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## From the District Chair

### WHAT DID YOU DO THIS SUMMER? It's a question I ask all Scouts and Leaders.



**Patriot District Summer Camp:** On behalf of the Patriot District, I want to thank our 25 staffers for putting on the BEST and LARGEST Cub Scout Day Camp in the Council. Your energy, commitment and love of the Scouting Program is so evident after spending 6 days helping over 140 Cub Scouts and over 30 of their leaders. The amazing memories you created for these youth will be with them throughout their entire Scouting journey.

### WE HAVE A VERY BUSY FALL SCHEDULE FOR OUR SCOUTS!



**Patriot District Cub Scout “Adventure Day” Cub-O-Ree** – September 9 @ Camp Snyder. Activities will include: **Rifle Marksmanship (BBs), Archery, Sling Shots, Climbing Wall, Gaga Ball, STEM and Arts & Crafts.** AND there will be a **“Movie Under the Stars”** at sunset. *The event is open to all Cub Scouts, family members and potential Cub recruits.* Cub Packs are encouraged to use this event as a recruiting event and invite perspective youth who may want to join Cub Scouts. Youth do not need to be registered Scouts to attend this event. **Packs or Families will be able to camp on Saturday night**

**See more information below:**

### Road To Scouting – October 8: Calling all Webelos & AoL Scouts and their Parents!

Learn what Scouts-BSA is all about! Meet area Troops and Scouts-BSA Members!

- **WHAT:** Patriot District “Road to Scouting” (Webelos/AoLs to Scouts-BSA Transition Seminar)
- **WHERE:** Providence Presbyterian Church: 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031
- **WHY:** Arrow of Light Scouts are almost ready to graduate from Cub Scouting. Scouts BSA is the next fantastic step on the Scouting trail. Come learn about the fun of Scouts BSA, how it’s different from Cub Scouting and how to go about finding a Troop that is a good fit for each Scout.



**Road To Scouting – October 8: We need YOUR Troop for “The Road to Scouting”** to Help recruit your Troop’s next generation of Scouts-BSA from the Patriot District’s Cub Scout Packs! What and Where as above.

- **WHY:** In the fall, Webelos/Arrow of Light Scouts begin the process of searching for Troops to join. This is a chance for your Troop to get early exposure to area Webelos & AOLs, advertise your upcoming recruiting events, and give them a sense of the adventure that awaits them in Scouts-BSA. Bring a display of what you do! Bring written materials to hand out! Bring an activity. **BRING Your SCOUTS TO TALK TO WEBELOS/AoLs!**





**Fall Camporee – October 27 - 29 - AVIATION Camporee, Bridgewater, WVA:** This Camporee will be dedicated to the world of AVIATION. We are collaborating with NEXTGEN Aviators for an experience that hits the mark for fun while learning the science of flight, technology in aviation, and aerospace engineering. Hands on aircraft maintenance, flight simulators and *actual* flights - your Scouts will never want this thrilling and unforgettable STEM event to end. Cost and sign-up Information to follow soon.



**HAVE YOU SCHEDULED YOUR UNIT'S FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PRESENTATION:**

Email Bob Sweeney at [robertsweeney2@gmail.com](mailto:robertsweeney2@gmail.com) to do so. About half of our units have already had their presentations. Don't wait too long. I think you will enjoy your presentation and you may even learn something new about FOS!

*Always have fun and let's keep it safe out there.*

**Joe Margraf**  
District Chair  
[patriot-chair@ncacbsa.org](mailto:patriot-chair@ncacbsa.org)



**ARE YOUR 18-YEAR-OLDS PROPERLY REGISTERED?**

From the *Registration Guidebook of the Boy Scouts of America*

*Individuals 18 years of age or older who are participating in a youth program must complete the official adult application, including the CBC authorization form, and must complete Youth Protection training.*

For youth protection, when your scouts or Venturers turn 18, they must submit an adult application to continue participating in the unit. For scouts in troops, this would normally mean registering either as an Assistant Scoutmaster or College Scouter Reserve. In a Venturing Crew, the position would be Venturing Participant.

