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Pinewood Derby 2018: Another Great Day of Cub Scout Fun!

The annual Patriot District Pinewood Derby – the Super Bowl of Cub Scouting – was held on Saturday, March 10, at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Fairfax Station. The event was once again a smashing success, with **157 Cub Scouts** from **18 District Packs** competing. From the smiles and sheer volume of raucous laughter, clapping, and Scouting-mayhem, it was evident that everyone, from the youngest Cub Scout to the most, um, “seasoned” Scout leaders and adults, had a fabulous time. Cub Scouts competed in either Speed or Show categories within their respective Den groups: Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light. Participating Cub Scouts personified good sportsmanship throughout the day, and it was truly inspiring to see these young future leaders act in such a mature and honorable way. Joining the competitors were highly energized parents, siblings, and friends who arrived in waves as the day progressed to share in the fun and cheer on their Cub Scouts.



PWD 2018: The Largest Such Event in the Last Eight Years

Leading the planning and execution of this exciting event again this year was Pete Griffiths, Patriot District Pinewood Derby Chairman, serving in his eighth year as Race Director and track/timing engineer. Clearly the highlight of the day, ALL day, was the entertainment provided by the Masters of Ceremony tag-team of Andy Chaves (Pack 1101 Cubmaster) and Joe Margraf (Troop 1346 Assistant Scoutmaster), who captivated Cub Scouts and spectators alike with their unique and masterful, non-stop, always-stay-on-your-toes shtick. Perhaps it’s a phase-of-the-moon thing, but for some reason, each year the Derby is witness to a number of unusual characters who show up wanting to race (always resembling Joe Margraf for some reason!). Scouts were consistently and persistently treated to the raging goofiness of the “Tiger Shark,” Mr. Scruffy-Long-Beard-Scout-Wannabe, the Derby Monk, superheroes Iron Man and Spider Man, Thomas Jefferson, and others.



For the Speed competition, each car raced on the three lanes in use, and the lowest average time was used to determine first, second, and third place winners for each of the five Den groups. As is the case each year, times were amazingly close! Cars racing in several individual heats were separated by less than one thousandth of a second (that’s 0.001); try to see THAT with the naked eye! And, for the first time (in at least the last eight years), we recorded a tie for one of the Den groups! What makes this especially interesting is that the tie came from the average of three races, from two different cars, all to a precision of one ten-thousandths of a second, and STILL it worked out to be the same number! During the races, the Cub Scouts enjoyed cycling through as “starters” of each heat using the Pinewood Derby “Plunge-o-matic,” an indestructible (!) TNT detonator-like device that triggers the start as Cubs push down on the “T” handle.



For the Show category, cars were judged by Boy Scouts from Troop 1346. Hearty thanks to these Scouts for their thoughtful and competent judging. Their judging decisions for each Den group were based on the outstanding creativity and craftsmanship reflected in the cars. Other Boy Scouts helped with registration,

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sequencing cars for the start of each heat, moving cars from registration to the “Impound Lot,” and also shuttling cars from the finish line back to the start between races. These are key activities critical to keep the event moving along, particularly important this year with the large number of Cub Scouts competing.

The following table summarizes PD 2018 results. It lists all of the Trophy winners in both the Speed and Show categories.

Patriot District Pinewood Derby 2018				
Overall Trophy Results				
Speed	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	
Tiger Den	Nicholas G. <i>Pack 1967</i>	James G. <i>Pack 1864</i>	Nate S. <i>Pack 1968</i>	
Wolf Den	Calvin L. <i>Pack 1533</i>	Thomas M. <i>Pack 1346</i>	Eric P. <i>Pack 115</i>	
Bear Den	Ethan H. <i>Pack 1345</i>	Nathan N. <i>Pack 1101</i>	Chris J. <i>Pack 1967</i>	
Webelos Den	Adrik W. <i>Pack 807</i>	Eli S. <i>Pack 1865</i>	Christopher M. <i>Pack 1346</i>	
AOL Den	Brandon C. <i>Pack 1345</i>	Mathew C. <i>Pack 1101</i>	William B. <i>Pack 115</i>	
Show	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	
Tiger Den	Augustus W. <i>Pack 115</i>	John T. <i>Pack 1865</i>	Xavier M. <i>Pack 50</i>	
Wolf Den	Gunner L. <i>Pack 1968</i>	Daniel M. <i>Pack 1864</i>	Matthew M. <i>Pack 1865</i>	
Bear Den	Andrew T. <i>Pack 1344</i>	Oliver G. <i>Pack 1101</i>	Sam C. <i>Pack 1967</i>	
Webelos Den	Drew C. <i>Pack 1864</i>	Andy S. <i>Pack 1346</i>	Lucas T. <i>Pack 1965</i>	
AOL Den	John L. <i>Pack 1967</i>	Liam C. <i>Pack 41</i>	Joseph S. <i>Pack 50</i>	

