



Prince George's District Scout News

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All Hands,

We are moving quickly toward the day when we go over the top and reach the Gold Level of scouting. By December 31, 2016 we have to have our house in order and all of our accounting done. We appear to have fulfilled most requirements for the gold designation with a few exceptions we need to work on. Our overall scout numbers are good this year. Last year this kept us from moving up. On the other hand we appear to have a shortfall in fund raising, unlike last year where we surpassed our fund raising goal. It looks like we are short about \$6,500 at the moment. A number of our "Good Scouts", Mayor Fred Robinson of Bowie and Neil Moore, President & CEO of our hospital system have volunteered and we are looking for as much help as we can. We have until the end of the year to get this done and we will.

Rocket Day is coming up on October 29, 2016. Every scout gets a rocket and a chance to learn about the physics of flight. This is a big part of our council wide commitment to "STEM" - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. It will be a great day!

Our DDC for Round table, Dick Fulper had been ill but is now on the mend. No one is better organized or more dedicated to scouting. There was never a time when I attended a round table that Dick ran that I did not feel encouraged and energized in scouting. He is the personification of leadership and model to all of us. Get well Colonel!

Please keep up the good work and know that it pays dividends well beyond the moment in the lives of our scouts who are the leaders of the future.

Carry On!

C. Philip Nichols, Jr.
District Chairman

October

- 10 – OA meeting
- 13 – District Roundtable
- 14-16 – District Fall Camporee (Cheltenham)
- 27 – District Committee Mtg
- 29 – Rocket Blast Off – (Six Flags)

November

- 5 – Car-ne-vale
- 5 – Scouting for Food Bag Distro
- 10 – District Roundtable
- 12 – Scouting for Food Bag Pick-Up
- 14 – OA meeting
- 19 – POW WOW

Have you ever been to Roundtable?
Do you know your Commissioner or what they do?
Do you need help with Advancements?

Commissioner's Corner

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The District Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. to discuss

- Order of the Arrow
- Venturing Program
- Learning for Life
- District Program

Join us and make the difference.

GEAR UP FOR LEADERSHIP AT ROUNDTABLE

2017 Charter Renewal

By now all Committee Chairmen of units should have received their Charter Renewal packet from the NCAC Registrar in Texas. **Please advise your Unit Commissioner or ADC if this is not the case.** Included in the packet is the access code for online registration and the transmittal envelope. Online registration is anticipated to open ~October 1st.

Some process tips to make for a smooth submission:

Immediately: Submit applications as soon as completed. Don't wait to submit applications in the Charter Renewal submission.

October: The assigned Unit processor should log into Unit Charter Renewal System (UCRS); the team obtains applications and YPT certificates as needed, and fees; processor 'Updates Unit Roster' to pull in new data; unit Key 3 to review, and meet with Chartering Organization head for signatures on final; and the processor 'Submits to Council' via UCRS.

November: Turn-in completed work product and completely initially transmittal envelope to unit commissioner for review and endorsement NLT **November 20, 2016.**

The Points of Contact for District Charter Renewal is

DDC-PGD North - Ron Chrismer (ronchrismer@verizon.net)
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Units – Please go to our District website -
<http://www.ncacbsa.org/princegeorges/>

Click on these links and start processing for Re-charter.

Contact your Commissioner if you have any questions.

Commissioners are ready to help U!



JTE is Your Unit's Scorecard for Scouting Success

How do you know whether your unit offers the best possible experience for the youth you serve?

You keep score.

JTE is your unit's scorecard for Scouting success.

As we begin this last quarter of the calendar year, **now is the time for all units to focus on finalizing your 2016 JTE scorecards.**

While many might view these scorecards as trivial and not take this process seriously, **JTE is the most essential tool to ensure the success of the Scouting program in your unit.** Just like with most all things in life, the more effort you put into completing your JTE scorecard, the more your unit will get back in return. Here are three "**best practices**" to get the most benefit in completing your 2016 JTE scorecard.

