



The Patriot Press



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From the District Chairman

The Scouting year goes in cycles and Patriot District has had a great Fall. Units relaunched their programs and have been doing things especially camping all over the place. Recruiting new Scouts is going great and we have more Scouts now than we did at this time last year. While we have not reached our “Friends of Scouting” goal, we are very close. On the activity side, Patriot District held a Cub Scout “Adventure Day/Cub-o-Ree” in September at Camp Snyder where over 100 Scouts and parents attended the Saturday activities and sufficient families camped overnight to fill two campsites. Later in October, we supported the Order of the Arrow “Palooza” event, and 335 Scouts, parents and staff camped for the weekend at our Fall BSA Camporee. In November, we participated in the NCAC wide “Scouting for Food” to support local food banks.

As the new year approaches, it is the time to focus on adult training. The major upcoming training event is the “University of Scouting.” Prior to the pandemic, close to a thousand adults would attend. The University offers over 100 courses on Cub Scout, Scout BSA, District operations, and electives. The courses are taught by experienced Scouters who have served the NCAC for many years. The University is a one-day event held on Saturday. Each attendee can take up to six courses. The courses are enriching subjects that support the Scouting program. An example course at the BSA level is “How to conduct a Board of Review.” An elective I recently attended was how to purify water from a questionable source. The course was aimed at outdoor camping but was also good for taking a vacation on a questionable Caribbean Island. Heavily attended courses include the use of Base Camp. I recommend each unit get a group of three to six adult leaders and attend with each person taking courses that will support their position. I would like for Patriot District to send over a hundred adults to the 2023 University of Scouting. We will be a better district for it, and besides, ITS FUN.

The next training events I want to recommend are the Individual Outdoor Leader’s Course (IOLS) for Scouts BSA leaders and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO) for Cub Scout leaders. Patriot District will offer each course in the Spring so now is the time to decide who will attend. IOLS is a requirement for BSA Scoutmasters and strongly recommended for Assistant Scoutmasters. It is taught over a 24-hour period in a troop camp setting with usually three patrols. The course covers outdoor skills from Tenderfoot thru First Class and is for adults only. While many adults arrive with mastery of many of the skills, it is a chance for them to focus on areas they are weak in.

BALOO is a Cub Scout leader required training for any Cub Scout Den or Pack outdoor event, including Pack camping overnights and Webelos den overnights. BALOO training is composed of two components, an online component, and a practical, hands-on component. The online component must be completed prior to the practical component. The practical portion is conducted at an outdoor overnight campout. Both components must be completed to qualify as a “TRAINED” Cub Scout outdoor Leader. Each Pack should strive to have at least two BALOO qualified adult leaders.

In summary, trained unit leaders contribute to higher quality and safer unit activities. I recommend each unit plan to send adults to the University of Scouting and IOLS or BALOO this coming Spring.

Bill Dexter
Patriot District Committee Chair





From the District Commissioner

Happy November! It's the season for Scouting for Food, Thanksgiving, and the start of cooler weather activities. Here are a few thoughts on important topics:

Rechartering: We should be finishing our annual [rechartering](#) cycle, but as of this writing, several units in our District have not even logged into Internet Rechartering. Please do not wait any longer – the sooner any problems are identified, the easier they are to fix. Once you have a good internal roster for your unit with all new and dropped members for 2023, the online portion can often be completed in less than 30 minutes. There have been far fewer problems with the software this year, with most units reporting no major issues. Once you complete the online portion of rechartering, your COR or any unit Key 3 member can approve the roster online. We **STRONGLY** recommend paying by paper check rather than online – the check (along with a printout of your recharter) can be given to your Unit Commissioner, District Executive Bobby Walker, Lee Cass, or me. The Annual Charter Agreement can follow later, but make sure to use the [2022 version of the form](#). And don't forget your [2022 Journey to Excellence scorecard](#)!

Recruiting: Many of our Cub Packs had a strong recruiting season, and our District's overall membership has already surpassed that for year-end 2021. But it's not too late to bring on new members – after all, Scouting is a year-round program! And that advice applies not only to Cub Packs, but also to Troops – there is no requirement that a new Scout start in March or be a Cub Scout before joining Scouts BSA.