Like many other Cub and Boy Scout activities, the Patriot District Pinewood Derby is a major undertaking that could not succeed without the help of many capable and dedicated volunteers. Thanks to Pete Griffiths, Joe Margraf, and Andy Chaves for their invaluable leadership in key roles, as already noted. Special thanks to Ashley Felton, our new District Executive (welcome to the team, Ashley!), and Justin Day, Patriot District Vice Chair for Training, who served as our official race starters this year; to Bill Dexter and Joe Casey for running the Speed and Show category event registration desks; to Steve Smith for efficient organization and management of Pit Row activities from start to finish; to Bill Snowden, for help with administrative arrangements, food, and photography; and to John Miller, Joseph No and Gaston Burneo from Pack 1101 for help in transporting the track to/from the event. We also extend our appreciation again to Pack 1101 for the use of its excellent track, precise and reliable timing hard/software and instant replay feature (always a hit!). Lastly, thank you to everyone who participated in the setup on Friday night and to those who stuck around to help with takedown and clean-up late on Saturday afternoon after the roar of the crowds had subsided and Cub Scouts and event spectators were gone.

The 2018 Patriot District Pinewood Derby again provided us all with an extremely rewarding day and a steady stream of excitement, laughter, and typical Scouting-goofiness. But we were all also blessed to witness frequent reminders of the ideals and values that make this thing of Scouting such a powerful and lasting growth medium for our young men (and now young women!). As we lovingly store away the graphite, fine sandpaper, paint, and pinewood blocks, we look with a distant eye to the future. But we keep our pencils and sketchpads close so we can capture the ideas and creativity that will undoubtedly come for next year’s 2019 Pinewood Derby. See you all in March of 2019!

Pete Griffiths
Patriot District Pinewood Derby Chairman

Pinewood Derby 2018 Speed and Show Winners



Tigers



Wolves



Bears



Webelos



PWD 2018 Medals



Arrow of Light

PWD 2018: Scenes Throughout the Day



Registration: Show



Ready to Go!



Registration: Speed



Show Car Display



PWD 2018 Welcome



Cars Ready to Race



Saluting the Flag



Show Car Judges



Medals for All



Masters of Ceremonies Fun: Andy Chaves and Joe Margraf



Able Volunteers: Our New DE, PWD Chair/Race Director, and PD Chair



Loading Race Cars



Ready, Set, Go!



New Time Display



Mid-day Pizza Break for Volunteers

Bill Snowden,
Photographer



Historic night for Cub Scout Pack 873, where Den 13 with 7 girls all received their Bobcat rank and other awards!

I know only two tunes: one of them is 'Yankee Doodle', and the other one isn't.

~ Ulysses S. Grant (b. April 27, 1822)

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From the District Chairman

Spring is finally here! That means that the District Camporee, Summer Camp and Cub Scout Day Camp are on the horizon. Please be sure and keep the "outing" in Scouting! Get your reservations in for Cub Scout Day Camp. Plan now to attend the District Camporee! Get outside; it's where the real fun begins.

Congratulations to all the participants in the District Pinewood Derby. It was a great event, with all of the participants showing great sportsmanship! Every one of you are winners!

The 2018 Friends of Scouting campaign is well under way. Many FOS presentations have already been made, and many others will be completed over the next few weeks. We are making every effort to reach our goal for FOS 2018. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute to the campaign this year, please consider supporting Scouting by adding some of your treasure in addition to the support you provide in giving of your talent and time. Many of you have taken the FOS brochure with the intention of making your donation at a later time; please take the time now to make that donation! Mark Greer stands ready to assist Pack and Troop leaders in arranging for an FOS presentation.

I always ask you to Share Scouting! Please share this Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter and Scout Family this month. Then send their e-mail addresses to Robert Mason so their names can be permanently added to the distribution list.

THANK YOU for what you do for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your support for Patriot District's program.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve Smith, Patriot District Chairman



When angry, count ten, before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.

~ Thomas Jefferson (b. April 13, 1743)



From the District Commissioner

April brings an end to the migration of Arrow of Light Cubs to the Boy Scouts. Even though they have been rechartered with the Packs in Dec/Jan and are registered through the end of the year, they must now submit a transfer application to be registered in their new Troop. Every year we have a few Scouts who fail to submit an application or Troops who sit on the applications for months. Until a boy is registered with a Troop, he can't technically do any advancement or earn a merit badge. All of our Troops need to ensure they have submitted applications for **all** of their new Scouts. You can give them to your Unit Commissioner or bring them to Roundtable. The requirement for a new application also holds true for adults who are moving from a Pack to a Troop. One quick way to see who is registered in your unit – and who is not – is to visit the Member Manager in the my.scouting.org website. If you've turned in all of your applications and find you're missing a Scout or a Leader from the Member Manager, please let us know so we can get it fixed.