1. Don't wait until November to start finalizing your unit's scorecard. Now is the time to make sure you have

all the required information to complete your unit's JTE scorecard. Refer to your 2016 JTE Guide-book (available at www.scouting.org/jte) for a list of the specific documents your unit needs to finalize your scorecard. Now would also be a good time to confirm that your unit has identified at least one individual with an account on the JTE Service Hours website (servicehours.scouting.org) who understands how to record your unit's service projects.

2. Get your entire unit leadership team involved. Your unit committee chair could certainly just "rubber stamp" your JTE scorecard and be done in a matter of a few minutes. However, to really get any meaningful assessment of your current unit's health, your entire unit leadership needs to meet and work together as a team to complete your scorecard. This meeting should include your unit key-3, unit committee members, youth leader group (patrol leaders' council, team leadership, crew officers or petty officers), and your unit commissioner. When your entire leadership team is completely open and honest about documenting your unit's performance, your JTE scorecard will clearly show you where your unit can deliver an even stronger Scouting program. This process works best when your unit leaders work together as a team and let go of their egos and emotions.

3. Communicate your results with your unit. Consistent communication is the hallmark of a unit determined to offering the best possible Scouting experience. By sharing your JTE scorecard results with your entire unit, you build trust and motivate others to engage in helping achieve your unit's goals. Let your entire unit know the specific areas where you are doing well and also the particular areas where your unit needs help. Open and honest communication about your scorecard results is essential to building a stronger Scouting program in your unit.

If you have any questions or concerns about your unit's scorecard or about any other JTE issues, please reach out to your unit commissioner. Our commissioner corps is dedicated to helping your unit offer the best possible experience for the youth you serve.

Assistant District Commissioner for JTE

Membership Memo –

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JSN is the start of your new, 2016-2017 school year recruitment.

Now is the time to identify and plan for those activities and parents to support Fall recruitment activities. Make recruitment of that TIGER Den

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Leader your top priority. Established leadership will attract more TIGERS and parents over the Summer. Validate your Unit's contact information on www.BeAScout.scouting.org so that new families to the area can find you. Don't depend on "Back to School Night" for your recruits. By that time, your target audience has already committed to other activities. Remember you're recruiting parents, convincing them that scouting is a valuable activity for their youth.

BE VISIBLE. Ideas you may want to consider as you review the 2016-2017 school year calendar and your school's website.

- Open houses and initial, back-to-school PTA meetings: Usually held the week before school starts and are school specific.
- Fun Fairs and school bazaars.
- Book Fairs: Donate scout bookmarks with your contact information.
- Door hangers. Your school may not support flyers going home and a parent will more likely remember your Unit if they have something in their hand that they can attach to the refrigerator.
- Take pictures. Everyone has a smart phone and everyone takes pictures. Get those pictures posted in the newspaper, your website/Facebook page, charter organization website/Facebook page, the District Facebook page. A caption is all that's required.
- Posting the picture quickly is essential for good results.

Keep Recruiting

Advancement Notes

- Keep advancing.

If you have questions – please let me know.

Rosie Gonzales
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Advancement Chair

Eagle Scout News

An Eagle Scout's Story

I do not have a story from our local Eagle Scouts, so here's one that caught my eye.

End of story? Does the Eagle go quietly into the night, now that you have achieved the pinnacle of all of Scouting?

We certainly hope not.

Stay tuned for this spot and additional notifications from our District, Council and Nationally as we bring our Eagles back for more.

Want to be involved? Contact- bowiescouts@verizon.net

ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Three Rivers Area Order of the Arrow held a joint Fall Ordeal October 7-9, 2016, at Patuxent River State Park. Over 300 service hours went into trail work, river clean up, and beautification of the Indian Village.



Despite the rain on Saturday, the Order of the Arrow welcomed about 30 new members and saw two members complete their Brotherhood Conversion. Western Shore Chapter provided Ceremonies (including a ceremonies workshop), District of Columbia served up delicious food, Zekiah planned out the projects, and Prince George's ran with registration, and coordination of fun activities for all.



Prince George's Chapter is now preparing for OA Elections which run November 01, 2016 - May 31, 2017. If you would like to schedule your Troop OA Election, a Camp Promotions Presentation, or would simply like more information about the OA, please contact PrinceGeorgesChapter@wipit470.org.