Fall is also when our Arrow of Light Scouts start looking for a Troop to join. We recommend that every AoL Scout visit multiple troops. There are lots of great troops out there, but every great troop has its own distinct "personality." AoL Scouts thrive and continue longer in Scouts BSA when they are part of a troop where they're comfortable and fit in, rather than just crossing over to the Pack's "default" feeder Troop.

Qualified Supervision: Scouting is generally very safe when compared with many other youth activities, and BSA works hard to ensure the safety of all participants. Earlier this week I attended an NCAC meeting where the accidental death of a young Scout at a troop event in another council was discussed. While this tragedy is still under investigation, public reports suggest it may have been caused by inadequate adult supervision and improper equipment. Many of our activities such as [aquatics](#), [shooting sports](#), [climbing](#), and others require both specific training and equipment. Always consult the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) and supplemental resources available from BSA and NCAC to ensure your activity is being run in accordance with BSA safety requirements. BSA liability insurance covers accidents in events run under BSA rules, but you don't want to risk non-coverage because the rules were ignored.

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

Ken Gaul
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Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

November 2022

- 5 Scouting for Food – Sticker Delivery
- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Scouting for Food – Collection
- 15 District Annual Business Meeting
- 18-20 Family Camp – Camp Snyder
- 24 Thanksgiving



December 2022

- 3 Patch and Scout Memorabilia Trade-o-Ree (Camp Snyder)
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Joint Commissioner/PD Committee Meeting
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year’s Eve – Celebrate!

January 2023

- 1 New Year’s Day
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 24 PD Committee Meeting

BALOO	Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	NYLT	National Youth Leadership Training
BCOLS	Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills	OA	Order of the Arrow
CPST	Cubmaster Position-Specific Training	SPST	Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
IOLS	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST	Venture Advisor Position-Specific Training
JSN	Join Scouting Night	VCPST	Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training
NLE	New Leader Essentials	VOA	Venturing Officers Association





All Cub Scout Leaders, Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!

The Purpose of the Roundtable:

To provide the skill to do – skills, techniques, information, program ideas – and the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

To provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

Thursday, November 10, 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: Service Projects. Pinewood Derby Prep, Religious Awards

Word of the month: Kind

Bring a treat to enjoy while we meet!

Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
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Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, November 10, 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: Cyber Chip and Cyber Bullying
Parent Coaching**

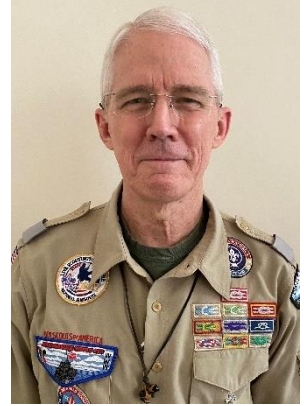
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Scouter Interview: Rick Priest

Patrick Ring

Rick Priest currently serves Patriot District Scouts as Assistant District Commissioner, Assistant Roundtable Commissioner, a Unit Commissioner, Associate Crew Advisor, and a District Eagle Representative. He began his Scouting career as a Cub Scout in 1955, and over the following years he advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout. He has been active in Scouting ever since. During his college years, he was president of the Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, which was founded on the principles of Scouting. As an adult Scouter Rick has served in six different BSA councils: as a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Webelos Den Leader, COR, Assistant District Commissioner, Assistant Roundtable Commissioner, Unit Commissioner, Crew Associate Advisor, and Committee Member. He has attended summer camp 23 times and been a crew advisor three times each to Lenhok'sin, Sea Base, and Philmont.



Rick has served as a Scouter in the Patriot District for the past 30 years. He has received many awards over the course of his Scouting career: the Silver Beaver Award, Distinguished Commissioner Service Award, District Award of Merit, Scouter's Key, Adult Religious Award, the Scouter's Training Award, the James E. West Fellowship Award, Woodbadge Beads, Powder Horn Award, and the Commissioner Arrowhead. He earned a Doctorate Degree from the Commissioner College and was a Distinguished Patriot Scouter Award recipient in 2014.