We talk a lot about training. With the exception of Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS for Boy Scouts) and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO for Cub Scouts), all position-specific training is



available online as well as in person. It can be accessed on the my.scouting.org homepage by clicking on the BSA Learn Center square. We have always encouraged every registered adult to complete the training for their registered position, but that rarely happens. It is possible, however, to have a Pack, Troop, or Crew 100% trained as Troop 1966 has just done. It's not often achieved, and this was the first time for me to look at a unit's training record and see two completely green circles. Kudos to Troop 1966. Here's hoping your new adults from the Pack continue the trend. I would love to see more units mirror this.

The changes we'll see in the near term are with Lions and girls. Lions are now an official part of the Cub Scouting program and no longer a trial. We hope to begin recruiting new Cub Scouts in late May and June, and every Pack should be recruiting Lions just as they recruit for any other age. The elephant in the room, however, is the question of girls in Cub Scouts. You needed permission to recruit girls in the early adopter program, but come spring's recruiting any Pack may recruit girls. *May* is the operative word here. *No Pack must recruit girls.* Whether your Pack will include girls this fall is a decision for your Chartered Organization. If it supports having girls in the Pack, your Commissioner can help you make the necessary changes to your pin on the BeaScout website indicating your Pack is a boy and girl Pack. If that is the direction your Chartered Organization wishes to go, please let your Commissioner know so we can help you begin the process toward accommodating it.

We try to get the Patriot Press out to the units each month before our Roundtable, but it doesn't always work that way. That said, I want to give a heads up regarding our May Roundtable. This Roundtable is always our Program Launch month, and various facets of our program have tables set up discussing areas such as membership, program, advancement, Order of the Arrow, etc. This year we will have a STEM display, and it will be more for our Scouts than the adults. Our District STEM Coordinator plans to have several STEM activities for the Scouts to see and work with. Have your parents bring their Scouts to the May Roundtable so they can explore STEM and the parents can browse the other displays.

Dave Astle, District Commissioner



May Is Patriot District YPT Month

BSA is committed to providing a safe, secure environment for youth and adults. On February 1st, BSA came out with a greatly enhanced version of Youth Protection Training. All registered adults are required to take the new version by October 1st, and no leaders will be rechartered for 2019 without having taken the new version. This is true even if the previously-taken version of YPT is still “current.”

To simplify YPT management, **Patriot District Key 3 have designated May as YPT Month.** Since every adult must retake the new YPT, everyone should take the training in May. Everyone will be complying with the mandatory 1 October date, and units will not have to chase YPTs during Charter renewal. In May 2019, only those who transferred into the unit will need to retake YPT. In May 2020, we’ll all retake YPT again to meet the every 2-year rule.

New this year, any adult attending a scout activity of more than 72 hours (such as summer camp), must be officially registered and have taken Youth Protection Training. So, join our May training.

Protecting our youth is everyone’s responsibility. Parents, you do not need to be officially registered to take YPT. Help keep us all safe!

Pass the word in April! Patriot will be 100% YPT trained in May!

Log in to your training account at <https://my.scouting.org/> to take the updated YPT course.



Scout Wins Rotary Contest



On Monday, 12 Mar 2018, Troop 1131 Scout Cole won the second place prize of \$150.00 in the Rotary Club of Springfield Speech Contest held in the Executive Board Room at the Springfield Hilton.

Cole's speech topic was "Rotary Making a Difference," and Cole did a nice job of relating how Scouting makes a difference to how Rotary makes a difference. The image attached to this message shows Cole with the President of the Rotary Club of Springfield.

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Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot

April 2018

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – April
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Goshen Early Bird Payment Deadline
- 13-15 OA Lodge Spring Fellowship
- 20-22 Spring Camporee (Camp Snyder)
- 21-22 BCOLS (Overnight)
- 21-22 BALOO
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 26-28 Wood Badge (Weekend #1)
- 27-28 IOLS (Session #1)
- 27-29 OA Spring Ordeal
- 28 Life to Eagle Seminar
- 29 Patriot Press Deadline – May
- 29-30 ARC Wilderness and Remote First Aid



May 2018

- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable & Program Launch
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Mother's Day
- 15 Ramadan Begins (sundown)
- 18 Goshen Regular Registration Deadline
- 18-20 OA Section Conclave
- 22 District Court of Honor
- 28 Memorial Day
- 31-June 2 Wood Badge (Weekend #2)