Upcoming OA events include Chapter Meetings on the second Monday of each month, and the OA hosted Cub Carnival on December 17 for all Cub Scouts.

Our next BIG event

Our next Chapter meeting is Monday, November 14, at the Imagination Foundation in Upper Marlboro.

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P.G. OA Chapter Adviser

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Steven Steinbach
P.G. OA Chapter Chief

For more information about the Order of the Arrow or to schedule an election or camp promotions presentation, please contact us at PrinceGeorgesChapter@wipit470.org.

VJS, Prince George's OA Chapter Leadership

HIKE-O-REE, 28-30 October 2016

The 26th Annual V3 (Venturing, Varsity and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held October 28-30, 2016 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration is limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all **Scout units including Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, Varsity Teams, Boy Scout Troops and Girl Scout Troops**. Registration on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS begins on September 1, 2016**, on the BSA National Capital Area Council website <http://www.ncacbsa.org/event/hikeoree>.

A Scout is Thrifty – Do you have any old Scout Uniforms? Check this idea out <http://wpo.st/Y1QU1> - Let's make scouting more affordable.

TRAINING CORNER

BECOME A TRAINED LEADER

Common sense tells us training is important, and research shows the importance of trained leaders. A trained leader is knowledgeable and more confident in the role being performed. Trained leaders exhibit a knowledge and confidence that is picked up by the people around them. Trained leaders impact the quality of programs, leader tenure, youth tenure, safety and a whole lot more. A trained leader is better prepared to make the Scouting program and serving our youth all that it can be!

- Richard Fulper, Jr. – Chairman (rfulperjr@cs.com) 301-567-6112
- Isiah Pugh, Jr. – Cub Scouting (jp44scout@hotmail.com) 240-687-2361
- George Martin – Boy Scouting (georgeoh46@yahoo.com) 301-509-5633
- Rush W Kester – Venturing (RWKester@aol.com)

Trained Leaders – All BSA leaders must be trained in their position-specific roles. This is to ensure that BSA leaders truly embrace the admonition that all *children under our charge deserve trained leaders*. Reports indicate that many District registered Scouters have not fulfilled the

obligatory training requirements of their volunteer position. Accordingly, it is incumbent upon unit leaders, with the assistance of their Unit and Assistant District Commissioners, to help the uninformed get the requisite training they need to ensure they are meeting the guaranteed standards of their BSA positions.

Please consider rearranging your bucket list and management/executive development goals, and sign up for the **Spring 2017 Wood Badge** course when registration opens in/around November 1st.

18 Feb - **University of Scouting, Venturing and Adventure classes**, Hayfield Secondary School
www.ncacbsa.org/training/university-of-scouting

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YOUTH PROTECTION

YOUTH PROTECTION IS OUR #1 PRIORITY!

While BSA continuously evaluates and strengthens its Youth Protection programs, the organization recognizes that abuse can happen anywhere, even in Scouting.

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/training/youth-protection/>

A good Leader is an informed Leader:

ROUNDTABLE - Every 2nd Thursday

Who's Invited: All District Unit Leaders, Unit Committee Members and Unit Commissioners

Where: Glenn Dale LDS Church, 11525 Prospect Hill Road, Glenn Dale, MD

When: Always the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7-9p.m.

Schedule

7:00PM Displays and Gatherings

7:30-8:30PM Scout Leader Roundtables

- Cub Scout Leader RT: CRTC Danielle Ballantine
- Boy Scout Leader RT: BRTC George Martin & Gary Miller
- Teen Program Leader Forum*: VRTC Ruth Kester & Reggie Grier

8:30-9:00PM General Roundtable Meeting led by DDC/RT Richard Fulper (rfulperjr@cs.com).

Recognitions, awards and hot topics are discussed. If there are any area organizations, with opportunities that may interest our Scouts and Scouters, are invited to attend.

