



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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 For Everyone

 New Article



from Bobwhite Blather, <https://bobwhiteblather.com/recent-updates-training-in-progress-bankruptcy-news/>

BSA bankruptcy

The Wall Street Journal reported this week that “The Boy Scouts of America is considering filing for bankruptcy protection as it faces dwindling membership and escalating legal costs related to lawsuits over how it handled allegations of sex abuse.” Indeed, the BSA has retained the services of prominent bankruptcy law firm Sidley Austin, LLP to explore a possible bankruptcy reorganization filing in the wake of some million-plus-dollar settlements resulting from alleged sexual abuse of youth participants, many going back five and six decades. Similar action has been undertaken by other youth organizations such as USA Gymnastics following the Larry Nassar scandal, as well as more than twenty Roman Catholic dioceses to aid in settling thousands of claims against clergy.

We can only hope that the situation with the BSA isn't as dire as these other high profile cases; yet, the news continues to trickle out of abuse claims filed and settled against our National Council. The current action affects the National Council, which has borne the liability for the settlements to date.

As Scouters, we can reassure our Scouts and families that Scouting isn't going under any time soon. One of the distinguishing characteristics of the BSA is that it is decentralized from an organizational standpoint. The two hundred-plus local councils are independent nonprofit organizations chartered (or in essence, franchised) by the National Council. They have their own sources of income, own their own camp properties and operate programs in their local areas. They're certainly not immune to financial difficulties – councils have gone out of business or merged with other nearby councils for economic reasons unrelated to the abuse lawsuits – but for the most part, your local council is locally funded and managed. Funds raised by local councils – through Family and Community Friends of Scouting, product sales, program fees – stay with the local council to provide Scouting locally. Likewise, your unit is independently owned by your chartered organization, which the BSA effectively franchises but does not include under the financial umbrella of either the local council or the national organization.

It's also important to realize that the Boy Scouts of America is not the Scouting movement. Scouting existed before the BSA came along, and exists outside the United States in dozens upon dozens of individual national Scouting associations. As Clarke Green reminded us, organizations serve the Scouting movement, but are not Scouting itself. Even if the Boy Scouts of America should fail in its bankruptcy reorganization and cease to exist, the Scouting movement will go on. Baden-Powell's concepts, brought to life through the works of Green Bar Bill and others, will persevere. The values inherent in the Scout Oath and the Twelve Points will not disappear. It's up to us to make sure of that, and to reassure our families and Scouts that Scouting will be there for them, no matter what.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Update from the Chief Scout Executive – Addressing Speculation



from Michael Surbaugh, the 13th Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America,
<https://scoutingwire.org/update-from-the-chief-scout-executive-addressing-speculation/>

I am writing to you today in anticipation of news reports that will speculate about the BSA's financial position. We have an important duty, and an incredible opportunity, to focus as an organization on keeping children safe, supported and protected, and preparing youth for their futures through our nation's foremost program of character development and values-based leadership training.

To do so in perpetuity, we are working with experts to explore all options available to ensure that the local and national programming of the Boy Scouts of America continues uninterrupted. We have a social and moral responsibility to fairly compensate victims who suffered abuse during their time in Scouting, and we also have an obligation to carry out our mission to serve youth, families and local communities through our programs.

We care deeply about all victims of child sex abuse and we are steadfast in our belief that one incident of child abuse is one too many. We sincerely apologize to anyone who was harmed during their time in our programs. As you all know, we have always taken care of victims – we believe them, we believe in fairly compensating them and we have paid for unlimited counseling, by a provider of their choice, regardless of the amount of time that has passed since an instance of abuse. Throughout our history we have taken proactive steps to help victims heal and prevent future abuse. I want to stress that at no time in our history have we knowingly allowed a sexual predator to work with youth, and we always seek to act swiftly when alerted to abuse allegations.

Please know that these matters continue to have the full attention of the highest levels of our organization, and we will communicate transparently as there are developments or updates to share. I wanted to update you today due to the news speculation, and I want to assure you that our daily mission will continue and that there are no imminent actions or immediate decisions expected.

Thank you for your continued support of the Boy Scouts of America.