A graduate of the University of Alabama, Rick also earned a Master of Science degree from USC, a Master of Education from George Washington University, and a Ph.D. degree from George Mason University. In his professional life, Rick served in the United States Marine Corps for 27 years. During that period, he served in Viet Nam in numerous squadron positions, as a flight instructor, as a squadron commander, and lastly as the program manager of the Harrier Program.

Rick is very active in the First Baptist Church of Springfield where he serves as a youth Sunday school teacher, deacon, and on the Board of Directors. He is an incident commander for the Medical Reserve Corps, volunteers with the Shepherd Center, Alternative House's Springfield Safe Youth Project, and Builders for Christ. Rick has been married to Alison Priest for 53 years, has two sons, both Eagle Scouts, and five grandchildren.

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

Rick Priest (RP): I began my scouting as a Cub Scout in 1955 and have been active in Scouting ever since. I have been an adult Scouter for 50 years.

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

RP: I served as an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 1523 from 1990-1993, Scoutmaster of Troop 1523 from 1993-2000, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 1525 from 2001-2012, Unit Commissioner 2013-present, Assistant District Commissioner from 2018-present, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 260 from 2014-2017, and Associate Advisor for Crew 62 from 2018-present.

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

RP: Patriot District is a very special organization to serve in. It has been blessed with very strong leadership over many years. The challenge always is how to recruit District volunteers when adults in Northern Virginia lead such busy lives. Scouting is making a strong comeback this year following the COVID-19 pandemic, and we must make every effort to recruit and train adequate Scout volunteers and leaders to honor the heritage passed on to us.

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

RP: The benefits are the continued fellowship with individuals with like values and concerns for providing for children and youth who are a part of Scouting. To feel like you are helping them prepare to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

PR: What tips and advice might you offer to individuals considering joining the Patriot District on the committee or as a commissioner.

RP: I will share what is on a plaque given to me at summer camp that has always inspired me:

“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a boy *or girl*.” ~ Forest Witcraft

Serving on the Patriot District Committee or as a commissioner gives you the opportunity to make that difference.

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

RP: Over a period of 50 years there are so many, but at the top of the list are the nine High Adventures for which I was the advisor and serving as a scuba instructor at the National and World Scout Jamborees.

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

RP: There is no more important calling than guiding, training, and meeting the needs of our country’s children and youth. Thank you to all the volunteers in Patriot District who sacrifice their own personal desires to ensure that the needs of our children and youth are met. It is an honor to serve alongside you!

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



Patriot District Fall Camporee 2022 and Palooza

Patriot District held its Fall Camporee from Friday night till Sunday morning, October 14-16, at Camp Snyder, with 335 Scouts from Patriot, Old Dominion, Colonial and Goose Creek Districts attending. On Saturday, October 15, the NCAC Order of the Arrow (OA) held a “Palooza” at Camp Snyder that 1,058 Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venture Scouts, family members and adults attended. This figure includes the 335 Scouts and adults from the Patriot District Camporee. The weather was fantastic for the weekend and everyone had a great time.

The OA organized “Palooza” as a Council-wide event to energize Scouting at all levels. They sponsored over 20 events. Patriot District ran a camporee for Scout Troops that wanted to camp at Snyder that weekend and attend Palooza. Additionally, Patriot District ran four of the most popular events, the climbing wall, BB Range, archery range and GaGa ball. At the climbing Wall, 400 Scouts got to climb during the Day, by far the largest number of Scouts to climb in one day. The BB gun and archery ranges opened early, before opening ceremony, to give the largest number of Scouts a chance to fire. Each range had over 125 Scouts shoot. The GaGa Ball pit was busy the entire time it was open, with another group of Scouts waiting to play as soon as the team on the field was finished.

Patriot District conducted Movie Making merit badge and all four Scouts were able to complete all requirements to include filming a movie and earn the badge. Patriot District also supported the Fairfax County Mental Health Team as they provided youth suicide prevention instruction to Scout adult leaders via zoom in the Hilton Conference Center.