Order of The Arrow Chapter - 2nd Monday

Who's Invited: Open to all members of the Chapter

Where: Imagine Foundation at Leeland Public Charter School (Formerly Queen Anne School) 14111 Oak Grove Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

When: Second Monday of each month, 7:00PM-8:30PM.

Join us on Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/PGOrderofArrow>
"Order of the Arrow in Prince George's County"

Steven Steinbach is our Chapter Chief
John Keenan is our Prince George's Chapter Advisor

www.ncacbsa.org/program/order-of-the-arrow/groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/oapg/info?referrer=PrinceGeorgesDistrict

Committee Meeting - Every 4th Thursday

Who's Invited: All Unit Charter Organization Representatives, District Committee Members and Commissioners

Where: Imagine Foundation at Leeland Public Charter School (formerly Queen Anne School), 14111 Oak Grove Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20775

When: Fourth Thursday of most months, 7p.m. Check Calendar to be sure.

The District Chairman welcomes all Vice Chairpersons, the District Commissioner and his staff, District professionals, Charter Organizational Representatives (CORs), Committee Members and designated Members-At-Large.

DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Roger Brow (bowiescouts@verizon.net)

Greetings District Doers – Hope you all are using your communication skills to get the word out on our local scouts to your friends and neighbors. It doesn't cost anything to invite a family to come along to an outing. Who knows, it may be the best thing they've ever done.

DO A GOOD TURN DAILY

Have you volunteered to get your neighborhood schools ready for the new school year? Why not organize a cleanup of the school grounds. Perhaps call the schools and see if you can be of service.

Scouting for Food 2016

A wonderful opportunity to participate in a community project that has become one of the most notable and worthwhile activities in our Council! Your great work supports the Food Banks at a critical time. In 2015, Prince George's District collected a total of 50,000 lbs. of food, part of the Council's total of 800,000 lbs. Please make sure you have the dates on your unit calendar!

Sat Nov 5th Door Hanger Distribution
Sat Nov 12th Food Collection

Please ensure you submitted your Scouting for Food Unit Coordinator contact information.
Units in the southern area of the county you may contact Scoutmaster Alex Kennan at adlkeenan@gmail.com
Units in the northern area can contact Lenny Wertz at buffalo8265@msn.com
Units may also contact Stephen Allen email Stephen.allen@scouting.org

POPCORN

November

Orders Due: Friday, November 4 (b4 midnight)

Moyer Home Deliveries: November 15-18

Distribution Day: Saturday, November 19

Redistribution

Returns Due: October 24-29

December 9th Due Dates

Payments: Friday, December 9

Prize Orders Due: Friday, December 9

Scholarship Forms: Friday, December 9

For more information, contact Lisa Snip by email or call (301) 214-9196.

Save the Date! Pinewood Carnevale

Nov. 5, 2016 - 6.30pm – 9pm

American Legion Post 136
6900 Greenbelt Rd
Greenbelt MD 20770



This is an adults-only event.
Proceeds from this fundraiser
will support scouting throughout the NCAC area.

Do you know any potential sponsors? Check with auto dealerships, defense contractors, local or regional.

For more information, contact Stephen Allen, e-mail stephen.allen@scouting.org or tel.571-345-6852

The Pinewood Carnevale is proudly brought to you by the Three Rivers Service Area (Prince George, Washington DC, Western Shore, & Zekiah Districts)

This is YOUR Newsletter – Yep, Yours!

Big Things are happening here in Prince George's District (and the NCAC region) in the coming months – please send me your stories, events, news. Scouting success depends on **you!**

Our Newsletter still needs a Name – Please submit ideas, best one **wins a prize!**

Here's a couple more:

- Scout Newz! - The District Dump - Scouting Around Trail Tales -- scOUTING News -- Smoke Signals -- Campfire Comments -- Foot Prints

Do you have something that can't wait until the next newsletter? Send your stories or event to bowiescouts@verizon.net

Council Events

Goshen 50th Anniversary Camporee Staff Needed

Please consider joining the NCAC-Wide Fall 2017 Camporee Commissioner staff to support this special camporee from **May 26 to May 29, 2017**. This will supplant the 2017 ODD Spring Camporee. Duties include: greeting units upon arrival, directing units to activities, assisting units in departure, function as a resource for information, and coach and guide units as necessary during the camporee. POC is Steve Richardson at ristph@aol.com, 571-422-2198.

