already paid, it was part of the cost of the Ordeal. Ignore the Passport option; it has expired. Dues are \$14 until 1 April 2022 when they rise to \$16. The Chapter budget gets credited with \$2.00 for each member who pays their dues before 1 April 2022. Last year we received \$334 which helps pay for our Chapter Meeting refreshments and other activities. Technically, if you are not current with your dues, you may not wear the sash nor participate in OA activities or be considered for OA leadership positions or awards. You get a lot for your inexpensive dues, especially if you are active.

Election Season is Here

OA unit visits / Elections officially began in December, but they ramp up in January and February. Each Scout's BSA unit Leader and Committee Chair is being sent an email reminding them of eligibility requirements for Scouts and nomination requirements for adults. We are also sending a roster of current members for that unit and a listing of Scouts who remain candidates for induction from last year, but have not completed their Ordeal.

Unit Leaders: Remember Order of the Arrow members are members of your units; they are not a group apart; their priority is to support their unit. We need each unit to help with elections and communications. This is done by the following:

- Schedule your unit's OA visit/ election to take place before March 15th.
- Appoint an OA youth member in your unit to the position of unit OA Representative (UOAR) and an adviser to work with that Scout. The primary function of the UOAR is to act as a communications link between the Chapter and the unit. UOAR Duties include:
 - Participating in monthly OA meetings (the Second Sunday of each month 3:00 – 4:30 PM),
 - Encouraging OA Members to pay their dues,
 - Participating in Lodge and Chapter events when they do not interfere with unit events.
 - Informing unit members of opportunities associated with the OA, such as National OA Conference, OA High Adventure, and other opportunities beyond the unit.

Virtual Campouts conducted after December 2021 are no longer able to be counted toward the 15 nights of camping requirement. However, those elected in 2021 still have two years to complete their Ordeal.

NOAC 2022

The National Order of the Arrow Conference is scheduled for July 25 – July 30, 2022. It will be held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. The conference is a week full of training, shows, making connections with members from across the country, and a lot of fun and games. The Lodge is organizing buses, patches, and other things for the NCAC's Amangamek-Wipit Lodge. If interested, check the Lodge web site for more information at <https://wipit470.org/noac.html>. You can also download a brochure from there.



Near-Term Calendar

- Now – May 31, 2022: Unit elections (However we would like to finish by March 15)
- March 5 – OA and Older Scout help with Patriot District Pinewood Derby
- March 12 -- OA and Older Scout help with Commissioner's College
- April 1 – 3 – Patriot/Prince William Trout-O-Ree
- April 1 – 3 – Lodge Spring Fellowship
- April 29 – May 1 – Patriot/George Mason Spring Ordeal

One Final Note

An email was sent to unit leaders that includes a roster of OA members and remaining candidates from last year for that unit. It was primarily sent to help unit leaders prepare for the OA visit and election. It includes the dues status and OALMID (OA ID number) for each OA member in that unit. Scouts occasionally need to be reminded of their dues status and their OA ID, which is often required when they register for events.

Patriot District Training Updates

Happy February, fellow Patriot Scouters. Hopefully most of you have heard by now, but unfortunately the leadership of University of Scouting had to make the decision to switch to an all-virtual event for this year. It will still take place on Saturday, February 26th but all via zoom. If you have not registered yet, please consider attending as there will still be wide variety of classes offered. Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-uos>

Additionally, we have scheduled the Spring iterations IOLS and BALOO. Registration will open shortly, but for now, please mark you calendars. BALOO will be March 26-27 and IOLS will be June 4-5.

Continuing on the adult training continuum, registration for the Spring 2022 Wood Badge course is now open and filling fast. If you have not taken Wood Badge before, now is the time to do it! If you haven't considered taking Wood Badge, I would encourage you to learn more about the opportunity. It is well worth the time to attend and will make you and your unit all the better for it. The course will be held April 29-May 1 and May 14-15. Registration can be found at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-49317>

For those of you who have attended Wood Badge, the training opportunities don't stop there! The next step is to attend Leadership Challenge. The Leadership Challenge takes the concepts introduced in Wood Badge and has you apply them in real-world scenarios set in the outdoors. It is also a fantastic opportunity to network with Scouters from all over the country as these are national courses. There are two courses a year, with one being offered at Summit-Bechtel and one at Philmont. In 2022, the Summit's course will be June 19-25, and Philmont's course will be September 18-24. If you have any questions about this course, please reach out to me; I will be happy to share my experience regarding the course.

Summit Leadership Challenge: <https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/seven-day-conferences/summit-leadership-challenge-2/>

Philmont Leadership Challenge: <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/plc/>

As we all know, training isn't just for the adults. Our youth deserve amazing training opportunities as well and I am happy to say that the Council is busy putting together a number of courses for NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training). They will be offering a winter course and four courses over the summer. Registration for the summer courses is coming soon. The winter course is already full with a waitlist, but if you would like to add your Scout to the list, you can register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-51969-136865>

As with the adults, the training opportunities don't stop with NYLT. The youth also have a course similar to the Leadership Challenge called NAYLE (National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience). NAYLE takes the concepts introduced in NYLT and challenges participating youth with real-world scenarios to practice those leadership concepts. As with the Leadership Challenge, it is offered at both The Summit and Philmont. For 2022, The Summit is running two courses: June 19-25 and July 3-9. Philmont is running six courses weekly from June 19 to July 24. For more information on NAYLE, the links are:

Summit: <https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/seven-day-conferences/nayle>

Philmont: <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/nayle/>

Finally, don't forget that you can attend training put on by any district, so if one of our training sessions 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 the following link: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/calendar/>

Yours in Scouting,

Justin Day
Training Chair
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Patriot District Life to Eagle Virtual Seminar & Discussion Roundtable For Life Scouts and Parents



Saturday, February 12, 2022

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-PatriotLife2Eagle>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with containing information and a unique link for joining the meeting.

This meeting complies with [BSA Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities](#)

Zoom Seminar begins promptly at 9:30 AM; please log in a few minutes early

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What are the requirements? What counts as a position of responsibility? Where do I get a project idea? How do I get my project approved? How long is this going to take? How do I get the money for my project? What is a life purpose statement? How do I fill out the application? What role does the Council play? Where do I get more information? What are letters of reference? Who's on my Board of Review?



NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING



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TRAINING OFFERED IN LEADER-SPECIFIC
TRAINING.**

FEBRUARY 26, 2022

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To Join the Patriot District Committee Great Jobs for Great Volunteers

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

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Contact Bill Dexter: wtdexterjr@gmail.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 bsnowden419@gmail.com.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

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

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

SCOUT OATH

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

SCOUT LAW

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