To change the registration in the same unit, a paper registration is needed. The registration should be submitted immediately upon the 18th birthday, but units can plan ahead and ask for the form in advance.

If you have youth who are going to recharter with the unit this fall, and are going to be 18 – and are headed to college or elsewhere – you may want to ask for the form now, and then submit it at the birthday.

**Questions:** Contact Lee Cass, [scouting@lensmen.org](mailto:scouting@lensmen.org)



## From the District Commissioner

### *Welcome Back to a New Scouting Year!*

By the time you read this, our Scouts will be back from their summer camp adventures and getting ready for the upcoming school year. Whether they're looking forward to or dreading their return to school, hopefully all are looking forward to another year of fun and adventure in Scouting!

We'll be kicking off our 2023-2024 monthly **Roundtable** leader training and fellowship sessions on **August 10 at 7:30 pm at St. Stephens United Methodist Church** on Braddock Road. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Roundtable, either in-person or virtually!

### *It's Recruiting Season!*

Our August Roundtable will include a discussion of fall recruiting, including a review of the technology-based resources available to reach prospective Scouts at all program levels.

**Packs:** Our Packs need to begin fall recruiting activities *this month*. We'll be talking about Pack recruiting techniques at Roundtable. Also remember that our third annual **Patriot District Cub-o-Ree at Camp Snyder is on September. 9**. Have your Cubs attend for a day of fun, and *have them bring a friend who's not in Scouting*. That way the Cub-o-Ree instantly becomes a low-effort – but very effective – recruiting event where we can show everyone how much fun Scouting can be.

**Troops:** Fall recruiting is also relevant to Scouts BSA – current Scouts moved to the area over the summer and want to join a Troop, and there are other youth who are looking for new activities like Scouting. You and your Scouts should be reaching out to these audiences right now. And keep in mind that supporting recruiting at feeder Packs is critical to having a good pool of prospective Scouts for your Troop in a few years. Without strong Packs, Troops can't remain strong for very long. Offer Den Chiefs to area Packs. Ask how your Troop can help with Pack recruiting events and other activities. The payoff from a little help will greatly exceed the effort, and gives your Scouts both leadership opportunities and a chance to know they're making a difference.

### *BSA Registration Fee and Participation Fee Changes*

As most of you know, there are big changes to the BSA registration process, as well as a new Council participation fee. At Roundtable we will review the changes, how they will (and will not) affect rechartering, and answer questions. We will do a full recharter training program at our September 14 Roundtable.

### *Let's start the Scouting Year Strong!*

As leaders we all sometimes need to “recharge our Scouting batteries” and renew our enthusiasm for the program. Starting the new Scouting year strong is a tremendous way to give yourself a boost as a Scout leader, and to remind yourself why what we do as Scouters is so important!

Ken Gaul

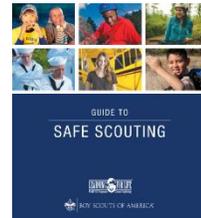
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## Important Camping Rules Change

The [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) has new restrictions, effective **September 1, 2023**, that will affect how many units conduct campouts. The change is intended to help ensure BSA's Barriers to Abuse more effectively protect our youth members. All Crews, Troops, and Packs should be familiar with the new rules and plan ahead for camping events taking place after September 1, 2023.



➤ **All adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered in an adult fee-required position as listed or as an adult program participant. *Limited exception below for Cub Scout overnight programs.***

➤ **Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders . . . In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. *All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.***

Some key terms in the restrictions are italicized; “adult fee required position” means a registered BSA adult position with paid registration, and that is subject to a mandatory criminal background check as part of the registration process. Adults registered only as Merit Badge Counselors are *not* currently considered to be in an eligible position.