To enhance the Palooza experience, Old Dominion District provided the color guard for the opening ceremony and Adair Petty played the bugle. In the evening, Chaplain Howard Kaye conducted Jewish services at the Camp Snyder Chapel for approximately 20 worshipers.

The OA held an “open” Council-wide Pinewood Derby in the camp dining facility and Patriot District Pack 698 from Burke, Virginia won several honors. The Lotz family had four winners, Nathaniel Lotz as a Lion, Deacen Lotz as a Wolf, Jackson Lotz as a Webelos, and Gabriel (Gus) Lotz in the Open Class. Congratulations to Pack 698 and the Lotz family.

Patriot District conducted several camporee events to support units attending Palooza. On Friday night we held a Senior Patrol leader/Scoutmaster meeting followed by a traditional cracker barrel. Over 100 people attended. On Sunday morning, we held a closing ceremony where we lowered the flags and wished everyone a safe trip home. Troop 1965G from Burke provided the color guard and Clara Tranchemontagne was the Camporee Senior Patrol Leader. This was the first time that a Girl Troop conducted a closing ceremony at a Patriot District camporee.

The following staff supported the Camporee: Mark Blanchard and Lee Cass on check-in and administration; John Gandy as our medic; Ken Gaul as Shooting Sports Director; Jack Oliva, Kelly O’Malley, and Jay Brannam on the BB range; Adair Petty, Emily Conrad, and Mike Stonkey at the Archery range; John Merchant, John Cavan, Patrick Boyd, and Kattie Yates on the climbing wall; and Eagle Scout and OA member Andrew Gandy at GaGa Ball. Ed Harrington was the merit badge counselor for Movie Making merit badge, and Mark Greer and Phil Sternberg planned, organized, and facilitated the youth suicide prevention program by Fairfax County Mental Health. Howard Kaye was our Jewish Chaplain, Jack Oliva and Zohra Sharief were the Patriot District Commissioners, and John Merchant and John Cavan were the Grub Masters. Bill Dexter was the Camporee Director.



Patriot District Program News

Upcoming Events -- Mark Your Calendars:

- November 1: Pinewood Derby Days at “Michael’s Woodshop” Registration Opens
- November 5: Scouting for Food – Sticker delivery
- November 12: Patriot District Roundtable
- November 12: Scouting for Food pick-up and delivery to central collection or your unit’s alternative
- November 18-20: Family Camp with Program – Camp Snyder
- November 22: Patriot District Committee Business Meeting and election of new Officers
- December 3: Patch and Scout Memorabilia Trade-O-Ree Camp Snyder

Family Camp at Camp Snyder with Program Nov 18 – 20, 2022

The last Family Camp Program Weekend for 2022 is November 18 – 20 at Camp Snyder. The cost is \$35 per person, \$10 for Pre-K youth. Program activities include:

- BB’s Shooting
- Woodshop
- Archery
- Arts and Crafts
- Climbing Wall
- STEM Activities

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



Patch and Scout Memorabilia Trade-o-Ree

Please join Amangamek-Wipit Lodge 470 for our Second Annual Trade-o-Ree & Memorabilia Show at Camp Snyder Saturday, December 3rd from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Attendance is open to the public and is FREE with no registration needed! Come out to Camp Snyder and check out the Memorabilia Show.

If you wish to reserve a table, or a bunk in the cabin, there is a cost; registration can be found at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-62801>

Pinewood Derby Days at Camp Snyder Wood Shop

Open Registration Sessions are a great opportunity for individual Cub Scouts or small groups to work on their cars in Michael's Woodshop at Camp Snyder.

Choose a date and select a check-in time: Check-in times are offered every 30 minutes during the scheduled session. Select a time slot for each individual Scout building a car. Cub Scout age siblings may participate and should be registered in their own time slot as a "Cub Scout Youth."



Target Completion Time: The target completion time is 45 minutes, which is sufficient for most car designs. We have a 1-hour work time limit, so please encourage Cub Scouts to avoid highly complex car designs as they may not have sufficient time to complete their work. Cub Scouts may design their own car in advance or they may select a design from a variety of templates on hand in the shop.