Boy Scout Roundtable Library



Here is a link to a newly consolidated Google Drive library containing content of the monthly Goose Creek District Scouts USA/Boy Scout Roundtables from 2015 to the present. Past years RT's are bound in a volume for that year, present year (2018) has each month's folder still shown on the shelf.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yfya1WpfjQE5JHD2WUMYs7S1BuG6a3Vw?usp=sharing>



The 2019-2020 Loudoun County Public School Calendar



The Loudoun County School Board set the 2019-20 school calendar at its Tuesday, December 11 meeting.

August 22: First Day of School

September 2: Holiday (Labor Day)

October 14: Holiday (Columbus Day)

October 28: Student Holiday (County-wide Staff Development)

November 1: End of the Grading Period

November 4-5: Student Holidays (Planning/Records/Conference Days)

November 27-29: Holiday (Thanksgiving)

December 23-January 3: Winter Break (Classes Resume January 6)

January 17: End of Grading Period

January 20: Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

January 21: Moveable Student Holiday** (Planning/Records/Conference Day)

February 17: Holiday (Presidents' Day)

March 26: End of Grading Period

March 27: Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)

April 6-10: Holiday (Spring Break)

May 25: Holiday (Memorial Day)

June 9: Last Day of School/End of Grading Period



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	Susan Breen (CC), surbreen@verizon.net
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	Keith Buzan (CC), kmos4@verizon.net
Linked Troop 2019	Sterling	Priscilla Rodriguez (CC), priscillamtz@gmail.com
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



“Coming Soon” Be A Scout Pins



New troops scheduled to start up in 2019 can now get a “Coming Soon” pin on BeAScout.org. Just fill out the information on our website and we’ll get your pin set up: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/forms/sign-up-for-your-coming-soon-pin/>



BSA New Troop Start-Up Seminar



Spread the Word: Our next Scouts, BSA New Troop Start-Up Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 19, 9-11 AM at the Marriott Scout Service Center.

This seminar will feature:

- Steps to start a troop
- Training opportunities
- Program planning
- Camping
- Recruiting
- Where to go for support
- Best practices from other leaders

RSVP: Janee.Ellis@Scouting.org

SKYPE: <https://bit.ly/2EDAayv>

Goose Creek District Committee



Goose Creek District is always looking for a few good Scouters to help keep the scouting program going in our district.

The Goose Creek District Program Committee is in need of Scouters willing to help coordinate events such as Spring Camporee, Webelos-o-ree and Scouting for Food. For more information please contact Steve Wolfson at stevewolfson@verizon.net

The Goose Creek District Committee also has open spots for Membership and Communications. For more information please contact Jim Bonfils at JimBonfils@icloud.com

It takes a strong committee to deliver meaningful and robust programs to our scouts. Please consider stepping up at a District level. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM at Leesburg United Methodist Church (same place as Roundtable).

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



Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail (GOAT) Crew Opportunity

Every summer, the Order of the Arrow Lodge organizes trail crews to perform trail maintenance at the Goshen Scout Reservation and to participate in the Lenhok'sin Trail Camp. This summer, one Crew will serve from June 16 – June 29 (14 days), and a second will serve from June 24 through July 5 (12 days). The teams spend the first week performing trail maintenance activities and the second week on the Goshen Lenhok'sin Trail High Adventure Camp.

The GOAT Program offers an innovative leadership and high adventure opportunity. The program challenges older Order youth and adults to experience, first-hand, the interrelationship between outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship. The Trail Crew Program combines the spirit of adventure with an interactive back country program into a two week experience.

The GOAT Crew will interact with various trainers on outdoor ethics and back country conservation so that the youth crew may apply these newly learned skills across the entire breadth of the Lenhok'sin Trail system. Goshen's newest COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) course will help youth plan, organize, and lead outdoor adventure activities. Crew members will be exposed to advanced outdoor skills, techniques and strategies (e.g., Search and Rescue (SAR), fire suppression, and back country risk management). Participants may earn certification in Leave No Trace (LNT) ethics. Some aspects of the program are not otherwise offered to units attending Goshen.

