



The Patriot Press



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From the District Chairman

On a beautiful Saturday in September, Patriot District held its Cub-o-Ree at Camp Snyder. Participating Scouts and family members had a great time. Throughout the day I spoke with many parents and asked their opinion of the event and Camp Snyder. I received numerous responses stating how they enjoyed the Cub-o-Ree and were impressed with Camp Snyder. Scouts attended the six events for a modest fee of only \$20, and they enjoyed the climbing wall, BB range, archery range, and Gaga ball pit throughout the day. One mother remarked, “it cost more to take her child to a climbing wall for one hour at a non-Scout event.” And for only \$8 more, a Scout got to camp for the night and watch an outdoor movie.

I have watched Camp Snyder begin operation and develop into a great BSA camp over the last 20 years. It is a great all-use facility, and it is owned debt free by NCAC. Camp Snyder was funded with Friends of Scouting and Endowment donations. When people ask, where do Friends of Scouting funds go, you can point to Camp Snyder as one prime example.

FOS Final Appeal: This is my last article asking for Friends of Scouting donations. In the September issue of the Patriot Press, I reported that Patriot District had raised \$40,000 and we needed to raise an additional \$25,000 dollars to meet our goal for the 2022 FOS campaign. Since then, we have raised another \$12,000 and now need to raise about the same amount to reach our goal. We can make it, but **we need your help.**

We thank the dozen troops and packs that led the way in raising funds in September. We now ask the remaining units to follow through. **We need each remaining unit to raise only \$400 in October and November.** Last month I had to request \$1,000 per unit, but now we only need to ask for only \$400 per unit. The key to success is increasing the number of families that participate in the campaign. Unfortunately, our participation rate is less than 10%. A greater level of participation will allow Patriot District to meet its goal for our Council.

Participation in the FOS campaign each year is mandatory at the unit level. Each unit is required to conduct a unit Friends of Scouting Campaign and raise funds for NCAC. It starts by appointing a unit coordinator, arranging a presentation by a District representative, and then conducting a follow-up to make sure families considered Friends of Scouting. For units that have not held a presentation or would like an additional one, the unit coordinator should schedule a presentation with Patriot District’s District Executive, Bobby Walker, via email at Bobby.Walker@Scouting.org or by phone at (434) 429-4112. The coordinator should schedule the presentation at a unit event where many parents are present, such as a Court of Honor, well-attended Pack meeting, or Blue and Gold Dinner.

At the family level, all FOS donations are strictly voluntary. No family under current financial stress should feel any obligation to donate. But if you are able to do so, please participate in the 2022 FOS campaign and help us reach our goal. As a young Scout, my family could never donate to Scouting. When I became an adult, things changed, and I now feel thrilled that I have funds that I can use to be part of Friends of Scouting. Let’s work together to provide vital support to NCAC that helps to keep the costs for participation in Scouting activities reasonable and the cost of individual Scouting events, especially camping, affordable for all.

Bill Dexter
Patriot District Committee Chair





From the District Commissioner

We're Back at St. Stephens!!! Great news! Starting with our October 13th Patriot District Roundtable, we're returning to our traditional Roundtable "home" at **St. Stephen's United Methodist Church**, 9203 Braddock Road, in Burke. Roundtable is held on the second Thursday of each month, with midway and opening at 7:30 PM and breakout sessions that conclude by 9:00 PM. We have had problems with Zoom simulcasts of recent Roundtables, but we will try to continue them for the time being ([register here](#)). We strongly encourage everyone to attend Roundtable in person to be able to take advantage of everything the program offers.

Roundtable is your monthly Scout leader training and fellowship opportunity. It's a chance for Scouters at all levels to learn more about how to put on a fantastic program for our youth, exchange ideas, find out about upcoming events, and connect with other Scouters. There are program-specific breakout sessions for Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA. Every Pack and Troop should strive to send representatives to Roundtable every month!

We thank the Fairfax Elks for graciously allowing us to hold our Roundtables at their Lodge for the last several months. The Elks Lodge is also a fantastic place to meet, but St. Stephen's is a more central location for our District and is easier for many of our leaders to get to.