In the Cub program, only unregistered “parents or legal guardians” may camp overnight. Not other adult relatives like grandparents or uncles. And parents/guardians are only to accompany their own children; no more “sharing” a parent by Cubs from different families. All other camping adults must be registered in a paid position.

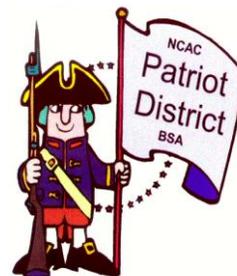
***If you have any questions about the new restrictions, please ask your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner Ken Gaul.***

### Patriot District Events

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

#### August 2023

- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 17-20 Powderhorn (Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD) – NCAC Event
- 22 PD Committee Meeting



#### September 2023

- 9 Cub Scout Adventure Day *Cub-o-Ree*
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 26 PD Committee Meeting

#### October 2023

- 8 Road to Scouting
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 27-29 Fall Camporee

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, August 10, 2023**

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

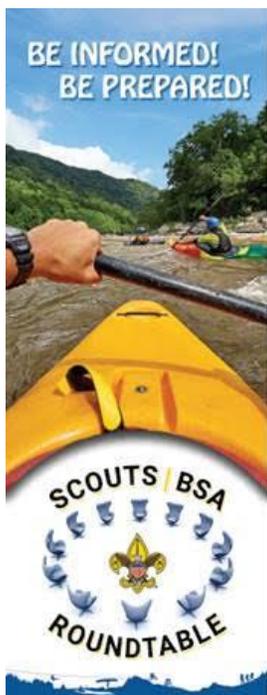
**Social: 7:30 PM Midway: 7:45 PM Roundtable: 8:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Topics: New Fees, Kicking off the Program Year Strong, Benefits of Scouting, and Recruiting**

**Word of the Month: Trustworthy**

**Bring a treat to enjoy while we meet!**

*Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner*  
[cweskrige@gmail.com](mailto:cweskrige@gmail.com)



**Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable**

**Not just for Scoutmasters**

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**

**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: New Fees and More**

*Greg Wagner, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner*  
[wagner89usna@verizon.net](mailto:wagner89usna@verizon.net)

*Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioners: Vacant*



## 2023 Cub Scout Summer Day Camp

The 2023 Patriot District & Old Dominion District Cub Scout Summer Day Camp took place at the Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton from June 26-30. This year's theme was OFF TO THE RACES and over 140 Cub Scouts and 30 Cub Leaders went on a five-day High-Speed Adventure where they raced to Archery, Sling Shots, S.T.E.M., Nature, Climbing Wall, Arts & Crafts, Field Games, Stomp Rockets and FUN.

On the first Day of Camp, the Scouts were visited by the Wheaton High School Society of Women Engineers, who are the current [World Electric Vehicle Grand Prix Champions](#). This famous all-girl electric vehicle grand prix team even brought the electric car that won. All the Scouts were able to sit in the car and asked many questions of the team.



The Wheaton High School Society of Women Engineers raced their all-electric car for the Scouts.

Later in the week, the [WOW WHEELZ](#) Driving Academy stopped by and the Scouts were actually able to drive several different types of vehicles on their own.



Visiting members of the [Washington Area Bicyclist Association](#) (WABA) encouraged Scouts to ride bicycles as a healthy lifestyle and connect with their communities. They also discussed basic bike safety issues and area biking trails.

*Here is a note we received about this year's Day Camp: "I am sending you a note to thank you as a grandparent for the great job you did on your Day Camp. My two grandsons (rising Tiger & rising AOL) and their father attended the camp and had a great time. We got to hear all about the camp and see the things they made. I visited the camp on Friday, so I got to see several of the activities firsthand (even demonstrated my poor marksmanship with a slingshot!). My younger grandson wears the t-shirt all of the time. I know that there was a lot of effort leading up to and conducting the camp by a lot of people - from at least one person's perspective (mine), it was well worth it."*

A huge shout out to the 30 staffers for putting on the BEST and LARGEST Cub Scout Day Camp in the National Capital Area Council. Their energy, commitment and love of the Scouting Program is so evident after spending six days helping over 140 Cub Scouts and over 30 of their leaders. The amazing memories they created for these youth will be with them throughout their entire Scouting journey.

