



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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
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Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Boy Scout /
Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 New Article



from <http://TheScoutmasterMinute.net/2012/05/04/methods-adults-association/>

Methods – Adult Association

This method is somewhat confusing, especially at the troop level for parents coming from the Cub Scout program. I say this because it is different.

I'll explain as we go. First and foremost, no matter what level of Scouting you participate in Adult Association starts with being a good example. An example of what right looks like, attitudes, habits, and the Scout Oath and Law. This is a lofty ask, but it is without a doubt the most important part of being a Scout leader when talking about the methods.

How you carry yourself, talk and act, wear the uniform, demonstrate skills, and teach and coach these young men will leave a lasting impact. Remember that you must practice what you preach. I hate to say this, but if you're unwilling to be a good example, Scouting does not need you.

Adults need to model the expected behavior and demonstrate good character.

We practice adult association when we conduct boards of review, Scoutmaster conferences, and work with the Scouts on skills and merit badges. They see modeled behavior and we expect them to act like we do. So we need to be our best.

Scouts look to adults for guidance, for coaching and a person to be a mentor. We are that person in Scouting.

I have seen too many adults that carry this a bit far. Boy Scouts are still Boy led. We need to know when adult interaction or interference is needed. Two deep leadership can be achieved from a safe distance while maintaining a healthy level of adult association.

Cub scout parents that come to a Troop often find it hard to get used to adults not being so hands on. But as I often say, there are no adults in a Boy Scout troop who's patch say's leader.

We teach, coach, train, and mentor and maintain a healthy adult association through modeled behavior that reinforces good character, citizenship, and fitness. Oh and we are supposed to have fun too!.. Remember the Scouting way.. that's the game with a purpose!

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Day/Twilight Camp 2019



Goose Creek Day Camp and Twilight Camp - June 17-21. We currently have a location reserved but are trying to see if we can still get our primary selection available. It will not be at the same location as last year.

Cub Scout day camps are organized by the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America and conducted by volunteers from the local area. Day camps are for registered Cub Scouts entering the 1st-5th grades the following school year. Those entering the 1st grade must be accompanied by an 'adult partner' during their participation. Twilight camps are the same as day camps but held in the evening, as such they have shorter hours and eliminate a few of the activities that occur at day camp.

Day camps are conducted by adult volunteer leadership who were trained and certified at one of the Boy Scouts of America's National Camping Schools. Day camps are also supported by a number of adult and youth staff members. Boy Scout Den Chiefs may also support the day camp program by assisting the Cub Scouts throughout the camp.

A variety of different activities are offered to allow participants to experience outdoor programs for Cub Scouts; many of which are designed to implement the 2019 Cub Scout program theme, "Under the Sea".

Most camps include activities based on STEM, nature, shooting sports, games, and possibly aquatics. Adult volunteers make up the nucleus of the day camp staff by volunteering in positions to lead specific programs, support the general operation, or by managing a den of Cub Scouts throughout their time at camp.

Cost:

- Day Camp
 - On or before Apr 28 - \$190
 - On or before May 19 - \$210
 - After May 19 - \$230
 - Two weeks before start of camp - \$260
- Twilight Camp
 - On or before Apr 28 - \$110
 - On or before May 19 - \$120
 - After May 19 - \$130
 - Two weeks before start of camp - \$150

Registration: www.ncacbsa.org/program/cub-scouts/day-camp/

Scouts BSA Female Troops in Goose Creek



Scouts BSA female troops are already getting formed in Goose Creek. Currently these units have been identified:

TROOP	LOCATION	INITIAL POINT OF CONTACT
Linked Troop 163	Purcellville	Michael Bills (CC), Mikebills02@gmail.com
Linked Troop 998	Leesburg	Jennifer Swain (CC), swainjen@gmail.com
Linked Troop 1148	South Riding	Stacy Capell (SM-G), scoutsbsagirls@gmail.com
Linked Troop 1158	Ashburn	Lynda Clarkson (SM-G), colinlynda@gmail.com
Linked Troop 1550	Leesburg	Jim Sheaffer (CC) Jim@sheaffer.org
Linked Troop 2970	Ashburn	Karen Rollison (SM-G), karen.rollason@gmail.com ; Shawn Carroll (ASM-B), shawn.carroll@yahoo.com

If anyone has updates to this list please contact david@weitzel.com and/or Peggy.Durbin@scouting.org



Boy Scout Swim Test Practice



Spring and summer BSA scout camps are approaching where attending scouts will be taking the BSA swim test in order to participate in any water activity. To help you prepare, Propel Swim Academy in South Riding is hosting a BSA Swim Test Practice Event on Sunday February 17th, 2-3 PM, at 43160 Amberwood Plaza, South Riding, VA 20152

Instructions for registering for this free event:

1. Go to <https://propel.app.keeptrack.dk/schedule>
2. Create an account for your Scout, then click Menu and choose 'Schedule'
3. Scroll all the way down to the bottom of the schedule and register for **Boys Scouts of America Swim Evaluation**.
4. Click 'Next' to check out.

All families will be required to complete a liability waiver form on the day of the event.

Please direct all questions to Jason Mcwhirter - jason.mcwhirter@gdit.com

Note: This is a practice for the test, not the actual test.

District Spring Camporee



The GCD Spring Camporee will be held on March 29-31 and will take place at Camp Highroad (21164 Steptoe Hill Road, Middleburg, VA 20117). More information will come soon, and we are still looking for someone to help coordinate this event.



“Cheerful Service Chatter”

Chapter News for our Arrowmen
Lodge Website: www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA

Order of the Arrow - Unit Elections



The annual OA Unit Election season runs from November through May. Troops and Teams may hold only one election per season and it is recommended that the election be held prior to April 1, 2019. This will allow all elected candidates to be able to attend the Goose Creek Chapter Ordeal the weekend of May 10-12, 2019. If you wish to have Arrowmen visit your Troop prior to your election, to discuss the OA with your Scouts, please contact the Goose Creek Chapter Chief (ChapterChief@goosecreekdistrict.org).