Rechartering: Hopefully every unit's recharter coordinator was able to attend recharter training at last month's Roundtable. The NCAC unit [Charter Renewal Handbook is available for download here](#) if you don't already have it. Your unit should be working on rechartering NOW. Some important points about member registrations during rechartering and year-round:

- **THE PROCESS IS LARGELY PAPERLESS** – register all new members online whenever possible. Attaching a zip file of .pdf paper applications to your recharter submission will slow down the process and increase the chance of errors. The online membership application process currently includes BSA fees for not only the rest of 2022, but also calendar year 2023. Don't forget to collect unit dues and \$2.04/year insurance directly from new members.
- **DON'T HOLD NEW MEMBER REGISTRATIONS** – BSA no longer permits back-dating of registration forms. This means, among other things, that any advancement (including merit badges) done before belated submission of an electronic or paper registration will not count.
- **DON'T EMAIL SCANS OF PAPER REGISTRATIONS** – BSA now prohibits this as a security risk. Emails with registrations will not be accepted by NCAC. If you need to submit a registration on paper, arrange to hand-deliver it to [Carrie Messersmith](#), [Lee Cass](#) or [Bobby Walker](#).

If you have any questions about rechartering (or anything else for that matter), feel free to reach out to your Unit Commissioner, ADC Lee Cass, or myself. We'll also be working with your unit leadership and COR to complete the Annual Recharter Agreement and Journey to Excellence scorecard.

As always, thank you for all you do to provide a great Scouting experience for your Scouts!

Ken Gaul
Patriot District Commissioner –
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Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

October 2022

- 2 Woodwork Merit Badge, Classroom Session (Camp Snyder)
- 8-9 Wood Badge, Camp Snyder (Weekend 2)
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 Roundtable
- 15 YMHFA Training (Camp Snyder)
- 14-16 Fall Camporee (Camp Snyder)
- 22-23 BCOLS Outdoor Session (Camp Big Mac)
- 25 PD Committee Meeting



November 2022

- 5 Scouting for Food – Sticker Delivery
- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 12 Scouting for Food – Collection
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 District Annual Business Meeting
- 24 Thanksgiving

December 2022

- 8 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Joint Commissioner/PD Committee Meeting
- 25 Christmas

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, October 13, 2022

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: JTE, Cub Scout Camping, Campfires and Campfire Programs

Word of the month: Friendly

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, October 13, 2022 (Hybrid Meeting)

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

Via Zoom: Register in advance for this meeting

Social: 7:30 PM

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

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



Topics: Philmont Leadership Challenge, Troop Summer Experiences, High Adventure Prep

Joe Margraf, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner
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Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioner: Rick Priest

Scouter Interview: Jack Oliva

Patrick Ring

Jack Oliva has spent over 20 years volunteering for Scouting, BSA. He has served as a Troop Committee Chair, as a Merit Badge Counselor, and as a Patriot District Commissioner. He supports various District activities such as camporees, where you will most likely find him at the shooting ranges volunteering as a safety officer. He recently received the District Award of Merit for his volunteer service. His other awards include the Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award and the NCAC Outstanding Commissioner Award. He is a Wood Badge graduate.



Patrick Ring (PR): How and when did you first become involved in Scouting, and then later as a Patriot District Commissioner?

Jack Oliva (JO): Unlike many others, I was not a Scout as a youngster. I really wanted to join, but my parents were not “joiners.” My best friend was a Cub Scout and each year he would give me his old books. I was amazed there were kids my age doing all of these things. Flash forward 30 years, and our second son was born. I then joined Scouts with our oldest son as a means to share something special. That was some 28 years ago and I am still here.

PR: Please give us an overview of your volunteer efforts in supporting the Patriot District.

JO: In the beginning, I started helping the Den Leader at meetings. Over time, my oldest moved to Boy Scouts and the youngest became a Cub Scout. It was not long before I joined the Troop Committee and, in a few years, I became the Committee Chairman. I did that for 10 years. Along the way, I developed a leadership training class for Scout leaders that I still teach twice a year, and I became a merit badge counselor for First Aid, Communications, and Public Speaking. Seven years ago, I became a Unit Commissioner and then two years ago an Assistant District Commissioner.