As we are working on 2024 Day Camp dates, don't forget to provide us with your valuable feedback by [clicking here](#). We really hope you will consider coming back next year.

### More Photos from Cub Scout Day Camp



Each Day, Scouts participated in an opening and closing flag ceremony.



Scouts learned about the importance of Leave No Trace, participated in archery, and hit many of the targets at the Sling Shots station.



Scouts descended the climbing wall, made several cool projects at the arts & crafts station, and enjoyed the field games.



**Scouts sailed the boats they made in a Raingutter Regatta, launched stomp rockets, and learned about nature and STEM.**



**Field games fun and Raingutter Regatta racing.**



**The camp was visited by many special guests.**



**A well-deserved thank you to 30 Staffers for putting on the BEST and LARGEST Cub Scout Day Camp in the National Capital Area Council.**

**National adjusted fees effective 1 August 2023**

# Annual Membership Fee Update

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Effective **August 1, 2023**, the BSA will implement the following national membership fees which were approved by the National Executive Committee:

- **\$80** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants (\$5 increase)
- **\$60** for all adult volunteers (\$15 increase to provide general liability insurance and enhanced background checks)
- **\$25** one-time joining fee for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting (Not prorated and no change in fee)
- **\$30** for Scoutreach (Not prorated)
- **\$25** for Merit Badge Counselors (New Fee applies only for Merit Badge Counselors not already registered as leaders)
- **\$50** for Exploring participants Youth & Adult (\$5 increase)
- **\$100** for a unit charter/affiliation fee (no change in fee)
- **\$15** for *Scout Life* magazine

The NCAC Participation fee of \$80 is effective 1 January 2024.

A Scout joining between August 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023 pays the national fee of \$80 (+\$25 if new to Scouting) but does not pay the NCAC participation fee, either at that time, or with 2023 unit renewal. That youth will be listed as pre-paid, and \$0 at unit renewal. The NCAC participation fee will be collected upon a new youth member's annual renewal in 2024, which will occur sometime between August 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

Youth in the unit who renew during the annual 2023 unit renewal (re-charter), pay \$80 National fee and \$80 NCAC Participation fee (+ \$15 if they get Scout Life)

Adults pay \$60 National fee and no NCAC Participation fee.

NCAC insurance is included in the Participation Fee and there is no additional charge.

Background information and details regarding the NCAC Participation fee are provided at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/participation-fee>

New Merit Badge Counselors (MBC) who register after 1 August 2023 pay \$25 National Fee when MBC is their only registration. MBCs currently registered will pay \$25 when the district renews effective 30 Jan 2024. Adults registered in units who paid the \$60 National fee and are MBCs do not pay for their MBC position; that is a no fee multiple registration.

Effective September 1, 2023, all adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be currently registered as an adult volunteer. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in. Registration as a merit badge counselor position does not meet this requirement. Adults registering in a unit may register as a leader, assistant leader, charter representative, committee chair, pack trainer, new member coordinator, member of the committee, or unit Scouter Reserve.





## 2023 Patriot District Cub Scout “Adventure Day” Cub-O-Ree

The Cub Scout “Adventure Day” Cub-O-Ree will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at Camp Snyder

Activities to include:

**Rifle Marksmanship (BBs), Archery, Sling Shots, Climbing Wall, Gaga Ball, STEM and Arts & Crafts**

Additionally, there will be a “**Movie Under the Stars**” at sunset.

***It is open to all Cub Scouts, family members and potential Cub recruits.***

Cub Packs are encouraged to use this event as a recruiting event and invite perspective youth who may want to join Cub Scouts. Youth do not need to be registered Scouts to attend this event.