Dates are available in December and January See the registration site for specific dates and times. <https://scoutingevent.com/082-55909>

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*



Order of the Arrow News Items



OA Helping at Scouting for Food Central Collection Location on November 12



The Scouting for Food coordinator has asked the Order of the Arrow to help at the central collection facility. The help includes directing traffic, helping check units in, and helping the units unload the cars and sort the items into the big bins (cans, dry goods, and glass). We will start between 8:30 and 9:00 AM. The location is the Safeway near the end of Burke Center Parkway by Rt. 123. If your unit is participating in SFF, work with them first and when you drop the food off, make arrangements to stay to help. We usually end and are cleaned up by 2:00 PM. We will have coffee, hot chocolate, and donuts for those who show up early, and we order pizza and drinks for those staying through lunch. It's fun, and you can earn service hours.

NOTE: The District has not officially confirmed the central collection location, so please watch your email for an update or check with your unit leader in case a change becomes necessary.

OA Chapter Meeting Day and Location is Changed

Our Youth Leadership has decided to move the monthly chapter meetings to District Roundtable night and location: the Second Thursday of the month at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Rd, Burke, VA 22015.

Join us at the November OA Chapter Meeting, November 10, 7:30 – 8:45 PM at St. Stephens United Methodist Church. The primary topics at the meeting will be:

- Unit Elections Training: TOARS and TOAR advisers, please try to attend or send a representative so we can kick off our Election Season with units on-board.
- Patriot Winter Brotherhood event?
- Brainstorm ideas about activities and priorities for 2023
- Eat Pizza

Unit Elections are Rapidly Approaching

One of the most important things the Chapter does, is to provide a quality election for each Scouts BSA unit in our district. Even for those units that have no Scouts eligible to be elected, we are encouraged to make a unit visit and presentation. We have 26 active Scouts BSA Units in the Patriot District, so we need help from OA youth and adults to visit each of these units. Part of the job of the Unit OA representative and adviser is to help schedule the election for your own unit and to participate on an election team that visits another Unit. Election training will be held at our Chapter Meeting Thursday, November 10th (see article above).

We are also looking for a youth Chapter Election Coordinator to work with the advisers to make sure all of the Units are contacted. The Lodge is asking us to let them know who our youth chair is so he or she can be credited with sending the Lodge emails to our units. And, along with the adviser, who to contact to schedule the election. We will be setting up a Patriot Election Coordinator gmail account for this purpose, so you do not need to use you own private email. If interested, please contact us at patriotchapter@wipit470.org.

John Merchant
Vice Chair, Program



Advancement News!

I want to thank everyone who attended the Life-to-Eagle seminar. We will host a Zoom conference again in the Spring. The LTE seminar is a great way to learn the process and ask any questions.

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.

Just a reminder: Citizenship in Society is now required for Rank of Eagle Scout as of July 1st. All Scouts who want to earn the rank of Eagle Scout will have to earn the Citizenship in Society merit badge. The Eagle Scout Application has been updated to reflect this new requirement and should be used by all Scouts going forward.

From various helpful sources:

What can you do as the person responsible for advancement on your unit committee? A good place to start is by remembering that the important thing is to retain Scouts in the unit so that over time we may influence their character. A program that is rich in adventure is the key element. Advancement is a natural outgrowth of this rich adventure.

Next, you should make sure that you are familiar with the latest advancement requirements and the Guide to Advancement so that you will become the “go-to” source in the unit on all matters about advancement. Be sure that you understand the advancement procedures, especially those for Eagle Scouts. Keep current on the merit badge counselor list, and work to recruit local merit badge counselors to support the unit’s program.

Note that if registered merit badge counselors do not complete the BSA position-specific training for merit badge counselors by the end of calendar year 2022, they will be disenrolled as merit badge counselors. This is a one-time training requirement that will not have to be re-taken on a regular schedule. The “old” (in-person) training counts, as does current online training.