June 2018

- 3 Patriot Press Deadline – June
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Eid al-Fitr (from sundown on 14th)
- 16 STEM University
- 17 Father's Day
- 17-22 NYLT
- 22-29 NYLT
- 26 PD Committee Meeting

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

Patriot District Spring Camporee



“Barbarians at the Gate”

April 20 – 22, 2018
Camp Snyder
6100 Antioch Road
Haymarket, Virginia 20169
(571) 248-4904

As of April 1, 2018

The Patriot District Camporee will take place later this month. It is open to Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews, Explorer posts and Webelos Dens. The camporee will be held from Friday night, April 20, until Sunday, April 22, 2018. Patriot District will camp on the camporee field at Camp Snyder. The cost is eighteen dollars (\$18) per participant. There is no charge for adults that are just helping out on Saturday or Sunday and are not camping for a night. **Units must provide a tentative registration by Tuesday, April 10, 2018.** It is important that units notify Pat Ring by e-mail that they plan to attend the camporee with an estimated number of Scouts and adults attending. His e-mail is pring978camporee@gmail.com and his phone number is (703) 674-6178. Final camporee registration and payment will take place Friday evening on-site as units arrive. Units and individual staff members are asked to pay by check made out to NCAC-BSA.

The theme for the Patriot District Spring Camporee is “Barbarians at the Gate” – Scout skills in Action. The program will consist of a Patrol Skills Competition where patrols will be challenged at several stations to demonstrate their proficiency on basic Scout skills. Each troop will be asked to sponsor a station, and the senior Scouts running the station will work with the Order of the Arrow to organize and execute the competition. The second part of the program provide an opportunity for Scouts to challenge themselves and have fun. Activities will include dodge ball, air rifle marksmanship, archery, and rock wall climbing. These events will not be part of the patrol competition they will not be scored.

As Scoutmasters read this letter there are several actions Units must take to make sure the camporee is a success. We request that Scoutmasters:

1. Contact William Dexter, Camporee Director, and notify him that your unit would like to sponsor or co-sponsor a Scout Skills event. Additionally, we need a unit to sponsor dodgeball (all equipment is provided). Bill’s phone number is (703) 978-2632 and his e-mail is wtdexterjr@gmail.com.
2. Select a senior Scout to liaison with the Order of the Arrow to coordinate camporee activities, and provide his name to William Wallace, OA Chapter Chief, 2018. William Wallace’s contact information is (571) 278-8082 or wwallacemust@gmail.com.
3. Attend a camporee planning meeting with an adult leader and a senior Scout on Tuesday, April 10, which will be held from 7-9 PM in the cafeteria at Bonnie Brea Elementary School, 5420 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss/explain how the Scout Skills Competition will be organized, conducted and scored.

For additional information refer to the Patriot District website.

William Dexter, Camporee Director
(703) 978-2632 or send an e-mail to wtdexterjr@gmail.com.

Cub Scout Roundtable!



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

The Purpose of the Roundtable:

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

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

When: April 12th, 2018

Where: Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road

Midway: 7:30 – 8 PM

Roundtable: 8 – 9 PM

Mike Stonkey, Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner
mstonkey@verizon.net



Boy Scout Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, April 12th, 2018

Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke

Midway: 7:30 - Pre-Opening: 7:40 – Roundtable: 8:00 to 9:00

Topics: Social Media, Cyberbullying, Cyber Chip

Randy Witter, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner
703-323-5220, Randy.Witter@gmail.com

Asst. Boy Scout RT Commissioners: Steve Polchek, Joe Margraf

Patriot District Introduction to Outdoors Leader Skills (IOLS)

As of March 31, 2018

Patriot District will conduct an **Introduction to Outdoors Leader Skills (IOLS)** training course on April 27-28, 2018 at Camp Snyder. The course will follow the new curriculum published by BSA in 2016. We will start at 7 PM on Friday, April 27th with a robust “Cracker Barrel” and end by 6 PM on Saturday, April 28th 2018. Attendees will enjoy the “Cracker Barrel” and be provided food to cook for breakfast and lunch. Attendees with special dietary needs need to notify the Quartermaster/Grub master, Don Northcutt by Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at (571) 232-6076 or DonaldNorthcutt@gmail.com. Adult leaders will be divided into patrols and will model the patrol method during the course. There will be two patrols and the course needs two participants to volunteer before the course to be patrol leaders and bring a patrol cook kit with them. Patrol leaders should contact the course director to volunteer.