The event will take place at Camp Snyder - 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA

**Packs or Families will be able to camp on Saturday night**

Campsites will include a pavilion with picnic tables and a fire pit.

*You will need to bring your own tents, sleeping bags, cooking equipment & food*

**Registration is NOW OPEN**

**REGISTER HERE**

National Capital Area Council - Patriot District - Fall '23 Cub Scout Adventure Day and Cub-O-Ree ([scoutingevent.com](http://scoutingevent.com))

*Scouts and families may register for the Saturday program only or the Day Program and Camping Overnight experience.*

### **COSTS**

Youth - 5 to 11 years - Saturday only - \$20.00

Youth - 5 to 11 years - Saturday & Camping - \$28.00

Adults to include Camping - \$16.00

Children - 4 & under - Free

Adults & Staff - Not camping - Free

**Questions:** Contact Bill Dexter at [wtdexterjr@gmail.com](mailto:wtdexterjr@gmail.com) or (703) 978-2632 or (703) 344-6317





## Membership Corner



### Join Scouting Night

- Please report your Join Scouting Night/Event plans to Patrick Ring, [pring978@gmail.com](mailto:pring978@gmail.com)
- If your unit has a Facebook page, request Geofencing of your event from NCAC.
- Questions and Yard Signs: [pring978@gmail.com](mailto:pring978@gmail.com)

### Cub-o-Ree

**Date:** Saturday, September 9; **Location:** Camp Snyder  
**Comment:** This is a recruiting opportunity because non Scouts can participate!  
**Questions:** Bill Dexter, [wtdexterjr@gmail.com](mailto:wtdexterjr@gmail.com)

### Webelos to Scouts, BSA Transition, aka "Road to Scouting"

Troops showcase their unit to Webelos

**Date/Time:** Sunday, **October 8** (Changed from Original Date of Oct 1). 3:30 – 5:30 PM

**Location:** Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031

**Troops:** Set up begins at 3:00 PM (6 ft by 6 ft station)

**Webelos:** Program begins a 3:30 PM

**Questions:** [pring978@gmail.com](mailto:pring978@gmail.com)

### Fairfax Fall Festival

**Date:** Saturday, October 14; **Location:** Main Street, Fairfax, VA

**Comment:** Patriot and Chain Bridge Districts will run a station marketing the Scouting program. Come on by and say hello.

**Questions:** [pring978@gmail.com](mailto:pring978@gmail.com)

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[pring978@gmail.com](mailto:pring978@gmail.com)  
(703) 674-6178

## Patriot OA Chapter News August 2023



### Chapter Kick-Off Picnic

**Thursday, August 10 at St. Stephens UMC, 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

We are kicking off the new program year with a picnic and campfire Thursday evening, Aug 10, our normal monthly meeting night and location, St. Stephens UMC, 9203 Braddock Rd. Burke, VA 22015. Wear a Troop or OA T-Shirt and sash – “Class A” uniforms are not necessary. In addition to food and fellowship, we will distribute and review the 2023/2024 calendar, and recognize those who may have done significant service this summer. We may also play some beach ball volleyball. Ordeal Candidates and parents may also participate in this event, particularly, if they have any questions about the Ordeal.



Also, if we’re fortunate, we may catch some of the Perseid Meteor Shower, predicted to peak August 12.

### Lodge Fall Fellowship September 8 – 10, Goshen

**Come for Great Food, Fun, and Fellowship! The theme is "A Splash Into Brotherhood!"**

Registration for the Fall Fellowship at Goshen is open at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-72460>

Registration (closes September 5<sup>th</sup>)

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### Can’t Spend the Whole Weekend Away?

#### Consider helping at the Patriot District Cub-O-Ree.

On September 9, the Patriot District is hosting the Cub Scouts at Camp Snyder. They can use help from older Scouts at

- ✓ The BB Range
- ✓ The Climbing Wall
- ✓ The GaGa Pit
- ✓ The Archery Range
- ✓ Setting up and running the movie on Saturday night.