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

JO: I think the biggest challenge is getting adult volunteers to work at the District level, either as committee members or as commissioners. We have one of the best districts in the country, and that is not simply an opinion, the statistics make it clear. We have great units with exceptional adult leaders. Our District also has great leaders, but there are not enough of them. We do not have enough commissioners to take care of all of our units. We need some of the great leaders in units to step up and help at District level. It was the acute shortage of commissioners that got me to volunteer in the first place. I am still struck by how many great events for Scouts rely on a single person being available.

PR: What benefits have you received from your experience as a member of the Patriot District Commissioner Corps?

JO: I think the biggest benefit is knowing that I make a difference. In a unit, you get to help make Scouts better people. As a commissioner, I get to help units do that. The units are staffed with volunteers that have jobs and lives. When they have questions or problems, commissioners can help them get answers and navigate the administrative hurdles. Every minute we save them is a minute that can go back to helping Scouts.

PR: What tips and advice might you offer to individuals considering joining the Patriot District on the District Committee or as a Unit Commissioner?

JO: I'd quote a good friend of mine and say "be not afraid." All you need is the will to help. There are plenty of people here who will help you learn and help you be successful. We need you, you will meet some great people, and you will make a difference.

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

JO: I have to say the best was the Eagle Courts of Honor for my two sons. I also have very fond memories of 12 summer camps and the numerous outings with Scouts and the other adult leaders. These days, I get great satisfaction helping provide Scouts the opportunity to learn about using a rifle in a safe environment.

PR: Is there anything else you would like to share with fellow Patriot District Scouters?

JO: Get involved in your unit and at District level. Scouting changes lives, but not just for the Scouts. The adults that get involved also grow, and that can help families grow as well. Scouting became a fundamental element of my relationship with my sons. The shared experiences in Scouting developed a close bond between us that still holds fast today as adults. Along with my wife, we became a Scouting family. You will find rewards by getting involved.

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



**Merit Badge Counselor
RENEWAL**



The National Capital Area Council made position-specific training mandatory for merit badge counselors on November 1, 2021. Newly registering counselors had to complete the training before being registered. Existing counselors were given until December 31, 2022 to complete the training or they will be dropped for calendar year 2023. The required training is either the merit badge counselor course taught at the University of Scouting or completing the four online merit badge counselor courses.

The only current option for completing the required training before the December 31, 2022 renewal date is to complete the online courses. They are found in the BSA Learn Center on the home page of my.scouting.org. They consist of courses SCO 471, SCO 472, SCO 474 and SCO 486. The courses should take about 35 minutes to complete. This position specific training is a one and done. It is not an annual or biennial requirement.

With unit renewal season approaching nationwide, many people are accessing my.scouting.org to renew their Youth Protection Training. As we get closer to the end of the year, accessing my.scouting.org will become more difficult as more people try to access it at the same time.

Currently Patriot District has 388 registered merit badge counselors, with 186 not trained. We DON'T want to lose counselors for lack of 35 minutes of their time. Please have your counselors get the training completed sooner rather than later.



Patriot District Program News

Upcoming Events -- Mark Your Calendars:

- Oct 14 – 16 – Patriot Fall Camporee (Camping Palooza)
- Oct 25 – Patriot District Committee Meeting
- Oct 28 – 30 – Council Hike-O-Ree
- Nov 5 Scouting for Food – Sticker delivery
- Nov 19 Family Camp with Program – Camp Snyder
- Nov 12 Scouting for Food Collection

BALOO List of Campsites Approved for Cub Scout Camping is Being Revamped

The Council Camping Committee is developing a process to update, maintain, and make more visible the BALOO list of authorized sites for Cub Scout Camping. As covered in the BALOO training, units need to ensure that introducing Cubs to overnight camping is a safe, age-appropriate, fun experience for the young Scouts. For example, camping in Uncle Ned’s barnyard, or at a primitive site 20 minutes from the road, will probably not be approved as there is no access to clean water, toilets, or level campsites. The BALOO list has existed for several years but has not been updated recently. The new process will ensure that the current list is re-validated and new sites are checked out and added to the list. They will also be reviewing and re-certifying the current sites.

The current BALOO-approved list can currently be found on the Council Web site under Resources at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/approved-camp-sites>. If units have a campsite that they would like to propose to the BALOO list, this document will have a form to propose their site to the Camping Committee. There are also plans for units to comment on campsites currently on the list – stay tuned.