The cost for the course is \$32 for students and \$10 for instructors that are camping overnight. The course is free to instructors that are not camping. All participants that are camping need to register on line with NCAC by Tuesday April 24, 2018. A preliminary weather decision will be made on Wednesday, April 25th by the Camporee Director. The director for IOLS is William Dexter.

*William Dexter, Director for IOLS,
(703) 978-2632, wdexterjr@gmail.com*



Patriot District Day Camp

The Patriot District Day Camp event for 2018 is scheduled for the week of July 9 – 13. It will again be held at Geshar Jewish Day School and again offer many of the Scouts’ favorite activities. We are currently completing the program for the camp, but we already know that we will again need lots of help from both adult and Boy Scout volunteers. Please keep us in mind when making your summer plans.

Additionally, Niko Brown, the camp director, is currently making Pack visits to tell Scouts about the camp. If you are interested in having Niko come out and visit your Pack, please sign up and provide at least two date options at the following sign-up genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aa8a92aaaf58-2018>

We will be distributing more information about volunteer positions and paperwork instructions in the coming months, but please feel free to reach out to Niko Brown or Justin Day with any questions.

Niko Brown: (703) 231-8781 nikobrown@gmail.com

Justin Day: (540) 308-1626 kappahacksaw@yahoo.com



William T Hornaday Award

National Adviser Training Course

NCAC is hosting the first-ever National Hornaday Adviser Training course East of the Mississippi. It will be two full days May 5 and 6 at Camp Snyder. The course will begin at 8:00 a.m. with check in available at 7:30 on May 5th. The class will last until 6pm on May 6th.

<https://scoutingevent.com/o82-hadvisertraining2018>





Start Planning for the O-Fish-cial Hooked on Scouting Events to Come this Fall

Yes, come one, come all to one or more of the Council's soon to be announced Hooked on Scouting events to be held at a lake or other fishing hole near us. Our recruiting theme for this fall is Hooked on Scouting so we want to get organized to help new visitors, Families, Packs, Dens, Troops, and Patrols get "caught" by what Scouting has to offer our boys and girls.

Stay tuned as we discover what lake(s) in our area will be the chosen site(s) for a Hooked on Scouting event, as well as day(s) they will be held. This is another great way for families to spend a fun time together while participating in a Scouting event.

As the locations and dates become known, please try to use these events as potential outings where members of your unit can enjoy time with newly recruited members and interact with families that just want to learn what Scouting is all about. We would love to have any semi-avid or avid anglers from our greater Scouting family help at these events this fall. If you are an interested angler of any experience level, please contact John Stewart at john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil to express your interest so we best utilize your talents.



Recruiting is Not a Once a Year Event

It CAN BE an Every Meeting Event.



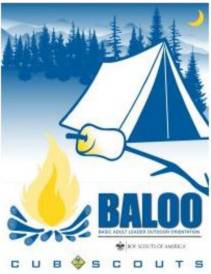
Your well-planned Den meetings and outings, Pack meetings, Patrol meetings and outings, Troop meetings and campouts provide valuable opportunities to attract new members and help them get the Scouting "hook" firmly set and wanting to come back from more. Sometimes life gets in the way of the original meetings plan, and that is OK. Meeting Plan B may be just what is sometimes needed to have just a bit of spontaneity, to have that much more fun while learning.

Thanks to all youth and adult leaders who deliver the Scouting Program each week to America's future leaders. Currently the Scouting Program reaches about 20% of the potential youth participants. What a difference it could make if we could reach just a few more boys and girls and expose them to the character, ethical, and moral development that Scouting has to offer. If you know of a school, neighborhood, or locale within the great Patriot District boundaries that appears to be under served or not served by a Scouting unit, please contact john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil. Your contacts could be used by John and our new District Executive, Ashley Felton, toward opening doors to establish new units. Thank you again for all that you do to support our Scouts.

*John R. Stewart, Vice-Chair for Membership and Lion Coordinator
Patriot District, NCAC*

Taking your Pack or Den Camping? BALOO

At least one adult must first take BALOO training. BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation. It's the introductory training Cub Scout leaders should complete before taking Cub Scouts on an overnight camping trip. Recent updates to this two-part course make the content more impactful, useful, and convenient.



The new BALOO course combines the previous BALOO curriculum and a course called Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders, or OWL. As of February 28, 2018, OWL is no more. The OWL training code – C33 – has been retired. The training code for the new, hybrid BALOO is C32.

Who should take BALOO?

The BSA *requires* that you have at least one BALOO-trained adult on every Cub Scout Den or Pack overnight outdoor event. *That includes Pack camping and Webelos Den overnights.*

A BALOO-trained leader should be at any overnight event regardless of whether it is a Pack, District, or Council event. Having at least one BALOO-trained adult will make your Cub Scouts' camping experience as awesome as it can be.