#### Patriot OA Calendar at a glance:

Note: The current Chapter Leadership has not fully approved the calendar below. The calendar we distribute at the picnic should be the “official” calendar, and will include the Spring 2024 events.

Abbreviations:

LEC: Lodge Executive Committee (All elected Lodge Officers, Lodge Committee chairs, and Chapter Chiefs)

LO&A: Lodge Officers and Advisers (Lodge Chief and all elected Lodge Vice Chiefs, including Area Chiefs, and all Chapter Advisers (Youth and Advisers meet separately))

CWBS: Camp William B Snyder

MSSC: Marriott Scout Service Center, Bethesda

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Aug 10 Sunday 7:00 – 9:00 PM	Chapter Kickoff Picnic and Campfire
Aug 16 – 18 Wed – Sat	Help with Lodge Sabbath-Friendly Ordeal – Camp Snyder
Aug 27 (Sun)	LEC at Camp Snyder
Sep 8 – 10	Lodge Fall Fellowship Goshen
Sep 9	Patriot District Cub-O-Ree – Camp Snyder
Sep 14 (Thu)	Chapter Meeting
Sep 29 - Oct 1 (Fri - Sun)	VA Central Ordeal at CWBS
Oct 1 (Sun)	LEC
Oct 19 (Thu)	Chapter Meeting
Oct 27 - 29	Patriot Camporee (Support TBD)
Nov 1	Unit OA Election season starts
Nov 4 (Sat)	Support Scouting for Food collection
Nov 5 (Sun)	LO&A MSSC
Nov 9 (Thu)	Chapter Meeting
Nov 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Fall Vigil Induction CWBS
DEC 1 & 2 (Fri - Sat)	Trade-O-Ree at CWBS
Dec 3 (Sun)	LEC at MSSC
Dec 14 (Thu)	Chapter Meeting
Jan 6 (Sat)	Lodge Banquet Univ of MD Riggs Alumni Center
Jan 11 (Thu)	Chapter meeting
Feb 4 (Sun)	LEC at MSSC



## Advancement News

I hope that your summer is going your way. Summer usually presents a surge in advancement opportunities with school out, camps open. and more free time than usual.

Eagle Scout packets are currently being updated to reflect the signature of the new National Chair Brad Tilden. As a result, packet shipments for councils with recipients certified after June 14, 2023, are currently on hold until all signature changes (Certificates and Wallet Cards) are completed. Packets are currently scheduled to resume normal shipments soon and will feature the new National Chair's signature.

**New policy:** Effective August 15, 2023, in addition to the above five requirements for a group merit badge instruction plan, group merit badge events that are offered to Scouts from more than one district by a unit or an organization that not have a current letter of agreement with NCAC and where the sponsor charges more than \$25.00 per person for the event, must adhere to the following:

- The sponsor must obtain approval in advance from the Council Advancement Chair, Merit Badge Dean or Council Staff Advisor, like a Council level group.
- The sponsor must have submitted a budget using the NCAC-mandated form and had the budget approved by a professional NCAC Scouter.
- The sponsor must use NCAC's Black Pug registration site to register participants and all fees must be collected in advance via credit card.
- For reimbursement, sponsors will need to submit receipts to a professional NCAC Scouter for approval.

If you are aware of an extension request for time to earn Eagle in Patriot district please drop me a note. I would like to crosswalk with NCAC's understanding.

Look for a Patriot district Life-to-Eagle on-line seminar in the October-November timeframe.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer and I'll see you in the fall.

*Tom Tyra*  
*Advancement Chair*



## Training Opportunities

**Fall Wood Badge course dates:** September 8-10 and October 7-8

Registration can be found at: [Wood Badge - National Capital Area Council \(ncacbsa.org\)](http://www.ncacbsa.org)

There are a lot of training opportunities for all programs listed on the NCAC calendar, so if a Patriot date doesn't work please check the calendar and see what other offerings are available.