You can work with youth leaders to make sure the unit has a library of current advancement literature, including an ample supply of up-to-date merit badge pamphlets. Work with the unit leaders to ensure that the program promotes a Scout’s reaching First Class within 12 to 18 months of joining.

You can help by keeping accurate records. (Let me double down on that!) You then will be able to regularly brief the unit leaders on the advancement needs of each Scout. Schedule regular boards of review, at least monthly, but more often, if required. Be sure to include boards of review during summer camp. Should some Scouts appear to be having boards less often than their contemporaries, you will be able to alert others to their situation and help in considering what steps to take.

Thank you for all you do for our program!

*Tom Tyra
Advancement Chair*



Training Updates

Akela's Trail: Saturday, November 19th from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM – The 2022 version of Akela's Trail (previously called PowWow) will be held via Zoom and covers some exciting topics geared toward Cub Scout leaders. The cost is \$15 and registration is located at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63597>

Patriot District Scoutmaster Specific Training – We will be holding a Scoutmaster specific training session on Saturday, December 3rd. Final details regarding location and registration will be available shortly.

2023 University of Scouting – The 2023 edition of University of Scouting will once again be held in person at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria and is scheduled for February 25th. Registration will likely open in late December so please keep your eyes peeled for additional information.

As always, you are welcome to attend any training being offered by BSA whether it is within our district, our council, or elsewhere within the program. The best place to find trainings offered in the NCAC is on the council's calendar, which is located at: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/calendar/>

Please reach out if you have any questions! Yours in Scouting,

Justin Day
Training Chair
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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.



That's One Small Step for a Man – One Giant Leap for Pack 1967

Space, the final frontier. Earth to Cub Scouts, calling all Cub Scouts. Houston, we have lift-off of Pack 1967's Summer of Space 2022! To infinity and...wait a second, I think that's copyrighted, never-mind. Continuing with Pack 1967's annual themed summer activity program designed to keep scouts engaged during the doldrums and dog days of summer, this summer's theme was Space. The program's format was centered around a "Cubmaster Challenge" supplemented by individual space and space exploration themed events.

The Cubmaster Challenge was designed to be a group project throughout the summer. Inspired by the current public NASA challenge – the Deep Space Food Challenge – we had the Deep Space Buffet Challenge. The Challenge kicked off with a Zoom meeting to learn about the challenge requirements. It was designed to get our Scouts to think about working and living in space and the challenges of growing and preparing food with as little input and waste as possible. The Scouts worked as a group to meet two requirements for this challenge under the guidance and direction of two den leaders who are also NOVA science award counselors. The requirements were to develop a recipe that is suitable for both space-based and Earth-bound Cub Scouts, and to design and build a device to store, prepare, and serve that recipe to a pack of hungry Cub Scouts and their families.

In addition to the challenge, there were other events designed to supplement learning about space. All Scouts who participated in the challenge and participated in at least three of the five supplemental events earned the Cubmaster Challenge award. The events were (1) build your own water rocket; (2) a visit to Udvar Hazy Center – Scouts participated in a live science demonstration at the National Air and Space Museum where they learned about living and working in space; (3) a tour of the George Mason University Observatory – where Scouts learned about space and the use of the observatory's telescope; (4) completion of the Out of This World Cub Scout NOVA Award (Space Exploration Science); and (5) a model rocket launch – where the Scouts built and launched their very own model rocket at Old National Pike Park in Frederick MD, launched with NARHAMS (National Association of Rocketry Headquarters Astro-Modeling Section). After the model rocket launch, some Scouts and families participated in an overnight campout at nearby Pinecliff Park. The Summer of Space concluded when the Challenge Scouts unveiled their solution to the Deep Space Buffet Challenge, "S'more-NASA" – a s'more-like treat made from Nutella, fluff, and crepes. The delivery device was an anti-gravity clothesline that "floated" the out-of-this-world desert from the kitchen directly to hungry mouths.