Why should I take BALOO?

Leaders who complete BALOO training are better prepared to plan pack den or pack overnight events. You'll learn how to make camping activities and outings fun. You'll discover how to keep your Cub Scouts safe and entertained. And you'll learn how to plan an event that's rooted firmly in Cub Scouting's principles.

Successful experiences in the outdoors make Cub Scouts – and their parents – more likely to keep coming back for more Scouting fun.

How do I take BALOO?

BALOO consists of two components: online and hands-on. You'll need to complete both – in that order – to qualify as a "Trained" Cub Scout outdoor leader and receive the BALOO recognition patch.

1. Online component: The online portion of BALOO is available 24/7 on the BSA Learn Center. Log in to <https://my.scouting.org/> to begin. The goal of the online portion is to make the best use of time to allow leaders to experience as much as possible during the practical hands-on training.

2. Practical, hands-on component: This 1.5-day course is designed as an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program for leaders interested in adding a camping component to their Pack activities. Check with our District or Council to see if BALOO training is being offered soon. You can download the syllabus here:

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/510-033\(17\)BALOO.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/510-033(17)BALOO.pdf)



Burke Centre Earth Day

On Earth Day Weekend, April 21-22, Burke Centre charter and civic groups are encouraged to sign up to cover Earth Day clean-ups in a selected section of pathways, tennis courts, tot-lots, etc. Several groups have already come forward with areas in Burke Centre that they would like to help clear of trash and debris. To suggest a particular area in need of attention or cleanup, or to reserve a supply of trash bags, please contact Jim McCormick or Hamid Sattar, Conservancy Facilities & Resources Department, at (703) 978-2928, or send an email to hamid@burkecentre.org. Requests will be tracked in an effort to prevent overlapping clean-up areas (to the extent possible).

Help the Patriot District

“Celebrate Fairfax” in 2018



The annual Celebrate Fairfax festival is coming to the Fairfax County Government Center on June 8th through the 10th. The Patriot District is planning on hosting a booth to display the Scouting Program to all of the visitors to Celebrate Fairfax, especially the visitors of Scouting age. Please let your Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, and Venturers know about the booth the Patriot District will have at the Celebrate Fairfax event.

We are planning on using the NCAC’s climbing tower for this event as well as any of our Youth Members and Adult Leaders to serve at the booth to demonstrate and show off the “fun” of Scouting. We would love to have a unit or two contribute a model camp site, and/or be prepared to provide some short Cub Scout or Boy Scout oriented training to visitors and or any registered youth so Scouts can experience some of the fun while learning outside. We would love to have a full schedule of personnel manning the climbing wall and the rest of our Patriot District booth, please contact John Stewart at john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil to sign up for your desired time(s)/day(s).

This can be an excellent way to get community families exposure to Scouting and potentially to join us.

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Deadline for copy inclusion in *The Patriot Press* is the two Sundays prior to Roundtable. Using MS Word, articles may be emailed to the editor at joe.osborne@cox.net.

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Patriot District Life to Eagle Seminar & Discussion Roundtable For Life Scouts and Parents



Saturday, April 28, 2018

9 AM – 11:00 AM

Burke Presbyterian Church

**In the Cottage (Prefab Classroom Building near Main Walkway)
5690 Oak Leather Dr, Burke, VA 22015**

Hosted by
Former Patriot District Scoutmasters
And Featuring a Cast of Eagle Scouts and Adults
Ready To Answer All Your Questions!



What are the requirements? What counts as a position of responsibility? Where do I get a project idea? How do I get my project approved? How long is this going to take? How do I get the money for my project? What is a life purpose statement? How do I fill out the application? What role does the Council play? Where do I get more information? What are letters of reference? Who's on my Board of Review?



Scout Wanted for Philmont High Adventure!!



Troop 1966 has an opening for their Philmont Trek scheduled for July 11-23. There is also an acclimation trip on July 9th. The Troop is doing Trek 27, which includes Backache Springs, Crater Lake, Shaefers Pass, Hunting Lodge, Visto Grande, Upper Dean Cow, Miranda, Miranda, Flume Canyon, and Ponil. The trek is rated as Strenuous. If this is the summer you want to go to Philmont and your Troop isn't going, here is your opportunity. For further information contact Ken Reddinger at 703-323-3994 or Mike Stonkey at 703-509-9725.