If you would like to schedule an OA Election please register at <https://alexstuck.wixsite.com/goosecreekoaelect>

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Alex Bates – Troop 956
Ian Beck – Troop 1154
Braden Bergman – Troop 743
Jack Bower – Troop 956
Matthew Caulfield – Troop 997
William Caulfield – Troop 997
Alexander Chidester – Troop 998
Ian Devenish – Troop 1666
Gabriel Escobar – Troop 2970
Andrew Fryer – Troop 997
Ryan German
James Golliver – Troop 982
Samual Gomez
Terran Hays – Troop 711
Christopher Horstkamp – Troop 997
Zachary Kloman – Troop 956
Evan Logan – Troop 1158
Joseph Marsh – Troop 2970
Jackson T. Mattingley – Troop 533
Tanner Michon – Troop 953
Aditya Nallamala – Troop 2012
Brian O'Mara – Troop 711
Spencer Rosenlund – Troop 1168
Ethan Scott – Troop 1168
Robert Stethem – Troop 1158
Umair Syed – Troop 786

Note: Some of the Scouts listed here had been earned their Eagle earlier in the year but had not been reported to the district advancement chair so that they could be included in the newsletter. With the annual listing from Council we are finally able to recognize their achievement here.



New Eagle Scout Rank Application

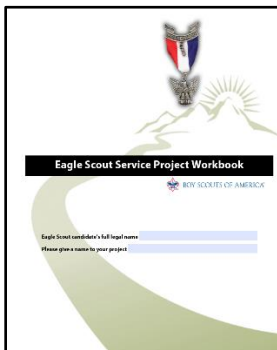


An updated Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA) for 2019 has been posted. Scouts already in the process with the April 2017 version can continue using that form. Anybody starting to complete the ESRA must use the new form (www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_WB_fillable.pdf). Note: The Eagle Advancement page on the Council's website points to the same URL so that it always has the latest version.

Scoutbook users may download the ESRA by going to the bottom of the Scout's page, selecting Reports, then clicking on Eagle Application. A PDF version of the ESRA will open with the information from Scoutbook filled in. Save the file, then update as needed.



New Eagle Project Workbook Available



As we move into 2019, there are some advancement changes in the offing. Significant is the issuance of a new Eagle Scout Project workbook, now available from the national forms library (www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/). Note: The Eagle Advancement page on the Council's website points to the same URL so that it always has the latest version.

The new form must be used for all Eagle projects started after January 1, 2019, but projects started using the old form can continue to use that form for the time being. The BSA will most likely sunset the old form, probably in a few months.

One change is the file format that the new workbook uses. While the file is a PDF, its fillable forms use the XML Forms Architecture (XFA), a proprietary specification family that requires a specific reader in order to open, fill and save the document. Most users will most likely be using computers running MacOS or Microsoft Windows, for which the latest Adobe Acrobat reader is readily available and should work just fine. Open-source users, however, may need to jump through some hoops, installing Adobe's reader manually or running the Windows version through an emulator or API layer (e.g. wine).

Changes noticed:

- Filling in the Scout's name and project title on the first page of the document will automatically copy it to the title page following page six of the instructions and everywhere else in the report requiring the name to appear, so don't get frustrated that you can't enter it there.
- Text boxes automatically resize to allow open-ended amounts of text. There's no need to fit them into fixed fields or attach additional pages.
- Likewise, you can insert as many photos (in a variety of formats) as you wish.
- As you enter the figures in the various numerical tables (cost estimate, materials list, etc.), the line and column totals automatically recalculate. For example, entering a quantity of 5 boards at \$15 each causes \$75 to appear in the Total Cost column.



Scouts BSA Handbook



Scouts BSA launches Feb. 1, but the Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls is now available at scoutshop.org and at nationally operated Scout shops.

The Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys will be shipped to Scout shops this summer as current inventory decreases. Boys can continue using the 13th Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook, which remains available at Scout shops and online.

Why are there two different handbooks?

The volunteer-led board of directors wanted to ensure Scouts can see themselves represented accurately in the pages, and having two handbooks was the most effective way to do that.

The photos reflect the troop of which the Scout is a member. In other words, boys will see images of other boys in the Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys; girls will see images of other girls in the Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls.

Is the content the same between the Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys and the Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls?

Yes, the content, requirements and page numbers are exactly the same. All that's different is the photos.

What did and didn't change from the Boy Scout Handbook to the Scouts BSA Handbooks?

What didn't change:

- Requirements
- Program elements

What did change:

- Images, which reflect the troop of which the Scout is a member
- The program name — Boy Scouts becomes Scouts BSA
- Youth Protection guidelines, which are regularly updated to keep young people safe
- Minor grammar and formatting fixes to the 13th Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook

Can a Scout continue to use the 13th Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook?

Absolutely. But be aware that rules and requirements can be updated, so always look for the latest requirements online or in Scoutbook.



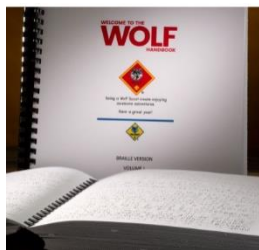
of Goose Creek Eagles for 2018



For 2018 Goose Creek had 149 Scouts reach the rank of Eagle. This was 10% of the total number of 2018 Eagle Scouts for the entire council. Last year's Eagle count was 153 Scouts, the highest recorded for the district.



Cub Scout Handbooks are Now Available in Braille Versions



There's room for everyone in Scouting, especially Scouts who are blind or visually impaired.

That's why the Boy Scouts of America has released Braille versions of all four Cub Scout handbooks: Tiger, Wolf, Bear and Webelos.

Now every Cub Scout can follow each chapter of his or her Cub Scouting journey.

Families order the handbooks directly from the Kansas Braille Transcription Institute (details below).

The cost, while higher than the non-Braille versions, includes only the actual cost of producing the books. The BSA paid for the transcription, and shipping is free.

How much do the Braille Cub Scout handbooks cost?

Some Braille transcription services charge 75 cents per page or more. That would mean a cost of \$226.50 for the 302-page Tiger Handbook or \$397.50 for the 530-page Webelos Handbook.

Thankfully, the actual cost of these Cub Scout handbooks is a fraction of that.

Here's the breakdown:

- Tiger Handbook (two volumes): \$50
- Wolf Handbook (two volumes): \$56
- Bear Handbook (two volumes): \$56
- Webelos Handbook (four volumes): \$96

How does a family or Cub Scout leader order a Braille Cub Scout handbook?

Customers order directly from the Kansas Braille Transcription Institute (www.kbti.org).

Call 316-265-9692 during business hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday.

You may also email info@kbti.org.

What about the Scouts BSA Handbook?

The Scouts BSA Handbook (14th edition) also will be transcribed.

It will be ready when Scouts BSA, the new name for the BSA's Boy Scout program, launches in February 2019.