Hello Troops of Prince George's District,

Your Scouts have a rare chance to participate in one of the great Boy Scout events -- the 2017 National Jamboree! Over 30,000 Scouts and leaders will camp together at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia, during July 19-28, 2017. As a member of a council contingent troop, he will be participating in many exciting, interesting, and fun activities. There will of course be the chance to get in 9 good nights of camping. But, most of all, your son will be experiencing the fellowship of national and worldwide Scouting like he could nowhere else. The phrase "brotherhood of Scouting" really comes alive! Couple this with the fact that a National Jamboree is held only once every four years, and you can see how special an opportunity this is!

Unlike regular summer camp, the jamboree is much more activity-oriented rather than advancement-oriented. To help you and your Scouts get a better picture of what a jamboree is all about, I'm willing to visit one of your upcoming troop meetings in Oct to make a short slide/video presentation. I will try and make any date work for you – please let me know. If you don't want me to visit, that's fine – but I ask that you please provide the information to your troop families.

Our council has a quota on the number of Scouts and leaders it can send, and slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For past jamborees, these spaces have filled up in September...that is, now! To sign up for the jamboree, here is the process:

Create an account for the Scout - <http://my.scouting.org/>

The cost per Scout has been set by the National Capital Area Council at \$1250, \$737 of which is due upon application, the remainder due in Jan 2017. Admittedly this is a lot of money, but consider that all of the fee is not due at once, and also there is half a year for the Scouts to earn some money to help him pay for this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. In addition, *our council is making available special camperships just for the jamboree* - form is attached. **NCAC has targeted Prince George's District as an "underrepresented" area for the jamboree, so signups from our area would be very welcome.** *But, since spaces are filling up even as you read this letter, we must act quickly lest this opportunity pass by.*

As a contingent troop leader for six jamborees between 1989 and 2010 (and selected to be a leader for 2017), I can personally attest that this is a highlight event in a Scout's life. Sure, there will be other jamborees, but never again will there be one at this point in your Scout's career. *I urge you to seriously consider this opportunity for all your eligible troop Scouts, and encourage sign ups without delay* - this week if at all possible. Our council is nearing its quota of youth participants, and contingent troops will be formed very soon. Many Prince George's troops have a long history of jamboree participation - it would be great to have a "PG" jamboree troop!



Time is running out...signing up now (in the next week) and paying will all but assure PG District Scouts will be in the same jamboree troop. Signing up later is possible, but will likely put them on a waiting list or in a jamboree troop based in a different area of the council (i.e., much further away).

If you have any questions, or would like me to do a short presentation to your troop, please don't hesitate to contact me right away. Please feel free to forward my email below to your troop parents.

Yours in Scouting,
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PRINCE GEORGE'S DISTRICT FALL CAMPOREE

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Boy Scouts working alongside Superheroes to defeat the Villains who have taken over ALYCe City! The Prince George's District Fall Camporee was themed Superheroes versus Villains and was held October 14-16, 2016 at the American Legion Youth Camp in Cheltenham.

Hosted by Troop 1572, Scouts and Scouters put on a fun filled day that included 10 stations, a trebuchet competition, dessert contest, and costume contest. Scouts tested their skills and competed for points at stations that included Thor's Hammer Throw, Sticky Situation (Jacob's Ladder), March of the Penguin (Geocaching), Hulk Smashed (First Aid), and more.



Scouts created original skits at the Showtime! Station; the top seven skits were performed at the campfire Saturday night. Congratulations to all the winners of the Camporee. 1st Place, Troop 1551; 2d Place, Pack 257; 3d Place Troop 740. Winner of the Trebuchet competition 3790, and Dessert winner Troop 1249.

Troop 1572 wishes to extend a special thank you to those who volunteered to help make this event a success, including Troop 298, Troop 1657, Trina and Joe Brown, Lenny Wertz, and the PG Chapter Order of the Arrow.