However, that was not all. On July 28, Pack 1967 received a cosmic communique, an extraterrestrial telecommunication, a stellar shout-out from 250 miles above earth. It was a recorded video from NASA astronaut, current SpaceX commander, medical doctor/flight surgeon, and hometown hero Dr. Kjell Lindgren. Dr. Lindgren is the commander of SpaceX Crew-4, which is his second longest duration mission to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the SpaceX Crew-4 mission. The mission is a part of ISS Expedition 67. Crew-4 launched on April 27 and docked later that day for a planned mission duration of six months.



**Astronaut
Kjell Lindgren**

Dr. Lindgren graduated from James W. Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax, Virginia in 1991. The school is in the residential neighborhood of Kings Park West (KPW), the neighborhood that is home to Pack 1967 (chartered by the KPW Civic Association and in the confines of the Patriot District), and where Dr. Lindgren's parents still reside. He was a Boy Scout in Troop 404 in the Trans-Atlantic Council and attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1988.

During his message to Pack 1967, Dr. Lindgren spoke about conducting science and research involving hundreds of experiments in space, expressed his excitement over the Pack’s Summer of Space program, the importance of food in space and the challenges of eating in zero gravity, and learning more about the Cubmasters Challenge – Deep Space Food Buffet Challenge, among other things. He addressed the merits of Scouting and encouraged all Scouts to continue on in Scouting with a goal to achieve its highest rank of Eagle Scout.

Pack 1967 was honored to host Dr. Lindgren’s parents, Randahl and Anita Lindren, at our October Pack Flotilla, where the Scouts built their own boats to float and displayed their Cubmaster Challenge “S’more NASA (pronounced S’more Nahsah) food delivery system. The Lindgrens accepted Pack 1967’s customized neckerchief slide and a signed thank you card as a small token of our appreciation for Dr. Lindgren taking his precious personal time aboard the ISS to speak to Pack 1967. Kudos also go out to the leadership of Pack 1967 for developing an incredibly wonderful and unique summer program and the Pack’s continued support of the National Capital Area Council’s STEM program.



**Pack 1967 Scouts with
Randahl and Anita Lindren**

The noble aims and goals of Scouting, the Astronaut Corps, and Space Exploration share so many similarities. Dr. Lindgren concluded his remarks by stating that Scouting is fun and has provided him with knowledge and skills that he still uses to this day as an astronaut. He encouraged Pack 1967 to “Reach for the Stars!”

“What everyone in the astronaut corps shares in common is not gender or ethnic background, but motivation, perseverance, and desire — the desire to participate in a voyage of discovery.” ~ Ellen Ochoa (American engineer, former astronaut and former director of the Johnson Space Center)

“Our passion for learning ... is our tool for survival.” ~ Carl Sagan (American astronomer, planetary scientist, cosmologist, astrophysicist, astrobiologist, author, and science communicator)

“Look wide, beyond your immediate surroundings and limits, and you see things in their right proportion. Look above the level of things around you and see a higher aim and possibility to your work.” ~ Lord Robert Baden-Powell (Founder of Scouting)

Pack 1967 Lindgren Video Link: <https://youtu.be/KGeisHcm5Ao>

Full NASA Bio: <https://www.nasa.gov/astronauts/biographies/kjell-n-lindgren/biography>

On Scouting 2015 Lindgren Article: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/08/28/astronaut-kjell-lindgren-currently-aboard-international-space-station-eagle-scout/>

NASA and Scouting link:
https://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/informal/features/F_NASA_and_Scouting.html

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Recruiting Flyer

SCOUTING
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POSITIVE CHARACTER

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:

- HOPEFULNESS*
- HELPFULNESS
- OBEDIENCE
- CHEERFULNESS
- KINDNESS
- TRUSTWORTHINESS

*Hopeful Future Expectations

CHANGE IN CHARACTER during the course of the 3-year study:

Legend: ■ SCOUTS (green), ■ NON-SCOUTS (orange)

Attribute	Scouts Change	Non-Scouts Change
Cheerfulness	Positive	Negative
Helpfulness	Positive	Negative
Obedience	Positive	Negative
Kindness	Positive	Negative
Hopefulness	Positive	Small Positive
Trustworthiness	Positive	Small 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.

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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

