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## From the District Chairman

This is my last article as the Chairman of Patriot District. During the Pandemic over the last three years and through bankruptcy proceedings, working together we saved Scouting in Patriot District and supported our local community. Leaders at the unit level learned how to keep Scouts organized, interested and enthusiastic. Soon meetings, merit badge classes, campouts and even campfires were being conducted via Zoom. As soon as it was safe, units started conducting many outdoor activities. Boards of Review were held outdoors, even in January and February so that Scouts could get promoted. Of special note was the large number of Scouts that completed all their requirements and earned Eagle rank. Special recognition is due to the female Scouts who joined Scouts in high school and managed to meet all requirements and earn Eagle Scout rank before they aged out.

Scouting also supported our community primarily by helping ECHO and other organizations providing social services. Our primary means of support was through food drives. Many units held drives supporting the Fairfax County program “Stuff the Bus” and other organizations. Patriot District held three District-wide food drives for ECHO. Additionally, although NCAC had to cancel its annual Scouting for Food drive in 2020, they restarted this important activity in 2021 and 2022, with strong Patriot District support.

During the Pandemic, NCAC guidance was to *survive* and then return to *thrive*. Unlike the National Scouting movement, and even some districts in NCAC, Patriot District retained nearly all its units. The plan for Patriot District to *thrive* was to restart programming as soon as we could safely accomplish it, and to continue to provide units with support primarily thru the Commissioner Corps. The District Committee and the Commissioner Corps function is to assist units. The Commissioners offer assistance and support in many areas, especially during rechartering.

The Committee provided programming at a level that units would have difficulty achieving. The District holds a Championship Pinewood Derby each year so that unit winners can compete at the District level. Additionally, for Cub Scouts, we put on a weeklong Day camp and a Cub Scout Camporee. At these events we have the climbing wall, marksmanship to include archery, sling shots and BB guns, STEM activities, and arts and crafts. Our last event before the Pandemic was the 2019 Pinewood Derby, and we organized and ran it again in 2021 and 2022. On the Scouts BSA level, the District puts on Spring and Fall camporees. The Spring 2022 Camporee was an example of the kind of activities Scouts enjoy at camporees: Scouts could fish on a river or in two ponds, and they could also take one of the 20 merit badges offered. Additionally, we set up fun stations that featured the climbing wall, archery and sling shot ranges, GaGa ball and pancake flipping.

Patriot District survived and is now thriving. I want to thank the units and their adult leaders for this great achievement. Packs, Troops, Crews, and STEM Labs are the most important part of Scouting as they provide the program and work with youth. I want to thank the Commissioner Corps for the assistance and guidance as they kept the units chartered and functioning. Finally, I recognize the Committee for their incredible efforts in making things happen as Patriot District moved forward.

Bill Dexter  
Patriot District Committee Chair





## From the District Commissioner

It's the Holiday Season, with all of the family, community, school and religious activities that this time of year brings. And the annual rhythm of the Scouting year also goes on. Troops are starting cold-weather camping season. Packs are distributing Pinewood Derby car kits. AoLs are visiting Troops and deciding where they want to conduct the next phase of their Scouting adventure. And all of us are looking forward to an active and fun year of Scouting in 2023!

**Roundtable:** We're restarting an old tradition at our **December Roundtable at St. Stephens UMC on Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 PM.** We're going to have a little Holiday fun! If you can, **please bring a snack or non-alcoholic beverage to share with others.** We need lots of snacks, because the Order of the Arrow's monthly chapter meeting for youth leaders is also at St. Stephens that evening, and as we all know the 13<sup>th</sup> Point of the Scout Law is "A Scout is Hungry!" Augmenting your Scouter uniform with appropriate Holiday-themed "stuff" is optional but encouraged. Because of the different format this month, we unfortunately won't be able to simulcast a Zoom stream.

**Rechartering and Recruiting:** Except for a few problems that are being worked, **rechartering** is almost done. Internet Rechartering went much more smoothly this year. If you have not already completed your 2022 [Journey to Excellence](#) self-assessment, please do so and turn it in to your Unit Commissioner or me. Every chartering organization must also complete an Annual Charter Agreement – there are some special situations that the affected units already know about. If you have other issues with your 2023 Annual Charter Agreement, please alert your Unit Commissioner, Lee Cass and me immediately. Only use the [current version of the Annual Charter Agreement](#); prior versions are obsolete and cannot be accepted.

Thanks to lots of hard work by our Packs and Troops, fall **recruiting** in the Patriot District has once again been good. Our District has more youth registered than we did at this point last year, but our growth lags some other Northern Virginia Districts. If you have any new members who haven't yet registered, please do so immediately. BSA will no longer allow back-dating of registrations, so Scouts cannot get participation, advancement or merit badge credit for work done before they were registered.