What about Boys' Life magazine?

The official magazine of the BSA is available in Braille at no charge through the National Library Service: www.loc.gov/nls/braille-audio-reading-materials/magazines/#nlsmags



Ask Andy – Board of Review



Hi Andy,

I have three interrelated questions today...

First, can a reviewer, in a board of review with a Life Scout on the cusp of Eagle, ask the question, “Do you believe in God”?

Second, If the Scout responds with a “No,” can he be failed, and denied his rank advancement?

Third (and last), Is it correct that, once the Scoutmaster’s conference has taken place prior to the board of review, that the next rank has been achieved and that the board of review is a formality—with the exception of the rank of Eagle.

These are all excellent questions! Their answers—to be complete and unambiguous—may take a bit longer than it took to ask, and I’ll do my best...

Your first two questions are linked, so let’s start here: In any board of review, anyone can ask, “Do you believe in God?” however, I personally advise coming at this in a more gentle and meaningful way, and in a way that ties the inquiry to Scouting. For example, consider approaching it this way: “The Scout Oath talks about our duty to God, and the Scout Law talks about being reverent. Would you take a few moments to share with us how you, in your personal life, try to live up to these two aspects of being a Scout?” (and then be quiet—don’t “re-explain” your question—just listen attentively).

Boards of review aren’t about “failing” Scouts! They’re about celebrating and reflecting on his accomplishments. If belief in God hasn’t been discussed between the Scout and his Scoutmaster in an earlier conference, the Scoutmaster hasn’t lived up to his responsibilities. But coming back to your question more precisely, if I had asked that (sort of importune) question and received a “No,” I’d definitely ask further, “Well, what is it that you do believe in?” and “How did you come by this decision?” and “Have you always felt this way?”

Understand that, while BSA membership is in-part based on a fundamental belief in God by any name, the BSA is completely non-denominational and great latitude is available; that said, no one can truly be a Scout (or Scouter, for that matter) absent this foundational belief. Thus, the board of review might need to be put on “hold” until further conversations, including with the Scout’s parent(s) as necessary, can be accomplished.

Further, it’s best for all to not wait to explore a Scout’s belief structure until he’s a rising Life or Eagle Scout. This is something that can and should be approached—but with compassion—as early as a Tenderfoot-level Scoutmaster conference and board of review.

For your third question, ALL boards of review—including that for Eagle—are confirmations and celebrations of achievement. They’re neither “kangaroo courts” nor “rubber stamps.” They have value to the Scout, in talking over what he’s accomplished and where his future path lies. They have value, from Tenderfoot (Scout rank has no review) through Life in giving the unit’s committee members an inside view of how well the troop and its Scoutmaster are delivering the Scouting program and the “Eight Methods of Scouting” you all youth members. For Eagle, those not necessarily directly associated with the troop have the opportunity to see for themselves what fine individuals the Scouting program gives the world! Good question! Yup, this can definitely be a bit confusing nowadays. Whenever possible, I prefer to use the BSA’s own published material rather than “winging it,” so here’s what I found in SCOUTING magazine...



Ask Andy – Scoutmaster Conference



Hi Andy,

We have currently had a schism in our troop, and there are a lot of “hard feelings” going around... Seems that our now-former Scoutmaster, who resigned in late December last year and planned to assume the position of ASM, has been denied re-registering by our local council. (Apparently, there were “incidents” that led to the council’s decision—incidents that involved my own son.) Now we have an ASM who stepped up and volunteered to be an “interim Scoutmaster,” and he’s pretty closely aligned with the previous Scoutmaster.

My son is 17 and will be ready for his Scoutmaster conference for Eagle rank soon, and I’m concerned that he won’t get a fair shake from the new Scoutmaster. Is there anything in place for a Scoutmaster conference with someone other than the Scoutmaster, like perhaps with someone at the council level?

Thank you for any information you can provide for a situation like this.

Here’s the good news: A Scout doesn’t “pass” a Scoutmaster conference—he simply has one! That’s right. Read the exact words of Eagle requirement 6: “While a Life Scout, participate in a Scoutmaster conference.” If the Scout has done this (i.e., participated), he’s met the requirement.

To carry this to the extreme, even if the Scoutmaster should (stupidly and with no sensitivity whatsoever) go so far as to rake the Scout over hot coals, that’s still a conference and the requirement is completed. Further, the Scoutmaster is obliged, even in this extreme circumstance, to acknowledge that the conference has taken place.

Taking this one step further, under the UNIT APPROVAL section on page 2 of the Eagle Scout rank application, if the Scoutmaster should, for some other dumb reason, refuse to sign, then the situation becomes an “Eagle Scout Board of Review Under Disputed Circumstances,” which is addressed at length in the BSA’s GUIDE TO ADVANCEMENT, Topics 8.0.3.2 through 8.0.4.2.



Scuba Certification and Scuba Diving Merit Badge



What: PADI open water scuba certification and the BSA Scuba Diving merit badge.

Who: For any Scouts BSA-aged youth or adult leader.

Where: Camp Snyder & local quarry

When: Aug 4 1-3pm; Aug 17 & 18 9am-5pm, Aug 24 & 25 9am-1pm

Cost: \$600 (includes all equipment); Aug 25 Scuba diving merit badge session only - \$5

Registration deadline: July 29

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25415>



Scuba BSA



What: This is an introductory/try-it scuba experience.

Who: Any Scouts BSA-aged youth or adult. Maximum 8 participants per session

Where: Camp Snyder pool

When: May 25. 1.5 hour sessions at 1, 2:30, and 4pm

Cost: \$25 (includes all equipment)

Registration deadline: May 20

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25414>.



How to Replace a Lost Eagle Scout Medal, Card or Certificate



The Eagle Scout medal symbolizes a difficult, rewarding journey that, for some young people, spans more than a decade.

While it's impossible to replace the actual medal pinned on a proud Eagle Scout at a court of honor, the BSA does have a process for obtaining a replacement.

The same steps apply regardless of how the medal was lost — natural disaster, family move or any other reason.

Here's how to replace a lost or missing Eagle Scout medal, certificate, congratulatory letter or pocket card.

Step 1: Purchase a replacement card and/or certificate

To get a replacement Eagle Scout medal, you'll first need an official Eagle Scout card or certificate.

Go to www.scoutshop.org/eagle-scout-certificates.html to order one.