The cost is \$ 170 for the 14-day high adventure program and \$140 for the 12-day high adventure program. Camperships are available. There are stringent physical fitness requirements, and participants must be aged 14 by June 1. Interested Order of the Arrow members (both youth and adult) need to apply by March 31, 2019.

Web: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/program/order-of-the-arrow/goshen-order-of-the-arrow-trail-crew/>

Brochure: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-GOAT-Brochure.pdf>

Applications:

Youth: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-GOAT-Youth-Application.pdf>

Adult: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-GOAT-Adult-Application.pdf>

Order of the Arrow - Unit Elections



The annual OA Unit Election season runs from November 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019. 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:

Thomas Benfell – Troop 1106
Garett Brown – Troop 1167
Gabriel Cao – Troop 711
Michael Carlo – Troop 956
Thomas Richard Clark – Troop 997
Jackson Coe – Troop 1666
Liam Franco – Troop 969
Andrew Gerhart – Troop 956
Parker Gnatek – Troop 1158
Matthew Horstkamp – Troop 997
Benjamin Hummel – Troop 1158
Connor Michael Johnson – Troop 997
Jacob Long – Troop 950
Matthew Marsh – Troop 2970
James Nievin – Troop 997
Joshua Noah – Troop 956
Thomas Nowak – Troop 950
Nicholas Rossiter – Troop 956
Moksh Shah – Troop 1941
Abhinav Shanmagsundaram – Troop 1158
Chance Turner – Troop 2970
Ryan Valliere – Troop 1907
Jack Waldman – Troop 956
Bryan Wyks – Troop 998



Life-to-Eagle Training



Mark your calendars for January 19 for the first 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: January 19, 2019

Time: 10:30 – 2:30

Place: Sterling Library Conference Room (22330 S Sterling Boulevard)

Other L2E Seminars scheduled for 2019 are being targeted for April, 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.

Barriers to Abuse's Effect on Merit Badge Counseling and DER Meetings



The Barriers to Abuse (new YPT program) say that there must be two registered adults present for all Scouting activities and meetings. In getting additional information from National we found that this does apply to meetings with Merit Badge Counselors and District Eagle Representatives (DER) for Eagle project approvals.

For merit badges this means that all group meetings (i.e. classes) must have a second registered adult present for the entire meeting.

For individual meetings with a merit badge counselor or a DER a second registered adult or the parent of the Scout **MUST** be present.

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You might have been a Scouter too long when:

- You buy your shampoo in little tiny bottles.
- You can actually start a fire by rubbing two sticks together.
- You name one of your kids Baden.



Eagle Scout Proposal Approval – What Is Expected?



After a Life Scout chooses an idea for an Eagle Scout service project the next important step is to prepare a project proposal, and have it approved. Approvals are required from the unit leader, a unit committee representative, the project beneficiary, and a council or district representative. The criteria that individuals approving project proposals must consider for determining if the project is acceptable are specified in topic 9.0.2.7 of the *Guide to Advancement*.

Keep in mind that the proposal is an overview, but also the beginning of planning. It shows the approvers that the following five tests can be met.

1. The project provides sufficient opportunity to meet the requirement. To meet this test there must be opportunity for planning and developing the project, for giving leadership to others, and determining the project will be "helpful" to the beneficiary. Planning and development require forethought from the candidate to organize a successful project effort rather than just following directions prepared by someone else. The leadership component is met by organizing and directing others who help carry out the project. Finally, by having a project that is "helpful," we show that we intend for the project to have a positive impact for the beneficiary, although that does not mean that the project must have lasting value.

2. The project appears to be feasible. Is it a project the Scout is capable of planning and developing and also managing to a successful conclusion? Is it reasonable to believe that the Scout will be able to obtain the necessary resources (material, supplies, and people) to properly carry out the project? Note that the second test says, "appears to be feasible."

3. Safety issues will be addressed. The Scout is aware of potential safety issues and hazards and will address them in the project plan. The safety issues do not need to be addressed or solved in the proposal. Assurance needs to be given that the Scout is aware of the issues and that those issues will be addressed in the project plan. Since an Eagle Scout project is a unit activity, unit adult leadership has the same responsibility to assure safety while conducting a project as with any other unit activity.