Registration for the 32nd Annual Hike-o-Ree is now open!

The Hike-o-Ree is being held October 28-30, 2022, based at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scouts BSA Troops. The minimum age to participate is 13. For more information see the details at <https://weownadventure.com/registration-for-the-32nd-annual-hikeoree-is-now-open/>

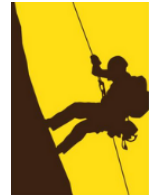
Would you like to become certified in an interest you already have?

Whenever the District or Council runs overnight events like Camporees, Family Camps, Order of the Arrow Ordeals and Fellowships, High Adventure trips, or even one-day events that involve shooting sports, COPE/climbing events, or swimming events, we are required to have staff that possess current certifications for those activities. Even if your unit does these things it is highly recommended, or required by the Guide to Safe Scouting, that you have qualified adults overseeing these activities.

If you have interest in any of the areas listed below and would like to become certified to run those activities, please contact the Patriot Program Chair patriot-program@ncacbsa.org, and we will put you in touch with the people that can provide the information to get certified.



- **Shooting Sports:** Range Master for BB's, Air Rifles, Archery, Slingshots, Instructor
- **Aquatics:** Aquatics Instructor, BSA Lifeguard, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Specific training in watercraft..
- **COPE/Climbing:** COPE & Climbing Level II, Climb Master for the Council's portable Climbing Wall, COPE/Climbing Instructor
- Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED; Wilderness and Remote First Aid, ARC Instructor-Trainer, Mental Health First Aid, event Health Officer
- ServSafe Manager and ServSafe Food Handler



2023 National Jamboree – The Largest Scouting Event in the Country

We're less than a year away from the National Jamboree, which will return to the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve on July 19-28, 2023. The National Capital Area Council is planning to send 14 contingent units to Jamboree. The NCAC cost for Jamboree is \$1,725 per person and includes the Jamboree, transportation to and from Summit, a backpack, patches, and more! Camperships are available for youth participants.

Sign up today for the 2023 Jamboree. Learn more at, ncacbsa.org/jamb

*John Merchant
Vice Chair, Program*



Advancement News

The air is crisper and the leaves will soon be falling! I was on the Appalachian Trail in the Shenandoah National Park last week as the leaves just started turning. I hope that you take the time to enjoy the fall weather outdoors.

I have two opportunities and a request:

- Please start using the June 2022 version of the Eagle Scout Rank Advancement (ESRA). This ESRA replaces the earlier versions.
- We have opportunities for more District Eagle Representatives. It is a great way for former Scoutmasters to help our prospective Eagles. If you can offer your mentorship, drop me a note.
- Keep an eye out for a new Life to Eagle seminar. We will host a Zoom conference on November 6th. Time TBD though we will hold it later in the day to make time for those out camping. The Seminar is a great way to learn the process and ask any questions.

*Tom Tyra
Advancement Chair*



Order of the Arrow News Items

Virginia Central Order of the Arrow Ordeal Options

Because of the predicted miserable and potentially dangerous weather conditions September 30 – October 2, the decision was made to cancel the Ordeal event. Two options are available to both candidates and members who registered for that event:



- Transfer your registration to another Ordeal:
 - Virginia South October 28 – 30 (Oct 31 is a FCPS school holiday) at Camp Snyder
 - Aquia Chapter October 21 – 23 at Flying Circus, Bealton, VA
 - Seneca Chapter Nov 21 – 24, Camp Hallwood, Dickerson, MD (Registration opens for “out of area” participants October 17)
- Request a refund.

Whatever your decision, please contact Patriot Chapter at patriotchapter@wipit470.org to ensure you are able to participate in another ordeal, or to formally request a refund.

Camping Palooza / Patriot Camporee Support

The Patriot District Fall Camporee will be held October 14–16 at Camp Snyder. The District is partnering with the Order of the Arrow Lodge to put on a camp-wide program, including the climbing wall, STEM activities, sports activities, nature, pioneering, and other activities. We are looking to the Order of the Arrow members to help staff many of these activities. Whether your unit is planning to participate or not, you can register as a staff member with either the OA or the Camporee – they are on the same registration page. If you register as staff, you can eat with them or with your unit, and camp with your unit or in the OA youth area. The registration site is at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-CampingPalooza>



OA and Older Scout Support to Scouting for Food November 12 at Burke Safeway



As in previous years, the District Leadership is asking the OA and other older Scouts to help at the food collection site to help unload cars and sort out the cans from the boxes and breakables, so as much of the donations as possible survive to get loaded on the big trucks we send to the food bank. We start setting up about 8:30, but you can help your unit with collecting in your neighborhood and when they drop off, stay to help. We are usually pretty well cleaned up by 1:00 or 1:30; there will be food. It is actually fun and an exciting few hours with all of the cars and Scouts in high spirits.