When ordering these Eagle Scout credentials, you'll need the following information:

- Name of Eagle Scout
- Eagle Scout's birth date
- Month and year when the Eagle Scout award was earned
- City and state where the Eagle Scout award was earned

The BSA, at its National Service Center in Texas, will verify the person's Eagle Scout status. Once verified, the Eagle Scout card, congratulatory letter and/or certificate are shipped to the address provided.

Step 2: Purchase a new Eagle Scout medal and/or badge

Once the credentials (card or certificate) are in hand, the Eagle Scout can go to a local Scout Shop or council office to purchase a new medal and badge.

The Eagle Scout Award Kit, which includes the medal, pin and badge, is a "restricted item." This means it's only available in a local council trading post or Scout Shop with required paperwork.



Life-to-Eagle Seminar



Mark your calendars for April 27th for the next 2019 offering of the Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Training for Goose Creek.

These training conferences are primarily targeted for the Life-to-Eagle Advisers & Coordinators at the unit level – but are by no means limited to same. Life Scouts and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend as well. The key goal is to get each of the unit Eagle Advisers up to speed on changes to the process, and some of the district-level mechanics of same. That way, they can help share the message to the Life Scouts in their units on a more frequent basis.

Date: April 27, 2019

Time: 10:30 – 2:30

Place: TBD

Other L2E Seminars scheduled for 2019 are being targeted for July/Aug and Nov (all mid-month).

Also, if you ARE a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit, and have not attended one of these in Goose Creek within the last 2 years, you **really** should make an attempt to do so. Lots of things have changed over the years, and even the long-standing and experienced L2E Advisers will learn something new.

Merit Badge Pow Wow



This February 16th, the Annual 2019 Goose Creek District Pow Wow/MBU will be held at Riverside High School located off Belmont Ridge Rd In the Lansdowne Community.

The event has attracted upwards of 200 scouts attending in previous years, and has been among the biggest local scout merit badge events for the past several years.

Registration is open at the www.meritbadge.info website.

The training will cover over 15 different merit badges plus Den Chief Training.

Check the meritbadge.info site for a complete list of merit badge courses and to register each scout attending. The event is free of charge, there is no cost associated with attending this event.

In addition we are asking for more volunteers to step forward, both men and women, to assist at the event in the classrooms. Whether you are a counselor for one of the merit badges being offered, or not even a counselor at all, there is a place for you to assist in the class rooms. By doing so you will gain the experience to play a part in this event next year and following years.

The event is also open to scouts outside of Goose Creek District and it has attracted many scouts from other districts throughout the region and other parts of Virginia.

Please help spread the word about this great opportunity for scouts to pass off merit badges, including several required badges.

Sons of the American Revolution Eagle Recognition



The Colonel James Wood II Chapter of the Virginia Society, Sons of the American Revolution serving Northwestern Virginia invites you to recognize your Eagle Scout with a letter and certificate of recognition for their Court of Honor. Application is easy but can take 4-6 weeks for delivery due to the approval process.

Please provide the following information when ordering a letter and certificate:

1. Scout's Full Name:
2. Scouts' Troop Number:
3. Date for Court of Honor (if known):
4. Name/position of person requesting letter and certificate (for accounting purposes):
5. Address for mailing letter and certificate:

You may address all requests and inquiries to:

Robert Fagan
 Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret)
 Chapter Chairman, SAR Scouting Activities
 Email: rjfmf99@hotmail.com

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Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



2019 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key: Available Almost Full Full

Camp (as of 03/25/2015)		Week					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bowman (Patrol Cooking)	Full	Full	Available	Available	Available	Available
	Marriott (Patrol Cooking & Heater Stack)	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
	Olmsted (BS Dining Hall)	Full	Available	Full	Available	Available	Available
	Lenhok'sin High Adventure	Almost Full	Available	Available	Available	Available	Full
	PMI (Dining Hall)	Full	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available
	Ross (Dining Hall)	Full	Available	Available	Available	Available	Available

Week 1 – 6/23 to 6/29

Week 3 – 7/7 to 7/13

Week 5 – 7/21 to 7/27

Week 2 – 6/30 to 7/6

Week 4 – 7/14 to 7/20

Week 6 – 7/28 to 8/3

Fees:

If paid by April 12: Youth \$375, Adults \$225

If paid by May 17: Youth \$415, Adults \$265

After May 17: Youth \$455, Adults \$305

- All units will receive two free adult leaders!

Registration: www.gotogoshen.org/registration/#schedule



Ask Andy – Scout Sunday



Hi Andy,

Can you help out with a clarification on “Scout Sunday”? I’ve always thought it was the first Sunday in February following “Scout Sabbath.” But I’ve also heard that it’s the Sunday closest to February 8th. For 2019, our council has set it for February 3rd. But the BSA says it’s February 10th as does the NLAS (National Lutheran Association on Scouting). Our troop is planning on recognizing our sponsored units and leaders on Scout Sunday—whatever date it might be. But it would sure help to know what date that is!

Good question! Yup, this can definitely be a bit confusing nowadays. Whenever possible, I prefer to use the BSA’s own published material rather than “winging it,” so here’s what I found in SCOUTING magazine...

“In the past, Scout Sunday was always held on the Sunday before the birthday of the BSA on February 8th. Realizing that each chartered organization has a unique schedule of worship, the BSA no longer uses that guideline. For 2019, the BSA lists Sunday, February 10th, as Scout Sunday. However, because some religious organizations’ calendars preclude this date, flexibility is the order of the day. For example, the United Methodist Churches that sponsor Scouting units have, for 2019, chosen Sunday, February 17th as Scout Sunday...”

Keep in mind that, ultimately, the BSA isn’t a “governing power” when it comes to dates like these; it’s the church or temple that ultimately makes this decision. The BSA does request that Scout Sunday be held in February, because February 8th was the BSA’s “birthday” in 1910 (plus, Robert S.S. Baden-Powell, Scouting’s Founder, was also born in February... the 22nd, in 1857!), but also note that—February and Scout Sunday aside—the BSA was chartered by the U.S. Congress on June 15, 1916. Coming back to the beginning, any Sunday in February is just fine by the BSA!



Pre-camp Swim Classification Tests



What: This is an opportunity for your unit to have your annual BSA swim classification check done under the supervision of NCAC-approved aquatics personnel.

Who: Any NCAC unit (Pack, Troops and Crews).

Up to 20 tests per 30 minute session

Where: Camp Snyder pool, Haymarket VA

When: May 19. 30 min blocks starting at 1pm, last session starting at 4pm Cost: \$3 per participant

Registration deadline: May 13

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25403>.