4. Action steps for further detailed planning are included. Does the proposal include some action steps for preparing the project plan? Those steps don't need to be very detailed, but they should provide a simple "road map" that the Scout can follow when developing the project plan. These action steps are critical to the final test.

5. The Scout is on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience. Does the Scout's proposal demonstrate a good understanding of what is to be accomplished? Is it reasonable to believe that the proposed project has a good chance of providing the Scout a successful outcome that will contribute to personal growth and development? It doesn't have to guarantee success.

The detail required for a proposal depends on the project's complexity. Details provided must be enough to provide a level of confidence for a council or district reviewer that the above five tests can be met, but not so much detail that—based on the possibility that a proposal can be rejected—it does not respect the time it takes to prepare the proposal.

For further information and insight see *Guide to Advancement* topics 9.0.2.3 - 9.0.2.5 and 9.0.2.14



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 opens on January 10th at the www.meritbadge.info website.

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

Check the meritbadge.info site after January 10th 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 a 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



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 permit "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.



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



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 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/



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/



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



BSA Safety Moments



It just takes a moment to make your pack, troop or crew a little bit safer.

With its Safety Moments, covering a range of topics from acute mountain sickness to zip lines, the Boy Scouts of America's Health and Safety team hopes to make Scouting an even safer place, one page at a time.

"These are attempts to simplify and streamline complex topics," says Health and Safety team lead Richard Bourlon. "It's so much better to prevent rather than react to an incident."

How does a Scouter use a Safety Moment?

Safety Moments can be viewed online or downloaded as a print-suitable PDF to share with others: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/>

Winter camping trip coming up? There's a Safety Moment for that. Horseback riding? There's one for that, too. Launching model rockets? Yes, indeed.

"Use them at your University of Scouting, your board meetings, your roundtables, as well," he says.

But remember the operative word: moment. Don't spend more than a few minutes on this.

What topics are covered in Safety Moments?

There are 76 Safety Moments so far. Some of the Safety Moments, like the ones about frostbite or snake bites, offer practical solutions to use in emergencies.

Others are more contemplative. There's one about helping Scouts build resilience, while another provides ways adults can fight obesity in young people.

And still others are beyond words entirely. I'm thinking of my personal favorite: Nap on Safely.

Take a look, and see which Safety Moments will benefit your Scouts.

What are the most popular Safety Moments?

About 40,000 people have visited the Safety Moments page so far. The three most popular, as of this writing:

Annual Health and Medical Record

Aquatics

Bunk Beds

What's the plan for adding more Safety Moments?

The team's original goal was to have 36 Safety Moments, says BSA Health and Safety consultant Hannah Coffey.

"However, based on their popularity, we have been adding them as we see an opportunity for timely topics," she says. "We know many people are crunched for time, so a Safety Moment is a great way to quickly convey a message about possible risks or hazards."

If you have an idea for a new Safety Moment, contact the Health and Safety team: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/got-questions/>

★ Volunteer at Arlington National Cemetery for Wreath Retrieval/Clean-Up Day!



This is a volunteer event to retrieve/remove the 250,000+ holiday wreaths that we helped place at Arlington National Cemetery on December 16. Thousands of volunteers are needed and you are welcome to be part of our Washington, DC History & Culture team or help out on your own. This event is open to the public and all are welcome including children, families and groups.

When: January 19th, 8 AM – 1 PM

Weather: The event will take place in cold weather, rain, snow, etc. - all except significant "unsafe" conditions such as a blizzard. If it's on the calendar, then we're proceeding as scheduled.

What To Bring: Dress for the winter weather. Any tools or devices such as a lawn rake, pole or rope to help carry more wreaths is helpful but not required. One of the people in our district who has done this before suggests that you leave the rakes and long wooden rods at home but do take a 20 foot section of paracord. Loop one end over your hand and slide wreaths on as you walk down the line; when you're ready to place them in the dumpsters you can grab the other end and drag them to the dumpster.

Metro Station: Arlington Cemetery.

Parking: In most instances not available on the cemetery grounds for this event. Take the Metro or park off-site and walk in.