John Merchant
Vice Chair, Program



STEM CORNER

STEM Events Around the Council – Join fellow scouts in earning STEM Novas and STEM Merit badges while learning a new skill this fall! Imminent events are posted below, but see all the STEM programs here www.ncacbsa.org/stem

- October 15: **Welding Merit Badge** workshop in Alexandria, VA
- October 15: **Council Pinewood Derby Championship** in Haymarket, VA
- Feb 4 & 11, 2023: **Council Chess Tournaments** for all youth

STEM Scouts Labs – This fledgling STEM program from BSA is continuing this fall within NCAC! Our STEM Labs (for elementary & middle schoolers) receive STEM kits for five modules or themes each year and meet biweekly to pursue them together for up to 20 activity meetings! Interested in learning more? For more information, reach out to: stem@ncacbsa.org

Curriculum: This year the curriculum will be customized for each Lab!

- Brand new labs will use the S7 curriculum.
- Renewing labs will begin the fall semester with popular modules from prior seasons.
- Spring semester modules are developed by program partners from NCAC's STEM in Scouting relationships (USPTO, BuildMo, etc.)
- Will likely include field trip options for everyone local!

Registration: [one form from the Sponsor Org](#) + online youth registrations.

- Youth fee \$285; no other unit or adult registration fees.
- Each Lab meeting must have two registered adults with current YPT & a background check.
- 'New parents' will register as Nova Counselors (no fee BSA position).

Kits: module-dependent

- Individual kit for each youth.
- Group kits – group of three for elementary labs; group of four for middle school labs.

*Sokhom Kith
STEM Coordinator*



*“Patriotism, a sense of duty, and a feeling of obligation are the noblest
and most necessary qualities of any democratic system.”*

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower (b. October 14, 1890)

Patriot District Fall 2022 Camporee – A Palooza

The Patriot District Fall 2022 Camporee will be held October 14-16 at Camp Snyder. Patriot District is partnering with the Order of the Arrow (OA) to present a Palooza. The Palooza will feature a program with over 30 events. Patriot District is sponsoring the BB range, archery range, sling shots, the climbing wall, and Movie Making merit badge. Additionally, the OA will sponsor a parade and an incredible evening show. Also, the OA has arranged for food trucks to be on site.

Schedule of Events

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday	2-9 PM	Camp onsite check in at the Hylton Center front porch
	8-9 PM	Senior Patrol Leader/Scoutmaster Meeting and Cracker Barrel
Saturday	All Day	Palooza (The OA will publish a separate schedule)
Sunday	7 AM	Reveille
	8 AM	Breakfast
	9 AM	Camporee wide Environmental Service Project
	10:15 AM	Closing Ceremony
	11 AM	Units depart Camp Snyder

Registration is open on Black Plug on the NCAC Web Site. The cost for Scouts BSA is twenty dollars (\$20). The cost for adults to include staff that are camping overnight is also twenty dollars (\$20). Adults that are not Camping are free

The address for Camp Snyder is 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, Virginia 20169. The Point of Contact for the Patriot District Fall 2022 Camporee and Palooza is Bill Dexter at wtdexterjr@gmail.com or telephone for Home (703) 978-2632 or Cell (703) 344-6317.

Cub Scouts at Palooza

While Scouts BSA rules preclude Cub Scouts from camping with Scouts BSA at District Camporees, this year, Cub Scouts can attend Palooza since Palooza is being put on by the OA. Cub Scouts can attend Palooza as a Pack, Den, or family. Additionally, Cub Scout Packs can camp overnight at Camp Snyder but separately from the District. To attend the Palooza Day program, register on Black Pug on the NCAC Web site. The cost for the day is seven dollars (\$7) per Scout. If Packs want to camp at Camp Snyder, they must contact Camp Snyder separately and reserve a camp site. There will be a cost for this. The address for Camp Snyder is 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, Virginia 20169, and their phone number is (571) 248-4904. The Patriot District Point of Contact for Palooza 2022 is Bill Dexter, District Committee Chairman, who can be contacted at wtdexterjr@gmail.com or by telephone at (703) 978-2632 (home) or (703) 344-6317 (cell).