**Training: All Merit Badge Counselors need to complete MB Counselor training** or they will be dropped from the system after March 31. This training is available in [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) and only takes 34 minutes. Each Counselor can see if they still need to do training by logging into [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) and checking their training status. Also, **NCAC's annual University of Scouting** will be held on February 25 in-person at Hayfield Secondary School. This is a full-day live training event for all Scout leaders with hundreds of courses to choose from that cover literally every aspect of Scouting. [Registration is open now!](#)

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy Holiday Season!

*Ken Gaul*  
Patriot District Commissioner –  
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**Patriot District Events**

Web Calendar: [www.ncacbsa.org/patriot](http://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot)

**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

**February 2023**

- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 25 University of Scouting
- 28 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, December 8, 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: Blue and Gold, Leader Recognition, Holiday Celebration**

**Word of the month: Obedient**

**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, December 8, 2022**

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

**Social: 7:30 PM**

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

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



**Topics: Flags, OA Elections & Updates & Dessert Night**

**Bring your favorite dessert to share with other leaders!**

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## Scouter Interview: Santa Claus

Patrick Ring

**Santa Claus**, also known as **Father Christmas**, **Saint Nicholas**, **Saint Nick**, **Kris Kringle**, or simply **Santa**, is a legendary figure who is well known for bringing toys, candy, and great joy to deserving boys and girls each year. He accomplishes this with the aid of a staff of adorable elves who make the toys in his North Pole and a fleet of flying reindeer who pull his gift-laden sleigh through the skies on Christmas eve. Santa is a compelling example of all things good in this world, and he has been an avid supporter of Scouting for many years. I was very fortunate to have a chance to meet with him on a recent visit to the North Pole to discuss his views of Scouting and issues in the Patriot District.



**Patrick Ring (PR):** It is a great honor and privilege to be able to interview you here at the North Pole for our Patriot District newsletter at this busy and special time of year. Thank you for taking time from your schedule to meet with me. But to begin, how and when did you first become involved with Scouting.

**Santa Claus (SC):** I became involved with Scouting from its very beginning. I was very pleased when Lord Baden Powell started the Scouting program so long ago, because the Scout law captures all of the important life virtues that I represent. I have been providing around the clock “behind the scenes” support to the Scouting program since that time. It’s great being a Scouter!

**PR:** How do you live the Scout Law every day, but especially at this time of year?

**SC:** I strive to live it every day. Let me outline this for you:

- Trustworthy – I show up in person every year regardless of weather challenges or whatever viruses might be floating around.
- Loyal – I never fail to make my annual rounds so important to good Scouts and all boys and girls who look forward to my visit each year.
- Helpful – I save many parents from the chores of last-minute shopping.
- Friendly – Oh come on now. No one can question how very friendly Santa is. Gosh, I let a zillion kids sit on my lap every year and listen to their wish list with a smile.
- Courteous – I always leave a thank you note to those who fatten me up with milk and cookies
- Kind – I deliver gifts to children of all cultures, religion, ethnicity, lifestyles, etc, I must admit though, I sometimes fail to be kind to parents when I deliver a drum set.
- Obedient – I am very obedient to my boss, Mrs. Claus. When she says it’s time to suit up and fly around the world I get all those reindeer together and off we go!
- Cheerful – “Ho, Ho, Ho.” Need I say more?
- Thrifty – Homemade toys and minimal shipping costs.
- Brave – Flying around the world at warp speed, in the dark, in a sleigh pulled by reindeer! Now that’s brave!
- Clean – My red suit looks great even after going down the millionth chimney.
- Reverent – My work emphasizes the spirit of giving inherent in all religions.

**PR:** What particular challenges do you see facing the Patriot District in the year ahead?

**SC:** One challenge that I have observed from the North Pole is recruiting younger Scouters to join the Patriot District Committee. The average age of current Committee members is trending towards the average age of members of the US Congress, Ho, Ho, Ho, and that cannot stand. Maintaining a strong and vibrant committee is crucial to providing a high-quality Scouting program for the District's units. We don't have that problem at the North Pole. I am fortunate in that I do not have to recruit new support staff because my elves do not age.

**PR:** What have you learned from your many years of involvement with the Scouting program?

**SC:** I have learned how to cook and plan meals for Mrs. Claus and myself, survive in cold weather, stay safe wherever I am (I have first aid kit in my sleigh), and be prepared for mishaps.

**PR:** What are some of the things you learned through the BSA merit badge program that have been of great value to you in your important work?

**SC:** The Aviation merit badge taught me to fly my sleigh with finesse. The Engineering merit badge taught me many new ways to efficiently design and make toys that Scouts – and all boys and girls – love. The Astronomy merit badge helped me learn how to effectively navigate across the skies.