*Justin Day*  
*Training Chair*



## Scouting for Food – 2023

“Help other people at all times...Do a Good Turn...”



Every state and county in the United States is home to people experiencing food insecurity, defined by the nonprofit Feeding America as “a lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life.” Fairfax County is no exception, with nearly 75,000 county residents experiencing food insecurity. Food insecurity affects our most vulnerable populations – women, infants, and children.

The way Scouts BSA/Boy Scouts of America supports those with food insecurity in Fairfax County is by participating in the annual [Scouting for Food](#) (SFF) drive during the month of November. SFF is one of the largest annual food drives in the metropolitan area normally held every fall prior to Thanksgiving. Local food banks rely on it to stock their shelves for the upcoming holiday months when food demands are the greatest.

This year’s NCAC Scouting for Food campaign supporting local food banks and pantries is no different than our previous efforts where Scouts go into the communities, door-to-door, and notify residents of the SFF campaign through the use post-its, door hangers, or other messaging means provided by Council or individual districts on a Saturday and then collect food contributions the following Saturday.

The Patriot District is partnering again this year with the [Capital Area Food Bank](#), the [Safeway Foundation](#), and the [Order of the Arrow Amangamek-Wipit Lodge #470](#). **New for 2023**, a virtual SFF campaign has been added for the Patriot District to supplement our primary door-to-door collection. Access to the online food drive is with [www.YouGiveGoods.com](http://www.YouGiveGoods.com), a company whose mission is to provide online charitable giving services, promote community involvement, and inspire social responsibility. *The virtual campaign is not a replacement for your unit’s physical participation, but rather a compliment to the overall SFF drive.* It allows scouts to solicit support from family, friends, etc., beyond the district (i.e., family and friends who reside in another state or country).

Our NCAC advertised dates are **October 28<sup>th</sup> for notification** and **November 4<sup>th</sup> for collection** although collection may occur between October 1<sup>st</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>. This is the primary method of collecting food donations. Other collection methods that place the Scouts in the community maybe used.

Some units may partner with a local food bank/pantry as part of an established relationship or connection with their Chartering Organization. This is commendable and encouraged. These units can still distribute the YouGiveGoods.com virtual SFF campaign information. *However, please note that we are limited by our partner YouGiveGoods.com to only one food bank or pantry per district as their platform is simply not set up for districts to designate multiple recipients. Therefore, all online orders will benefit the Capital Area Food Bank and not your local food bank/pantry.*

**Our goal is 100%-unit (physical) participation – 54 Units!** Many neighborhoods within the district overlap with other scouting units. In order to achieve the widest coverage and 100%-unit participation, units that cannot cover their local neighborhoods are strongly encouraged and respectfully requested to venture out of their comfort zones and volunteer for a different neighborhood. Don't let a lack of familiarity or antipathy prevent you and your unit from participating in the council's largest community service project.

Stay tuned for additional information the closer we approach SFF on important topics such as the distribution of routes, safety, recording unit participation, and reporting requirements.

- Sticker Delivery to Units: Thursday, October 12 @ Roundtable
- Sticker Distribution: Saturday, October 28
- Food Collection: Saturday, November 4, 8:30 AM to 12 Noon
- Food Delivery/Drop-Off: Safeway Burke Center Parkway, 5727 Burke Centre Pkwy, Burke, VA 22015

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# Michael's Woodshop News

## Summer 2023



**We are Expanding!** Due to the continuing high demand for shop time, Michael's Woodshop will be expanding its space to serve more youth. Stay tuned for additional details and ways you can support the expansion.



**Baloo the Builder & Webelos Build It Workshops:** Two popular workshops designed to help youth complete these electives. **Note:** Baloo the Builder Workshops are offered in an Open Registration format for individuals/small Dens. For more details, see the [Baloo the Builder](#) and [Build It](#) workshop descriptions.