Note: Out of Council camps may still require your unit to be tested there. Please check with them before signing up for the pre-camp tests.



BSA & American Red Cross Lifeguard Training



What: BSA Lifeguard is professional level training that meets the requirements of government agencies for professional lifeguards at regulated swimming activities. The course includes American Red Cross Lifeguarding certification in addition to BSA Lifeguard certification. Those who want to work the waterfront at BSA summer camp need this training.

Who: The program is open to all registered adults and older youth (minimum age 15). Strong swimming skills are required. The course includes 7 ½ hours of online pre-work that must be completed before the first class session on May 18.

How: This course includes the Red Cross blended-learning Lifeguarding course. This requires participants to complete 7 1/2 hours of online training at their convenience before the May 18 session. The online training allows us to minimize the classroom lecture time.

When/Where: April 28; 1pm-3pm – pre requisite swim test and course orientation at local pool. May 18, 19, 25; 9am-5pm – course dates at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA. You must attend all sessions to complete the course!

Cost: \$150

Registration deadline: April 26

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25405> -limited to 16 registrants



BSA-licensed products on Amazon



The Boy Scouts of America has opened a new Amazon store that makes buying officially licensed products easier than ever.

The collection includes more than two dozen unique items, including officially licensed T-shirts, pocketknives and those PopSocket things everyone has on the back of their phone.

If you're an Amazon Prime member, you'll be delighted to know most products qualify for free, fast shipping. And if you're a fan of new stuff, look for more cool gear added throughout 2019 and beyond.

Leaders looking for the latest editions of Scouting handbooks and leader guides will find those in the store, too.

Check out <https://amazon.com/boyscoutsofamerica> to see what's available.

What are officially licensed products?

Officially licensed products are produced by a third-party manufacturer and authorized by the BSA's National Council under a product licensing agreement.

These are different from official products, which are items produced directly by the National Supply Group. You'll still purchase official products, such as the uniform, through Scoutshop.org or your local Scout shop.



VFW Scout of the Year Scholarships



The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Scout of the Year program provides members of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who display standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country with the opportunity to be rewarded with college scholarships. Each year the VFW honors three young people from Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts or Venturing Crews who have demonstrated exceptional citizenship in school, scouting and the community. The first-place winner receives \$5,000, second-place is awarded \$3,000 and third-place earns \$1,000.

Rules and eligibility requirements (include Eagle Scouts who display standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country, and demonstrate practical citizenship in school, scouting & community. An Eagle Scout must be 15 years of age and enrolled in high school.

Interested Eagle Scouts should submit their application thru local VFW Post 1177 in Leesburg by emailing Bob Koberg at bicyclebob31@gmail.com The deadline is March 1, 2019.

Rules & Regulations: <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Scout-of-the-Year/Scout-of-the-Year-Rules-and-Eligibility.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20181204T183700Z>

Application: <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Community/Youth-and-Education/Scout-of-the-Year/ScoutoftheYearBrochureandEntryForm.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20190104T193810Z>



BSA/Red Cross Lifeguard Crossover Course



What/Who: Do you already have either BSA or Red Cross lifeguard certification and want to also earn the other certification? Then our crossover course is what you need. This abbreviated lifeguard course will test your lifeguarding skills and knowledge to ensure you have met each organization's training requirements.

When: August 10 & 11 2019 at Camp Snyder 9am – 6pm

Cost: \$50 + \$20 if you don't have the required gear (CPR mask, hip pack, whistle with breakaway lanyard)

Prerequisite: Valid BSA or American Red Cross lifeguard certification.

Registration deadline: August 5 2019

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25406>



There's three ways for a Scoutmaster to get something done; he can ask the Troop committee to do it (and then do it himself), or he can just do it himself, or he can absolutely forbid his Scouts from doing it.

14th Annual NCAC Scout Orienteering Meet



When: March 23, 2019

Where: Kings Landing Regional Park (3255 Kings Landing Rd, Huntingtown, MD 20639)

This event is open to all Boy Scout Troops, Girl Scout units (ages 11 and up) and Venturing Crews. Scouts will be paired up and compete for awards to be presented to the first 10 places in each event. The morning sessions will include: instruction in Orienteering for Scouts new to the sport, competitions in one of four levels of orienteering courses, and a map skill-building event. Each Scout pair will have an opportunity to choose two events in the morning. Although we are offering instruction, we strongly recommend instruction take place at a unit level so you can ensure the use of Teaching EDGE instruction that we are unable to provide. Competition will be broken into two age groups, under 14 years of age and Scouts 14 years of age or older. Venturing Crews with members over 18 years old may be scored as a third grouping to try to ensure fairness. After a brief break at 1pm, the afternoon event will be a 90-minute Orienteering score course. The event will be completed with awards from the morning events at 5:00 pm.

Cost is \$9 per youth and includes an event patch for all youth participants. Adults may purchase patches at cost on the day of the event pending availability.

This event is run with volunteers from and supported by the NCAC and has the added experienced of help from the Quantico Orienteering Club.

Buddy system is strictly enforced with all events and adults are not permitted "in the woods" during the competitions. The morning competition will be on the individual (scout) pair level and on the unit level. Each troop or crew unit will have a unit score from this event based on the average of the unit's top five pairs from that unit.

Camping should be available within walking distance of the event on Friday and Saturday nights. Camping may limited to the first 225 Scouts and adults. More details on how to arrange a camping site will be posted on the event website soon.

Because of the large volume of Scouts attending this event and the level of competition, we cannot accommodate Cub Scouts or Webelos at this event

Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-2019ScoutOrienteering>

Diocese of Arlington - Campout / Retreat



The Diocese of Arlington has scheduled the Catholic Campout for April 5-7, 2019 at Camp Snyder. More details when it gets closer.

Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Scout Day Camp is a great means for all Scouts from Tiger through Webelos and their siblings to experience Camp Snyder without the overnight sleeping. Each day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with lunch included in the cost of camp.

Sessions run from Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Day Only / Lunch Included.

Session 1: July 8-11
Session 2: July 29-Aug 1

Cost: \$230 – register by April 12
\$255 – register by May 16
\$280 – register after May 16
\$50 – one adult for a week
(may be a different adult each day)

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/

Cub Scout STEM Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



The NCAC STEM Program is coming to Camp Snyder for one week only (July 24-27). Spaces are limited so sign up early for this unique blend of BBs, Archery, Swimming and STEM! Each day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with lunch included in the cost of camp.