*Bill Dexter
Camporee Director*





Patriot District Camp-O-Ree and Camping Palooza

Saturday, October 15, 2022

Camp Snyder, 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, Virginia 20169

EVERYONE is invited! Cub Scouts, family members, and prospective Cub Scouts – All ages of scouting are welcome at this event.

The Palooza is a day event featuring a program with over 30 events; BB range, archery range, sling shots, climbing wall, field games and fall fun, a parade with a marching band, a closing show sure to wow and excite, food trucks, evening show, and much, much more!

Cub Scouts can attend Palooza as a Pack, Den, or family. Cub Scout Packs can camp overnight at Camp Snyder but separately from the District. Everyone who is planning on camping overnight will need to bring their own tents, sleeping bags, cooking equipment and food.

The cost for the day is seven dollars \$7 per Scout. If Packs want to camp they must contact Camp Snyder separately and reserve a camp site (there is cost associated with this).

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-CampingPalooza>

POC: Bill Dexter – email at wtdexterjr@gmail.com, telephone at 703-978-2632 (home) or 703-344-6317 (cell)



Patriot District Training Updates

It's the Fall '22 Scouting season! As usual there are lots of fun Fall activities but hopefully everyone is keeping an eye out for upcoming training opportunities.

IOLS/BALOO: Patriot District will be offering a concurrent session of IOLS and BALOO on the weekend of November 4-6. IOLS will run Friday evening through late Saturday afternoon. BALOO will run Saturday morning through late Sunday morning. Please be aware that the courses are separate and you will not be able to attend both. The registration link will be available soon, and the cost for either course will be \$35.

There are also other opportunities for both classes being offered this fall:

- BALOO – Oct 15/16 – Lake Fairfax Park - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-PowhatanBALOO>
- IOLS/BALOO – Nov 4/5 – Gunston Hall - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-Fall22IOLS>

In addition to IOLS and BALOO there will be offering supplemental trainings offered this Fall.

Akela's Trail: The Fall 2022 edition of Akela's Trail will be held in late November. Council is still working on what it will look like this year, but it is likely to be a half-day online session. Please keep your eyes open for more information.

If you like teaching and helping other leaders learn about the Scouting program and how it should be implemented, please reach out to me. I will be happy to discuss opportunities where you might be able to help out. Yours in Scouting,

Justin Day
Training Chair
kappasighacksaw@yahoo.com



Best Practices for Forming New Dens and Finding New Den Leaders

(An excerpt from Aaron on Scouting)

The No. 1 reason Cub Scout families drop out of the program is because they're unhappy with their den. Often, this is the result of a den leader who reluctantly agreed to take the position — perhaps due to the pressure of them being put on the spot to agree to be a leader right then and there.

“When you close the doors and say, ‘somebody has to be the den leader,’ you are really rolling the dice on what you’re going to get,” National Director of Cub Scouting Anthony Berger says.

The No. 1 goal should not be to name a new den leader on signup night. The No. 1 goal should be to find the right person to be the den leader, even if it takes a little more time.

The full article and a video may be found at:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2022/08/29/best-practices-for-forming-new-dens-and-finding-new-den-leaders/>



Sharing is *Caring* – Knowledge Sharing

Among other things, a Scout is helpful and thrifty. Helpful is rather self-evident. We are charged to live by the Scout Slogan and “Do A Good Turn Daily.” This may sound challenging but in reality, it is an extremely easy and meaningful activity. Your “good turn” could be something as simple as sharing your scouting knowledge and experiences with other scouters. Many times, it’s the small and simple things that really help out others when they are in need of assistance. Thrifty too? Absolutely! Thrifty stresses good management, being provident and economical. Afterall, why reinvent the wheel if something already exists, works well, and is successful?