**PR:** What was your favorite required Eagle Scout merit badge?

**SC:** The Communications Merit Badge was my favorite. When working on this merit badge I thought of the phrase "Merry Christmas and to all a good night!"

**PR:** Is there anything else you would like to tell the Patriot District Scouters?

**SC:** Please take a look at the Patriot District Committee organizational chart on Basecamp. This shows you many ways you can participate in ensuring the Patriot District continues to be an outstanding one.

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



## Patriot District Program News

### Wilderness and Remote First Aid Again Offered at Camp Snyder

Presented by the NCAC Camps, the Outdoor Preparedness Initiative (OPI) offers Wilderness First Aid certification with CPR/AED. OPI aims to prepare Scouts 14 and older, Scouters, and outdoor enthusiasts for high adventure activities and other outdoor adventures. Certification is provided through the American Red Cross. Courses are being offered:



- December 17 – 18, 2022      Registration at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63544>
- January 28 – 29, 2023      Registration at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63545>
- February 25 – 26, 2023      Registration at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63545>

These classes tend to fill quickly, so act soon, if interested. Additional classes may be offered as demand dictates and instructors are available.

### What to do when your child is no longer a Scout

*This article is digested from an article in On Scouting, contributed by Charles Brown of Shenandoah Council. On Scouting is the official BSA blog for adult volunteers. (The link to the full article is below.)*

“Participating in Scout activities was just as much fun for me as it was for my son,” Brown writes. “Given that I’d learned multitudes of information through Scouts, I wondered what to do next. Essentially, Mr. Brown identifies several ideas, including the following:

**Assistant Scoutmaster** Scouts BSA units, Venturing crews and Sea Scout ships might need trained adults to go on outings as well

**Merit Badge Counsellor.** “This job allows you to give back only occasionally rather than weekly, and you can choose your area of interest or expertise,” he writes.

**Volunteer at the Cub Scout level.** “Sharing your information with the Cub Scout parents will be helpful and inspiring.”

**Work with the district or council.** Our council has several committees and sub-committees that provide oversight and support to the district committees who, in turn, provide opportunities and support to the Units. Examples include Risk Management, Training, Camping and Outdoor Program which includes subcommittees for the Council Camps, shooting sports, COPE/climbing, aquatics, high adventure, and more.

And, the No. 1 reason to stay involved after your child leaves Scouting? “The BSA needs you! You have a wealth of knowledge that needs to be shared,” writes Brown.

If interested in exploring options, contact [patriot-program@ncac.org](mailto:patriot-program@ncac.org)



## 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](mailto: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



## 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>

*John Merchant  
Vice Chair, Program*



## Patriot Chapter OA News



### Patriot Chapter Meeting/Holiday Party

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM

### Lodge Banquet Registration is Open

The Lodge Banquet is an annual gathering of the members and families to recognize those individuals and Chapters who have done great things this past year. It includes formally recognizing those who achieved the Vigil Honor. Patriot Chapter nominated three candidates, all of whom were selected by the Lodge. This year the banquet will be held in the Riggs Alumni Center at the University of Maryland, College Park. Doors open at 9:00 AM, Brunch starts about 10:00 AM and the program ends at 1:00 PM

Click here for registration: [Wipit Lodge Banquet Registration](#)



### Lodge 2023 Dues Are Now Due

In order to remain active in the OA, you must pay your annual dues. The cost is only \$14.00 if you pay before April 1st; after that, it is \$16.00. Another advantage of paying early is that the Chapter is credited with \$2.00 for each member who pays their dues before April 1<sup>st</sup>. **NOTE:** If you completed your ordeal in the Fall of 2022, your dues are already paid through 2023.

If you plan to participate in (1) the Lodge Banquet, (2) the Spring Fellowship and (3) the Fall Fellowship, you can purchase a **Passport** that covers all of these events at a savings of about \$20.

You can pay your dues and/or buy the Passport online at <https://wipit470.org/dues.html>

*John Merchant  
Vice Chair, Program*



## Work with the Patriot District

You join either the Patriot District Committee Staff or the District Commissioner Corps. We are always looking for new people to join our ranks. Our Patriot District mission is:

- To retain and recruit Scouters to serve on the District Committee and on the District Commissioners Corps.
- To continue to provide the leadership needed to maintain Patriot District's position of Excellence

**A little background;** The Patriot District Committee and Commissioners Corps is one of the strongest in National Capital Area Council (NCAC). It is robust and dynamic and it provides our District's 51 units superb programming, outstanding support and strong leadership. The committee and the corps currently has about 25 strong active members, but due to its many areas of responsibility, most members must fill two or three positions. By adding additional committee members and commissioners, the time commitment and workload for current members will be reduced and it will be easier to more effectively cover all of our areas of responsibility.