July 15 - 19

Cost: \$255 – register by April 12
\$280 – register by May 16
\$305 – register after May 16
\$50 – adults

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/

Cub Scout STEM Weekend Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Everything that you love about our Resident Weekend program + Science Technology Engineering Math. What's not to like?

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping.

Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.

July 26-28

Cost: \$260 – register by April 12
\$290 – register by May 16
\$315 – register after May 16
\$80 – adults (2 leaders free)

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/

Cub Scout Weekend Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Resident Camp is your bite sized introduction to a Boy Scout summer camp program. All registered Cubs, Tigers – Webelos and their adult leaders/parents sleep on cots in 4-person BSA wall tents that sit on raised platforms, eat in the camp dining hall and experience a whole day into the night program. The program at camp includes opportunities for Scouts to earn Adventure Loops, and several just-for-fun activities. The importance of Cub Resident camp to a registered Cub Scout and their family is tremendous! Resident Camp will develop your son's or dens' self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing learning experiences in which campers acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to their well-being.

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast.

Session 1: July 5-7
 Session 2: July 12-14
 Session 3: Aug 2-4

Cost: \$235 – register by April 12
 \$265 – register by May 16
 \$290 – register after May 16
 \$80 – adults (2 leaders free)

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/.

Bullseye Family Camping 2019



The NCAC Shooting Sports Committee is planning two different weekends of BB gun shooting, archery, slingshots and more at Camp Snyder! After a fun day on the ranges Scouts and their families will gather for an evening campfire program and then camp overnight.

Weekend 1: April 27-28 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-22625>

Weekend 2: May 25-26 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-22626>

Cost: Cub Scout Youth - \$30
 5 and under years of age - \$5
 Adult - \$10
 Boy Scout age sibling - \$10

2019 Goshen Family Camp



Come on down and enjoy some family fun at Goshen Scout Reservation over a long weekend. We will have the Waterfront, Shooting range, COPE course, and Handicraft areas open. All are welcome, not just registered scouts. Closing Campfire is on Sunday night so have some fun skits, songs, and cheers prepared!

When: Memorial Day weekend – May 24-27
 Labor Day weekend – Aug 30 – Sept 2

To register go to <https://scoutingevent.com/082-goshenfc2019>

Cost: \$20 per person. Children under 5 are free. Bring your own food and tents.

Cub Scout Resident Camp Week at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Is family scouting your thing? Do you want an opportunity to camp overnight but, to be able to do it with more than one of your scouts? Cub Scout Resident camp is for YOU! Does your Tiger, Wolf or Bear like to camp just as much as your Webelos? Now they can! Cub resident week is a full summer camp experience for all ages. This program is a four-night overnight program open to all levels of Cubs from Tiger up. (Tigers must have their Tiger partner accompany them to camp). Daytime activities are for all ages and evening activities are customized to provide rank specific activities for each age group in attendance.

Monday 9:00am – Friday 9:00 am, Overnight / Meals are provided from Monday lunch – Friday continental breakfast

Aug 5-9

Cost: \$275– register by April 12
 \$300 – register by May 16
 \$325 – register after May 16
 \$125 – adults (2 free)

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/

Webelos Resident Camp Week at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Webelos camp is a big step for the Webelos I or II working on rank adventures. Scouts will camp overnight just like when they become Boy Scouts to get the full summer camp experience in a shorter setting. Most of your time will be spent working towards advancing in your Webelos trail on the way to becoming a Boy Scout. There's plenty of other fun activities to fill your week including trips to the pool and more.

Monday 9:00am – Friday 9:00 am, Overnight / Meals are provided from Monday lunch – Friday continental breakfast

July 16-20

Cost: \$280– register by April 12
 \$305 – register by May 16
 \$330 – register after May 16
 \$130 – adults (2 free)

To register: www.ncacbsa.org/outdoors/camp-william-b-snyder/summer-programs/

Akela Chess Tournament



Under the direction of Roger Claff and Peter Snow, Powhatan District has hosted a Chess Classic for a decade! This year, they are expanding the Chess Classic to be Council-wide. This is a tournament with 5 rounds; Scouts need to register for their age appropriate bracket.

For registration and additional tournament rules, please visit www.NCACBSA.org/STEM

February 2, 2019 – Scouts BSA (youth from grades 6-12) in Herndon, VA

February 9, 2019 – Cub Scout (youth from grades 1-5) in Rockville, MD



2019 STEM University



The NCAC STEM Committee is hosting the 4th annual STEM University on June 15, 2019 for all youth and adults! Youth are invited to display their Supernova projects at our Einstein's Science Fair, or attend the hands-on activities rotations. Adults may select from several of the following classes: Nova Counselor & Supernova Mentor Training, BSA STEM Roadmap to Success, Cub Scouts Science, and how to organize a large STEM event.

When: Saturday June 15, 2019

Where: Microsoft Technology Center in Reston, VA

Registration: Not yet online

On-Line Resource of the Month



The basic premise of Scouting for youth with disabilities is that every boy wants to participate fully and be respected like every other member of the troop. While there are, by necessity, troops exclusively composed of Scouts with disabilities, experience has shown that Scouting usually succeeds best when every boy is part of a patrol in a regular troop.

BSA maintains a web page (www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/disabilities/) which is updated regularly to provide the latest guidance and resources for Scouts with special needs.

Podcasts



February 2019 – How to Transition From Webelos Scouts to Scouts BSA When There Are No Troops



Your all-girl Webelos den is getting ready to transition into a Scouts BSA troop, but because troops for girls are only just now forming, what's a leader to do? Usually, we search high and low for someone with lots of experience on our topic, but because Scouts BSA troops for girls are brand new, we don't have a seasoned veteran we can call upon to share past experiences. So Amy Hutcherson steps to the other side of the microphone to help us figure it out. Amy is a seasoned Webelos leader of an all-boy den and is very familiar with the Webelos-to-Scout transition. And as a membership growth specialist, she has just the expertise we need!

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/cubcast/2019/how-to-transition-from-webelos-scouts-to-scouts-bsa-when-there-are-no-troops/>



February 2019 – Training: Why You Need it and How to Get It



This episode is all about training. We're talking with seasoned Scouting veteran Dan Maxfield about why it's important, how to get trained, and everything you need to know about training. Whether you're new to Scouting or have been around the Scouting block a time or two, you'll be left wondering, "With so many training opportunities available and all the fun and innovative ways to get that training, why didn't I get trained sooner?"