Knowledge sharing is defined as having processes in place to exchange critical information. An organization that does it well creates a culture of knowledge where people are encouraged to share what they know with others. Knowledge sharing refers to the process of exchanging information between people, teams, and/or organizations. This knowledge may be explicit, which comes from documents or procedures, or tacit, meaning it was developed from experience. Sharing knowledge has benefits for the sharer as well as the recipient. It can create understanding, a feeling of importance, and even help grow leadership and management skills.

Sound familiar? Well, it should, as we already have mechanisms and platforms in-place to share knowledge and information. They are called Roundtable and Basecamp. Roundtable provides unit leaders with the skills to do and the will to do what is needed to ensure that every member of every unit has a great Scouting experience. Roundtables exist to provide information, capture information, offer current program training, and provide networking opportunities. Furthermore, active participation by all Roundtable participants increases the value of attendance for everyone.

Basecamp is an online collaboration and project management tool built precisely for the spirit of collaboration and information sharing. Its purpose is to provide a way to share resources and to improve and facilitate communication with everyone. It serves as a digital record and archive of what we’ve done and accomplished. Who should have access to Basecamp? Everyone!

Roundtable has greatly benefited me in my Scouting journey as an adult leader. I have gained valuable knowledge and ideas that have undoubtedly (at least I hope) made me a better Scouter. It also has shown me a thing or two. Firstly, the Patriot District is fortunate to have a multitude of exceptionally gifted, talented, passionate, dedicated, and successful Scouters. Secondly, it is those proficient Scouters who seem to attend Roundtable regularly. This in itself is not a bad thing; we need them to continue to attend and contribute. However, this raises the question as to how do we reach-out and support those Scouters who would and could benefit from Roundtable’s exchange of information but for their own reasons are not attending Roundtable?

Herein lies my pitch. Building upon Roundtable and utilizing Basecamp, I want to solicit from all of you your best practices, lessons-learned, event planning documents, after-action reports, continuity books, reference documents, etc. – *preferably editable*, from all District Cub Scout leaders to be saved in Basecamp, in the Patriot District Cub Scout Roundtable project; Docs & Files. The purpose is to provide those Scouters not attending Roundtable with sources of information and resources to improve their skills and programs. You can either save the document(s) yourself or email them to me at ghgoetz@gmail.com. I look forward to your contributions and thank you in advance for your helpfulness, thriftiness and sharing.

Gordon Goetz

Patriot District Committee Member-At-Large / Cub Scout Coordinator



Recruiting Flyer

DOES SCOUTING WORK?

We all know Scouting's goal is to prepare young people for life, but does it work? Scouting was put to the test over the course of three years, when a research team from Tufts University worked with the Boy Scouts of America's Cradle of Liberty Council to measure the character attributes of both Scouts and non-Scouts — all with a goal of better understanding the character development of youth as it was happening. The project, which was funded by the John Templeton Foundation and led by Dr. Richard M. Lerner, surveyed nearly 1,800 Cub Scouts and nearly 400 non-Scouts under age 12 using both interviews and survey data. **In the beginning, there were no significant differences in character attributes between the two groups. By the end, however, the differences were striking in several areas:**

2,000+
Scouts and non-Scouts aged 6-12 from across the Philadelphia area were measured in 6 key areas:

CHANGE IN CHARACTER

during the course of the 3-year study:

Attribute	Scouts (Green)	Non-Scouts (Orange)
Cheerfulness	Positive	Negative
Helpfulness	Positive	Negative
Obedience	Positive	Negative
Kindness	Positive	Negative
Hopefulness	Positive	Positive
Trustworthiness	Positive	Positive

KEY FINDINGS:

- The more time kids spend in Scouting, the better the outcomes in character development
- Those who attend meetings regularly report higher outcomes virtually across the board when compared to Scouts with lower attendance
- Scouts are more likely to embrace positive social values than non-Scouts
- Scouts who are more engaged in the program report higher outcomes in nearly every category

With fun and discovery at every turn, Scouting makes the most of right now. But what's more, it builds positive character and provides young people a foundation they can stand on to embrace opportunity, overcome obstacles, and make new discoveries.

SCOUTING WORKS.

B-P Wants and Needs You!



To Join the Patriot District Committee Great Jobs for Great Volunteers

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

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

Contact Bill Dexter: wtdexterjr@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