The Committee is made up of four areas: Program, Membership, Finance and Communications while the Commissioner Corps is made up of Unit Commissioners and the various Roundtable staff.

### **We are looking to fill the following District positions:**

*Remember you are only volunteering for one year starting in January 2023, or for a specific project/activity for a limited time and we will train you.*

On the **Program** Committee - we are looking for volunteers to fill these openings:

- Venturing Training Chair
- Activities Chair
- Day Camp Program Director
- Cub-o- Ree Coordinator
- Camp Promotion Chair
- High Adventure Chair

On the **Membership** Committee - we are looking for volunteers to fill these openings:

- AOL to Scout Transition Coordinator
- Join Scouting Night Coordinator
- Outreach Coordinators; Hispanic

On the **Finance** Committee - we are looking for volunteers to fill these openings:

- Friends of Scouting Coordinator
- Popcorn Kernal

On the **Communications** Committee - we are looking for volunteers to fill these openings:

- Social Media assistants
- Webmaster
- Photographer

On the **Commissioner Corps.** - we are looking for volunteers to fill these openings:

- Unit Commissioners
- Scouts/BSA Roundtable Staff
- Cub Scout Roundtable Staff
- Venturing Roundtable Staff

If you would like to know more about any of these positions, please reach out to **Joe Margraf** at (703) 314-1622 or [joedenisemargraf@aol.com](mailto:joedenisemargraf@aol.com)





# Michael's Woodshop News Winter Edition



## Our 5th Annual Pinewood Derby Days are Here!

Michael's Woodshop has a great process to guide Cub Scouts through the Pinewood Derby Car creation process. Each Cub Scout will leave with a paint-ready car. There are several ways to participate in the fun:

**Open Registration:** Individuals or small groups can sign up for one of our open registration sessions.

Registration is now open.



**Pack or Den Events:** Packs or Dens may reserve Michael's Woodshop to hold their own Pinewood Derby event. Registration is now open. Remaining dates are limited, so inquire soon.

Visit the [Pinewood Derby Days page](#) to learn more.

## Plan Now for Your 2023 Woodshop Events



**Register for a Class or Schedule Your Own Event:** Michael's Woodshop offers regular Woodwork Merit Badge Classes and Open Registration Baloo the Builder Workshops. In addition, Michael's Woodshop may be reserved by Scouts or Units for Eagle Scout projects, Baloo the Builder and Build It Workshops and many other fun unit activities. You can also "Leverage" the shop to support your [STEM Nova activities](#). Visit our webpage for information about the programs and reserving the shop. 2023 reservations have already begun!

	<a href="#">Upcoming Events and Shop Calendar</a>		<a href="#">Visit our Activity Slideshows</a>		<a href="#">Click here to see Youth Shop Use Measures</a>
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## It Has Been a Busy Fall in Michael's Woodshop!

[Read our Latest Articles](#)



Michael's Woodshop hosted 70 scouts in the shop during the **Fall Family Camping Weekends**. Participants picked projects from a variety of offerings including a bird house, tool boxes and game boards. Everyone had a great time and left with a successfully completed project!



This fall, Michael's Woodshop hosted 150 youth in our Baloo the Builder and Webelos Build It Workshops. Please see [Baloo the Builder Workshop](#) and [Webelos Build It Workshop](#) to learn more about these popular programs.

Michael's Woodshop was extremely busy during the **OA's Camping Palooza** event in October. We had 136 youth visit the shop to make a fun project and volunteers helped build 4 new benches for the dining hall. Great fun!

## Join the Woodshop Team



Michael's Woodshop is operated and maintained by an incredible team of volunteers. With the growing popularity of our programs, we are looking to expand the shop support team. Roles are available for experienced woodworkers, Woodwork Merit Badge Counselors, and both adult and youth shop assistants. This is a fun and rewarding volunteer experience. Please view "[Join the Woodshop Team](#)" or email us for more information.

For more about upcoming events, volunteering, planning an event or reserving the shop, please visit the [Michael's Woodshop web page](#) or email us at [MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com](mailto:MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com)

## 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:

HOPEFULNESS\*

HELPLESSNESS

OBEDIENCE

CHEERFULNESS

KINDNESS

TRUSTWORTHINESS

\*Hopeful Future Expectations

### 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	Negative
Trustworthiness	Positive	Negative

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Helpfulness	Positive	Negative
Obedience	Positive	Negative
Cheerfulness	Positive	Negative

#### 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](mailto:wtdexterjr@gmail.com)

**The Patriot Press, Patriot District  
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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](mailto: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/](http://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/)
  - The Guide to Safe Scouting: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)
  - The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety: [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16](http://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