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/scoutcast/2019/february-2019-training-why-you-need-it-and-how-to-get-it/>

Training Opportunities



Wood Badge



Wood Badge is advanced Scout leader training that began in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first director. It came to America in 1948 and has been updated to reflect current BSA policies and programs. Incorporating the best techniques available, Wood Badge has become the most advanced leadership training course in Scouting!

Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training and provides you with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas including Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Venturing and the district and council. The 1st half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. You'll learn what makes leadership work for you in Scouting and your personal life. The 2nd half offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help you learn the application of leadership skills. Finally, you will write and complete a "Ticket". The "Ticket" consists of five written goals. These goals connect your new leadership knowledge to your role in Scouting.

Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

This spring's course will be held on May 3 – 5 & May 31 – June 2 at Camp Snyder. Both sessions must be attended.

To register go to: www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/



Swimming and Water Rescue (SWR)



What: This is the hands-on in-water training that is recommended in Safe Swim Defense guidelines for anyone who supervises Scout swimming activities. This course certifies leaders to conduct BSA swim classification tests and gives leaders the confidence in their water rescue capabilities needed to safely conduct swimming activities. This course replaced BSA Lifeguard as the training for unit leaders supervising unit swimming activities. This training is available at Camp Snyder and at Goshen Scout Reservation camp waterfronts during 2019 summer camp season.

Prerequisites: Safe Swim Defense (available online at <https://myscouting.scouting.org/>)

Fee: \$60 (includes the required course text – Aquatics Supervision No. 34737) \$30 if you already have the book.

Who: Older youth (min. 15 years old) and adult leaders.

Where: Camp Snyder.

Dates:

- June 1, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, registration deadline is May 27
- August 10, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, registration deadline is Aug 5

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25404>.



CPR/AED Pro and First Aid Training



What: This is the CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid training that is required for BSA Lifeguard requirement #6. This training is not usually included in BSA Lifeguard courses taught at summer camp. The course uses the Red Cross blended-learning version where you complete online work before the in-person skills session. Successful completion earns 2 American Red Cross course certifications.

Minimum age: 15 years old.

Cost: \$65 + \$10 for CPR mask (if you need one)

When/Where:

- April 13 2019, 9am-1pm, Fairfax Presbyterian Church. Registration deadline: April 8
- September 14 2019, 9am-1pm, Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: Sept 9

Maximum registrations: 6

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25412>



Aquatics Supervision Training: Paddle Craft Safety (PCS)



What: This is the hands-on training that is recommended in Safety Afloat guidelines for anyone conducting Scout boating activities. Two versions of the course are offered: The Basic course covers flat water introductory boating skills and basic trip planning. The River course includes skills and knowledge development that are required for conducting trips on moving water. The Basic course is a prerequisite for the moving water course.

These courses are required for any NCAC Scouters who are leading James River Canoe Treks out of the Lenhok'sin High Adventure Camp.

Who: Older youth (min. 15 years old) and adult leaders.

Where/When:

- Basic sessions.
 - May 4 2019, 9am-5pm Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: April 29
 - September 21 2019, 9am-5pm Camp William B. Snyder. Registration deadline: Sept 16

Cost: \$30 + \$30 for the required textbook: BSA's Aquatics Supervision

- River sessions.
 - May 5 2019, 9am-5pm Potomac River. Registration deadline: April 29
 - September 22 2019, 9am-5pm Potomac River. Registration deadline: Sept 16

Cost: \$50

Registration:

- basic - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25420>
- river - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-25419>



Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS)



This course is aimed at all adults working with older youth regardless of program (Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Explorer). This training IS NOT recommended for Cub Scout leaders. All participants must have completed Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, as well as the position-specific training for their program area (Venturing or, Varsity or, Boy Scout) prior to attending this course and be able to meet physical requirements of the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.

Both Session Must be Attended to get credit for the Course.

Class Room Session: Saturday March 2, 2019 at Scientist Cliff Community Center 3500 Alder Road Port Republic, MD

Weekend Session : Saturday April 27 thru Sunday April 28, 2019 at American Chestnut Land Trust 676 Double Oak Rd Prince Frederick, MD

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24575>

Cost: \$50



Powder Horn 2019



What is Powder Horn?

In Scouting, Powder Horn is the vessel to sustain the spirit of the outdoors in our youth today. Along with the spirit of the outdoors, you will also gather knowledge to share, motivate and direct youth. Powder Horn will give you the necessary skills to oversee a high adventure program. It will also help you identify local resources for your group's program.

What do I need to do before the course?

Complete the following on-line trainings at My.Scouting.org:

- Youth Protection: Boy Scout or Venturing
- Safety Afloat
- Safe Swim Defense
- Weather Hazard
- Climb on Safely
- Trek Safely

What will we do?

Powder Horn is organized around the Venturing Program's High Adventure elements and Boy Scouting's High Adventure Merit badge elements. It is intended to help adult leaders get started finding and using the resources for high-adventure programs.

Who can attend Powder Horn?

All registered adult leaders and youth (14 and up) are welcome.

All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Adults must have completed Leader Specific Training for your registered position.

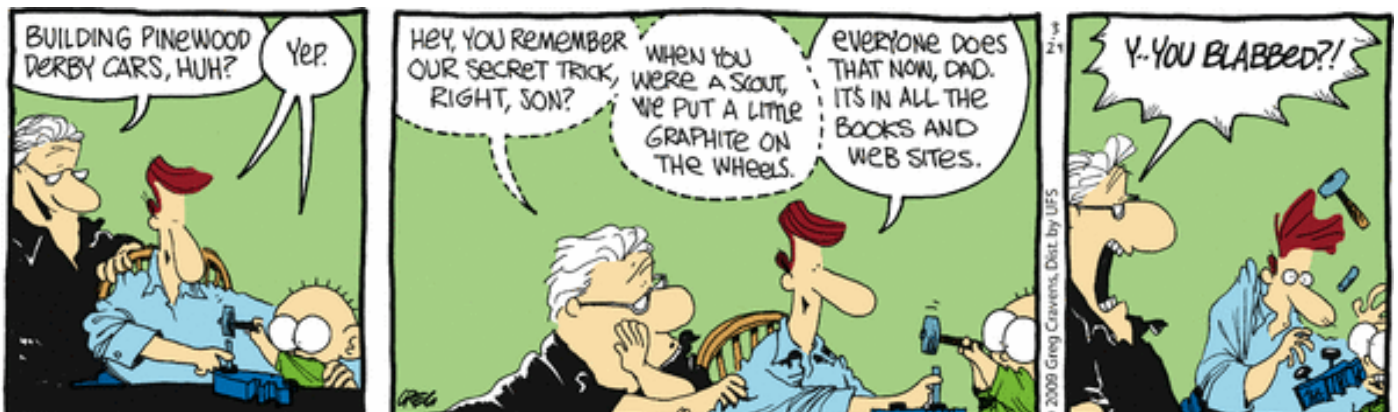
Youth participants will be provided a Personal Resource Questionnaire which must be completed by the applicant; a letter of recommendation from their Scoutmaster or Advisor is also required.