**STEM Events/Workshop:** "Leverage" Michael's Woodshop to support your [STEM Nova activities](#). We can support Townes Supernova woodshop activities, Nova Swing! visits and other STEM Lab activities.



**Pinewood Derby Days... already???** Yes, it may seem a long way off, but we will begin processing reservations for Pack & Den pinewood derby sessions on June 26<sup>th</sup>. To learn more, visit our [Pinewood Derby Days webpage](#)

### Summer Camp at Camp William B. Snyder is Underway!



**Summer Camp Mystery:** Day Camp & Resident Weekends (June & July dates): Enjoy all the summer camp fun and activities at Camp Snyder, including a visit to Michael's Woodshop! **Spaces Still Available!**

[Learn More...](#)

	<a href="#">Upcoming Events and Shop Calendar</a>		<a href="#">View our Activity Slideshows</a>		<a href="#">Click here to see Shop Use Measures</a>
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### Recent Activities in Michael's Woodshop



**Family Camping Weekends** were great fun! Over the course of two weekends in April and May, we hosted 80 youth in the woodshop building tool boxes, game board, bird houses and more.



**Eagle Projects Galore!** Michael's Woodshop has supported 10 Eagle Scout Projects so far this year and we have several more pending! Contact us to learn how to reserve the shop for your project.

**Join the Volunteer Team in Michael's Woodshop:** If you enjoy woodworking and are interested in teaching and guiding youth, we invite you to join the volunteer team in Michael's Woodshop. Michael's Woodshop is operated entirely by volunteers and roles are available for BSA registered adults & youth from novices to experts. [Learn more...](#)

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**





**Camps & Programs**

*at Goshen Scout Reservation*

Bowman, Marriott, Olmsted  
*Scouts BSA/Venturing Camps*

Lenhok'sin High Adventure  
*Backpacking & Canoeing Treks*

Ross  
*Webelos Camp*

**Dates**

Week 1: June 23 - June 29, 2024

Week 2: June 30 - July 6, 2024

Week 3: July 7 - July 13, 2024

Week 4: July 14 - July 20, 2024

Week 5: July 21 - July 27, 2024

Week 6 (Ross only): July 28 - August 3, 2024

**Fees**

Fees and discounts for the upcoming year will be announced this fall.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

Registration opens to the general public on September 6, 2023.

Early Booking Discount! Units attending Goshen in 2023 will be able reserve their spot for 2024 while at camp and get a discount on their first scout.

[www.gotogoshen.org](http://www.gotogoshen.org)



# Save the Dates Snyder Summer 2024

## Cub Scout Camp

Rising Tigers to rising Webelos & AOLs.

### Day Camp

Session 1: June 24 - June 28, 2024

Session 2: July 8 - July 12, 2024

### Resident Weekends

Session 1: June 20 - June 23, 2024

Session 2: June 27 - June 30, 2024

Session 3: July 11 - July 14, 2024

## Scouts BSA Camp

### Specialty Weeks

Session 1: July 15 - July 19, 2024

Session 2: July 22 - July 26, 2024

## Family Camp

All ages!

July 5 - 7, 2024

Registration opens in October 2023.

[www.gotosnyder.org](http://www.gotosnyder.org)

# JOIN CAMP STAFF!



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

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

## JOB REQUIREMENTS

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

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

## ABOUT THE JOB

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

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



 Goshen Scout Reservation  
[www.gotogoshen.org/staff](http://www.gotogoshen.org/staff)

## Summer 2024

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

Interviews start in January 2024.

# 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 Joe Margraf: [joedenisemargraf@aol.com](mailto:joedenisemargraf@aol.com)

### The Patriot Press, Patriot District National Capital Area Council

The Patriot Press is the monthly newsletter of the Patriot District, NCAC, Scouts BSA. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the official policies of the National Capital Area Council or Scouts BSA. This newsletter is provided eleven times each year (not in July) and posted at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotPress>

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