Philmont Leadership Challenge (PLC)



WHAT IS THE PHILMONT LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE? Scouters will practice and internalize the leadership skills taught at Wood Badge in this action-packed, experiential backcountry conference. PLC underscores the values of Scouting, teamwork, and team development; and it promotes the concepts of servant leadership.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT? You will camp in a team setting that enables participants to use the Wood Badge leadership skills to resolve challenging situations. You will spend five nights in a two-person platform tent at Rayado Ridge Leadership Camp; showers are available and you will prepare and eat meals with other participants and faculty. On Day 4, you will hike 4 miles one-way to Zastrow where you will camp in a two-person backpacking tent on the ground. At Zastrow, you will prepare and eat Philmont trail meals with your crew. You will participate in a two-hour conversation project and hike to Lover's Leap.

WHAT WILL I TAKE HOME FROM PLC?

- The knowledge, ability, and motivation to be a dynamic and effective leader through advanced, practical applications of Wood Badge skills
- Innovative techniques to deliver Wood Badge skills to units and councils
- Nationwide resources including new ideas and contacts that can only be gained through a program of this type

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WHO MAY ATTEND? You must meet each of the following requirements to attend:

- Be a registered adult with the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have completed Wood Badge training. It is not necessary for you to have earned your Wood Badge beads as long as you are actively working your Wood Badge ticket.
- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment.
- Complete a Philmont Health Form parts A, B, and C; and meet height and weight standards for high-adventure bases.
- Be able to hike 4 miles carrying a 30- to 40-pound backpack.

The course is inclusive with respect to participants. No restriction with respect to cultural background, religious affiliation, program affiliation, or professional status will be imposed with respect to attendance.

WHEN IS IT? July 1-7, 2018, and September 16-22, 2018

Note: Participants will not have an opportunity to be with their families during the week.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? The fee for the six-day course is \$550. A deposit of \$100 is due upon registration; the balance is due 30 days prior to arrival.

HOW DO I REGISTER? Register online on the Philmont Training Center registration page at phil.mx/register

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

- Visit the PLC webpage phil.mx/plc
- Visit the PLC Facebook page phil.mx/facebook
- Review the PLC Guidebook phil.mx/guidebook
- Review the Philmont Health Form phil.mx/health
- Email the Philmont Training Center trainingcenter@philmontscoutranch.org
- Call the Philmont Training Center **575-376-2281**

Powder Horn 2018

The High Adventure Skills Resources Management Course

August 24 – 26 (a three-day course)

Camp St. Charles, Newberg, MD

NCAC Powder Horn Course Director: Nick Maliszewskyj maliszewskyj@gmail.com

Presented by the National Capital Area Council, BSA

What is Powder Horn? Powder Horn is a resource course designed to introduce Scouting’s adult leaders to exciting program possibilities using a variety of resources for their unit. It helps leaders to provide a robust outdoor program that meets the health and safety requirements as well as the rules and regulations of the BSA as they apply to outdoor programs. The goal for participants is to leave the Powder Horn course with a list of ideas to help their program, along with contacts and resources needed to implement them. It is important to understand that Powder Horn is not a personal development course or a team building experience. It is not a certification course. Its purpose is to educate the youth and adult Scouting leaders about specific high-adventure skills, to connect them to resources to deliver those skills, and to get them excited about delivering those skills in an exciting, challenging way to youth.

Who can attend Powder Horn? All registered adult leaders are welcome. All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Adults must have completed Leader Specific Training for their registered position, as well as the on-line courses: Youth Protection, Hazardous Weather, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense, and Climb on Safely. Youth participants (14 and up) will be admitted on an individual basis and requires the nomination by the unit leader. Youth must have completed their unit leadership training, National Youth Leadership Training is recommended. All participants must submit Annual Health & Medical Record meeting physical requirements for a backcountry

What will we do? Powder Horn is organized around the BSA’s High Adventure elements. Topics may include:

Archery	Emergency Preparedness	Rifle
Astronomy	Fly Fishing	Sailing
Canoe	GPS - Geocaching	Scuba
Caving	Hunting	Search and Rescue
Communications	Kayaking	Stem
Conservation	Leadership Lessons on Film	Wilderness Survival
COPE Challenge Course	Mountain Biking	Winter Sports
Ecology	Pistol	Youth Development

What is the Course Size? The course is limited to 40 participants (32 adult and 8 youth).

Adult registrations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis to fill the 32 adult participant positions; when those slots are filled, adult applicants will be placed on a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Due to the limited number of youth participants, we are not able to accept youth registration on a first come-first served basis. We must be able to provide a balanced youth participation, and consideration will be given to those youth applications received by April 14. Youth will be notified via email regarding whether their registration has been accepted or wait-listed. Thank you for your consideration and understanding as we need to service all aspects of the Council and its youth participants.