When: 24 – 26 August 2019 (Saturday – Monday)

Where: Camp St Charles, 15375 Stella Maris Dr Newberg, MD 20664

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24637>

Cost: \$300, \$350 if registered after May 5, 2019



University of Scouting 2019



When: February 23, 2018

Where: Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA

Registration: www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting/

University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find, all in one place, the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouting, District Operations, and Council). Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses in Cubbing, Scouting, and Adventure and leadership training for Venturing and Sea Scouting; Electives courses applicable across the Scouting programs, and District operations courses. For 2019 we will be offering over 150 classes in five colleges – truly something for everyone.

- The College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses from pack administration to planning for an outdoor program.
- The College of Scouts BSA provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The College of Adventure Scouting is an interesting combination of courses for those who wish to learn more about Scouting's "senior" level programs and the challenges of an active high adventure experience.
- The College of Elective Programs offers many "general studies courses" that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the Elective Programs.
- The College of District Operations provides training to district committee members and Scouters with an interest in district operations. While no degree is conferred, those who take the required three courses are awarded the District Scouter Training Certificate and "Trained" patch

Standalone Courses are those that are BSA national syllabus courses such as VLSC(Y), VLSC(A), VALST, or are courses that lead to certification recognized and/or needed by the BSA. Note that standalone courses do not meet any degree requirements in any College.



NCAC Camps' OPI: Wilderness First Aid



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

Courses are offered at Camp Snyder in Haymarket

- Feb 22 (6 PM) - Feb 24 (12 PM)
- Mar 22 (6 PM) - Mar 24 (12 PM)
- Apr 26 (6 PM) - Apr 28 (12 PM)
- May 10 (6 PM) - May 12 (12 PM)

Cost: \$160

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24507>



Leave No Trace Trainer Course - Outdoor Ethics



What is the purpose of this class?

The Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship, care for the environment, and Leave No Trace as part of their programs. This course is offered to train adults and youth aged 14+ to serve their units and districts as Leave No Trace Trainers and as Outdoor Ethics Guides. Every Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout unit should have at least one Leave No Trace Trainer/Outdoor Ethics Guide.

We recommend that youth complete this course before serving as in the troop Outdoor Ethics Guide position.

Who should attend?

Venturers, Sea Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Scouts BSA aged 14+; adult Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scout leaders; and District and Council leaders and trainers.

What will I learn?

This course is designed to enhance your understanding of Leave No Trace practices and outdoor ethics, and to increase your level of expertise and confidence in teaching Leave No Trace skills. This class is both active and highly interactive. You will be introduced to concepts and methods that will advance your knowledge of Leave No Trace issues in both developed and high adventure environments, expand your repertoire of low-impact skills, and increase your effectiveness in teaching these important skills to others.

On completion of this course, participants will be registered as Leave No Trace Trainers with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and with the BSA. Students will receive Leave No Trace teaching materials, a certificate of course completion, a Leave No Trace Trainer lapel pin and patch, and a BSA Leave No Trace Trainer card.

This course is instructed by nationally designated Leave No Trace Master Educators and Trainers. Attendance for the entire duration of the training is required.

(Campsite location, equipment list, and other course details will be emailed to participants a few weeks prior to the course. Each participant will have an assignment to prepare for the training.)

This course is taught entirely in the outdoors. We will camp out Saturday evening.

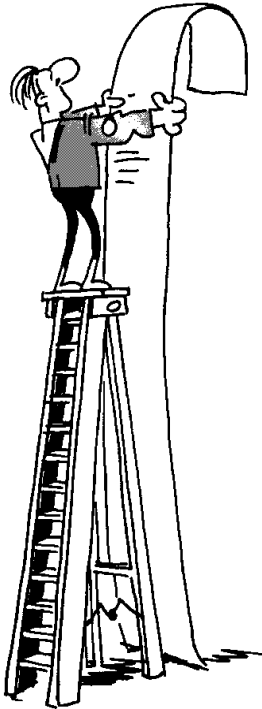
When: March 30

Where: Camp Snyder

Cost: \$50

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-24711>, registration closes 3/15/2019 11:59 PM

District Calendar



February 2019

- 3 Scout Sunday
- 8 Scout Jumuah
- 8-10 **Freeze-o-ree**
- 9 Scout Sabbath
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 18 President's Day
- 16 **Merit Badge PowWow / Den Chief Training**
- 27 District Committee

March 2019

- 9 **District Pinewood Derby**
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 27 District Committee
- 29 School Holiday
- 29-31 **Spring Camporee**

April 2019

- 1 Student Holiday
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15-19 Spring Break
- 24 District Committee
- 27 **Life to Eagle Seminar**

May 2019

- 1 **District Court of Honor**
- 8 **Program Launch**
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10-12 **OA Spring Ordeal**
- 22 District Committee
- 27 Memorial Day

June 2019

- 7 Last Day of School
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 17-21 **Goose Creek Day Camp**
- 17-20 **Goose Creek Twilight Camp**
- 26 District Committee

July 2019

- 4 Independence Day

August 2019

- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 22 First Day of School
- 28 District Committee

September 2019

- 2 Labor Day
- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 25 District Committee

October 2019

- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Columbus Day
- 23 District Committee
- 28 Student Holiday

November 2019

- 2 **SFF Post-it Note Distribution**
- 9 **SFF Food Pickup**
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 27 District Committee
- 27-29 School Holiday
- 30 **Final Date for Recharter Turn In**

December 2019

- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 18 **Annual District Business Meeting**
- 23-31 Winter Break

January 2010

- 1 Holiday
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 20 MLK Jr. Day
- 21 Moveable School Holiday
- 22 District Committee