How Long Will It Take: Not sure exactly as it depends on the number of volunteers that show up but plan on a couple of hours. Everyone is free to arrive and depart whenever they like.

2019 STEM University



This event is for youth and adults. Adults may select from several of the following classes: Nova Counselor & Supernova Mentor Training, STEM Scouts, BSA STEM Roadmap to Success, CubScouts Science, and how to organize a large STEM event. Youth are invited to display their Supernova projects at our Einstein's Science Fair, or attend the hands-on activities rotations. The registration page will open in January 2019 on www.NCACBSA.org/STEM.

Wood Shop Opens at Camp Snyder



Looking for a great place to work on your Eagle Project? Would your Pack or Den like to hold a Pinewood Derby clinic? Would you like to add a service project to a weekend camping event? Camp Snyder is pleased to announce the opening of its new wood shop. The wood shop is fully outfitted and with approximately 1200 sq. ft. of floor space and 150 sq. ft. of work benches, there is ample space to handle projects of all sizes.

If you have questions or would like to visit the shop, please contact Phil Barbash at Philip.Barbash@Scouting.org



Pinewood Derby: Black Lights and Glow-in-the-dark Cars



Make your next Pinewood Derby race really shine by adding glow-in-the-dark accessories and iridescent paint to your Cub Scouts' racers.

Want to turn up the excitement even more? Turn off the lights and shine a black light or two onto your track.

This season, the BSA's Scout shop has introduced a new line of decals and wheels that look good in normal lighting but get even cooler when you add a black light. The new decals, wheels and paint are part of the BSA's ongoing effort to introduce new and exciting Pinewood Derby accessories every year.

How to run a Black Light Pinewood Derby

Adding black lights to your Pinewood Derby is easy and affordable.

First, buy a black light bulb or two. They're available on Amazon or at your local hardware store and can be used to replace the existing bulbs in the room where you'll hold your race.

Buy or borrow a clip-on lamp, replace the bulb with a black light bulb and clip the lamp to the top of your track.

Another option is to buy a black light bar, which can be mounted near the starting line. These are available for \$15 to \$40 on Amazon. In testing, it has been found that one light covers a standard track. Use double-sided tape to attach it to the top of the track and point the black light so it glows down the track.

Safety thought: Be sure to consider trip hazards whenever racing in a dimmed or darkened room. Darken the area around the track while keeping the other areas well-lit.

Camp Cards



The Camp Card fundraising program is back! Camp Cards help Scouts earn their way to summer camp, day camp, and high adventure treks. Units participating in the 2019 program will earn 50% commission (\$2.50) on each \$5 Camp Card they sell.

This program is risk free – you can simply return any unsold cards! The 2019 sale will run from February 1 to May 15. To sign up please go to www.NCACBSA.org/CampCard. Cards will be distributed at the February Roundtables.

Keep your eye out to see which great vendors we have locked in for you in 2019! In addition to the coupons you see on the card, you also get access to thousands of other coupons through the Entertainment discount network. This gives units more options when selecting locations for show-and-sell opportunities.

For more information email CampCard@NCACBSA.org



National WWII Museum Wants to Honor your Outstanding Student Leaders



The National WWII Museum wants you to honor your outstanding student leaders. Each year the Museum selects one student from every state for the Billy Michal Student Leadership Award who demonstrates the American Spirit in their community. We honor the values of leadership, teamwork, tolerance, and service to help create active and engaged young citizens.

Once selected, students will travel to New Orleans with one chaperone on May 22-23, 2019.

Tour The National WWII Museum including behind-the-scenes explorations of the museum's collection

- Tour the historic French Quarter
- Meet co-awardees from across the country
- Meet with American Spirit Award recipients
- Meet Billy Michal, a student from WWII who won a national scrap drive
- Be featured on the Museum's website
- Attend a special awards luncheon.

This is a perfect way to honor young people in your community. Please take a moment and nominate a student leader!

Deadline to nominate is January 31

Note: This is not a Scout specific event, it is open to everyone. A GCD Scout from Troop 761 represented Virginia last year, and while it is not a Scout award, there are probably many Scouts who would be good candidates.