How Do I Register? Registration opens Tuesday, March 1, 2018. The fee is **\$250.00**. The fee will include a \$75 deposit. This deposit will only be refunded if you cancel this application before June 13, 2018 **AND** there is someone on the waiting list willing to take your place. Register at <http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/powderhorn> by July 13, 2018. You will need to register with your BSA Identification Number.

NCAC Powder Horn Coordinator: Dominick Caridi, dscsouting@aol.com 703-625-4196



Badge Program

This year's event theme is:

Local Action, Global Impact

Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Lenny Harris Memorial Fields at Braddock Park
1005 Mt. Vernon Ave.



I Earned My Badge!

Now What?

Complete the following form and mail it to UpCycle by **Friday, April 20** to reserve your badge(s). Or, pick up your badge from the UpCycle tent on Earth Day.

Supplies are limited, so reserving badges in advance is advised.

Name

Group

Number of Badges

Contact number

I will pick up my badge(s) at:

Earth Day

Upcycle

Mail or email this form to:
UpCycle Creative Reuse Center
Attn: Earth Day Badge Program
1100 Wythe St., #25334
Alexandria, VA 22313
info@UpCycleCRC.org

Questions?
info@UpCycleCRC.org

Volunteer two or more hours in the activities below to earn your Alexandria Earth Day badge!
Details at: alexandriava.gov/EarthDay

Volunteer at the Alexandria Earth Day Event

Saturday, April 28; opportunities from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

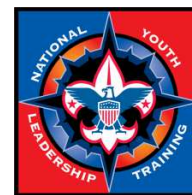
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- Exhibit at the Alexandria Earth Day event** on April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Register by March 30)
- Participate in the Trashin' Fashion Show** at Alexandria Earth Day on April 28 (Read the contest guidelines and enter)
- Participate in an educational tour or field trip** at one of the following locations:
 - Alexandria Renew Enterprises Education Center
 - Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center
 - Covanta Waste-to-Energy Plant
 - Upcycle Creative Reuse Center
- Participate in a shoreline cleanup:** Sign up for the April 14 Potomac Watershed Cleanup
- Organize a drive to collect and donate used goods** to an Alexandria-based organization
- Volunteer at a farmer's market composting station** (ages 10+)
- Write environmental advocacy letters to elected officials or speak at an event**

To sign up for these volunteer activities and learn more about Alexandria Earth Day, visit:

alexandriava.gov/EarthDay

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)



NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed for youth members of the Boy Scouts of America to learn and practice leadership skills to help them succeed in Scouting, in their careers, in their place of new worship, in their family, and in their personal lives.

NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the ideals of Scouting. Courses are delivered by a highly-qualified group of youth and adult trainers in a troop setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Participants engage in a wide-range of games, challenges, exercises, and adventures to develop their skills, attitudes, and confidence. Through these activities, participants gain exposure to the same leadership techniques taught to today's corporate executives. NYLT participants learn many valuable skills including how to:

- Create a vision of success
- Set goals and make plans
- Listen and solve problems
- Make ethical decisions and resolve conflicts
- Teach and lead others effectively
- Put the needs of others first

All of these skills are applicable to every part of life and will follow the participants into adulthood, enabling them to be the most effective leaders—and followers—in any setting.

NYLT is not like summer camp and is not designed for rank advancement or earning merit badges. NYLT is an intense and challenging hands-on program that parallels Wood Badge training for adults. It is essential that NYLT participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this advanced training. In order to get the maximum benefit from this unique experience, participants must exhibit emotional maturity, a positive attitude, proficiency in basic camping and outdoor cooking skills, and ambition to serve in leadership roles.

In order to attend an NYLT course, participants must meet the following requirements before the start of the course:

- Registered youth member of a troop, crew, ship or post
- Current BSA Health and Medical Record form parts A, B, and C
- 14 years of age or older or 13 years of age with Course Director's prior approval
- Have at least one year of camping and outdoor cooking experience
- Completed Intro to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), or Ships (ILSS)
- Attained First Class rank if registered in Boy Scouts
- Approval from Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Skipper, or Post Advisor
- Commit to attending the entire six-day course

All NYLT courses in the National Capital Area Council are presented as either a continuous six-day program in the summer or as two three-day weekends in the winter. Below is a list of upcoming NYLT courses.

Course	Dates	Location
18-2	17-22 Jun 2018	American Legion, Cheltenham, Maryland
18-3	24-29 Jun 2018	American Legion, Cheltenham, Maryland
18-4	29 Jul-3 Aug 2018	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, Virginia
18-5	5-10 Aug 2018	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, Virginia
19-1	19-21 Jan and 16-18 Feb 2019	Camp Snyder, Haymarket, Virginia

To register for NYLT visit myNYLT.org. Follow online for additional news and information about NYLT.