On-Line Resource of the Month



Nothing beats a day spent in the outdoors, hiking, padding, climbing or cycling – and nothing makes it better than satisfying food for the belly! Packit Gourmet (<https://www.PackitGourmet.com>) delivers a whole new delicious alternative to the "fuel behind the reason" we all trek into the Great Outdoors!

Packit Gourmet meals allow you to start the day off right - with a delicious breakfast that will "jump start" your day; inventive quick-and-easy mid-day boosters to fuel you through the end of the day; and rich home-style comfort-food dinners to end the day not on JUST a positive note - but a resounding belly-rubbing Ahhhh!

Check out their Scouting Resources area for information on Scout Partnerships (15% off for all scout troops!), articles, helpful links and more.

Podcasts



January 2019 - Serving Smaller Dens and Packs



A good size for a den is about six to eight youth members. But what if you've only been able to recruit two or three youth members? Does that qualify as a den? If so, how does that affect the pack? Cubmaster extraordinaire Matt Janchar, whom you may remember from the Cubmaster 101 episode, shares with us everything you need to know to deliver a quality Scouting program to a small den.

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/Cubcast/2019.aspx>



January 2019 - A Step-by-Step Guide to Starting a Troop



So, you've decided you might like to be a Scoutmaster. Congratulations! Are you a member of a school, church, or civic club that thinks it might be a good idea to have a troop? Good for you! But, hmmm ... where do you begin? Fear not! This episode gives you a step-by-step guide to starting a troop. You've got this!

Podcast: <https://podcast.scouting.org/Scoutcast/2019.aspx>

Training Opportunities

University of Scouting 2019



When: February 23, 2018

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

Registration: Opens Jan 2, 2019 - 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 Boy Scouting 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.

BALOO – Due to the NEW Training Requirements of BALOO we can no longer offer a one day class.

2019 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)



NYLT is the National Capital Area Council's presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their scouting program and in life. NYLT brings together scouts from all over the Council to learn and practice the leadership techniques in a risk free, scout friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.

The course is presented primarily using a Boy Scout model as the vehicle which allows all attendees to see how leadership skills fit into the scouting program. These leadership skills are applicable to all scouting programs.

Why have NYLT?

While it remains the responsibility of the unit leaders to train the youth leaders, this course is designed to supplement the adult leaders' role in the training process. NYLT skills build on the fundamental leadership skills presented in the unit basic leadership training in their home unit. This training conference has six specific objectives:-

- To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their unit.
- To give participants the most contemporary, successful, and useful leadership tools available and allow them to "experiment" with them to help them better relate these skills to their unit responsibilities.
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other scouting programs.
- To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at its best.
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and their adult leaders.
- To have fun!

Dates: January 19-21 and February 16-18 (must attend both weekends)

Where: Camp Snyder

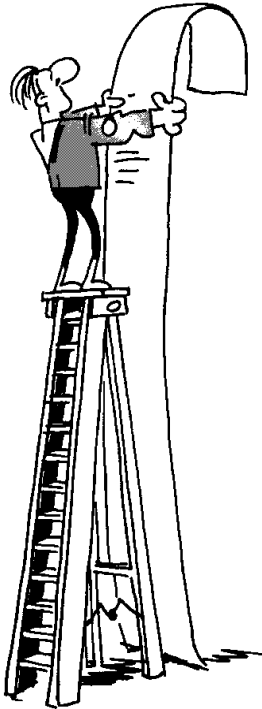
Cost: \$250 (until Dec 11, 2017 when the cost goes to \$300)

Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-22670>

In order to attend the course each participant must certify that they have or will have by January 19, 2019 met the following qualifications to attend NYLT

- Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts
- Completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews, or Ships.
- At least 14 years of age by the course start date (or 13 years of age with the Course Director's approval) All participants 13 years of age must contact the Course Director at farr.scouts@gmail.com before registering online.
- Home Unit Leader approval.

District Calendar



January 2019

- 1 Holiday
- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 18 Moveable School Holiday
- 19 **Life-to-Eagle Training**
- 21 MLK Jr. Day
- 23 District Committee

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

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