



"Prince George's District" Scout News

LAST ISSUE!!*

*Technically, the last issue of the Prince George's District Scout News. Have no fear a new (and improved) version is coming soon.

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All Hands,

Our district is going to expand its borders and we will welcome our friends and fellow scouters in Charles County. While we are close to 2,800 scouts and about 1,200 adult leaders we will be stronger with the 750 scouts and their leaders as we join together.

NCAC, our governing body on this issue, determined it was in everyone's best interest for this to occur and we are working our way through it slowly and methodically. We have already had our first meeting led by our Scout Executive, Stephen Allen. While there are many issues such as when and where do we meet, who meets, who leads, the financial considerations and many others. It will be a problem of logistics that we will manage and hopefully accommodate everyone. What is important is that every scout knows that we care, and our support for them and our program continues to be "top notch". As a result of the meeting we are considering changing the name of our new district – **see page 2 for survey**. Eventually, we will have to redesign our district uniform patch. We will make a final decision as a group once we have vetted the name. We will consider all the "metrics" as well about what night and where and make sure the meetings are centrally located and accommodate the most possible.

I ask for your help and your understanding as we undertake this journey to being bigger, and I hope better.

Please give a warm welcome to our new friends whenever you can. It is what we do. We are scouts!

Carry On!

C. Philip Nichols, Jr.
District Chairman

**RECHARTER – RECHARTER -
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December

- 3 – Trainers Edge
- 3 – Cubmaster/Scoutmaster Training
- 5 – District Committee
- 8 – District Roundtable
- 12 – OA meeting
- 15 – District Merger Meeting
- 17 – Winter Cub Fun Day**

January

- 5 – District Business Meeting
- 7 – OA Lodge Banquet
- 12 – District Roundtable
- 26 – District Committee

February

- 9 – District Roundtable
- 18 – Winter Rendezvous
- 18 – University of Scouting
- 23 – District Committee

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

The Points of Contact for District Charter Renewal is

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DDC-PGD East - Yvette Turk (yvette.turk@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!

Membership Memo –

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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

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

What's in a name?

Looking to name our New District:

- Patuxent
- Terrapin
- Prince George Zekiah
- Other

Go to:

www.ncacbsa.org/princegeorges/name/

and cast your choice

**Artists – we need a new District Patch.
Send your ideas in now!**



Bowie Troop 1688 honors the veterans at the Bowie memorial park this past Veterans Day. Great job scouts!

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Our Upcoming events

See our webpage



Contact:

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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

Winter Cub Fun Day

When: Saturday, December 17th

9am to 1pm

Where: Imagine Foundations-Leeland

Public Charter School

14111 Oak Grove Rd, Upper

Marlboro, MD 20774

Activities Include: Archery, Arts and Crafts, Scout Skills, Games, and more!

Cost: \$12.00 for Scouts (Includes activities, lunch, and souvenir)

\$5.00 for Adults / Staff (covers lunch and insurance)

To register on-line, visit:

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/princegeorges/wcf>



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!

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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.



Spring 2017 Wood Badge

Please consider rearranging your bucket list and management/executive development goals, and sign up here: www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/

If you list *tin foil cooking* as a skill on your resume ...

.... You might be a Wood Badger!

If you baby's first words were, "Back to Gilwell"...

... You might be a Wood Badger!

If you bought that '89 Chevy Caprice for the fleur-de-lis hood ornament ...

... You might be a Wood Badger!

If you were arrested by airport security because you wouldn't give up your pocketknife until he said "thank you"...

... You might be a Wood Badger!

18 Feb 2017 - **University of Scouting, Venturing and Adventure classes**, Hayfield Secondary School in Virginia

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

2017 NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

When: 14 – 16 January and 18 – 20 February 2017

Where: Camp William B. Snyder)

Course Director: Julia Farr

Details: www.ncacbsa.org/training/national-youth-leadership-training/

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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.

Please Report all your Good Turn's Many do not report any of the community based activities that we find ourselves doing, please take the time to enter that info so that we can show how big of an impact we really make on our neighbors.

Use the following link:

<https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

For those that did the Scouting For Food last month, please enter your info here:

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/scouting-for-food-reporting/>

Additionally be sure to report your service hours in the JTE reporting system as well. Need that to help with Recharter www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx.

Thanks.

This will be our "LAST" issue for the Prince George's District Scout News – **Wait, what???????**

Don't Worry, we will be new and "improved" once we get our new District up and running. In the meantime, please continue to send stories, pictures and anything else 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.

What's New in Prince George's County District?

March 18 - District Pinewood Derby (First Baptist Church of Glenarden)

April 29 – First Aid Meet (location TBA)

May 27 – Memorial Day Flag Placement (Cheltenham)

May 6-7 – Cub Scout Camporee (American Legion Youth Camp)

Stay Tuned for more – go to our district website!

Prince George's District Annual Toy Drive Benefited National Children's Medical Center – THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED!

Regina Halper



Jacob McCurry headed up the Annual Toy Drive to benefit Children's Medical Center in Washington DC. This was the 16th year of the toy drive which began after Jake and another scout wanted to give back to Children's for the care they received when they were young. The toy drive was a great way for scouts to give to others

in this season of giving.

If you have questions, please contact Jacob McCurry or Rosie Gonzales. GonzalesR2@yahoo.com

Ensuring a Successful Scouting Unit

How do you ensure a successful, high-performing unit to offer the best possible experience for the youth you serve?

One answer can be found in the Unit Performance Guide. This guide is the approved BSA best-method strategy for developing and sustaining high-performing units. According to the Unit Performance Guide, the unit Key 3 concept is a critical component in ensuring the success of the unit.

The unit Key 3 consists of the unit leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, crew or team Advisor), the unit's committee chair, and the chartered organization representative.

The unit Key 3, along with the unit commissioner, should meet once a month to discuss the health of the unit, its challenges, upcoming events, and progress toward completing their action plan to achieve Journey to Excellence (JTE) goals.

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Through these monthly meetings, the unit Key 3 learns how to spot early warning signs and work together toward continued success. The unit commissioner supports the unit Key 3 efforts by helping with problem solving and by keeping the unit moving in sync with the district and council.

The unit Key 3 and unit commissioner should review the following items on a regular basis:

- Ensure that a monthly program and unit budget plan are in place and on track. These items are critical for unit success. Encourage long-range planning for a positive experience for all. This may need to involve the district finance committee.
- Support systems that will ensure a well-organized unit. These include the monthly unit Key 3 meetings, monthly unit committee and leader's meetings, regular unit parent meetings, and a unit communication plan.
- Encourage a unit-wide communication system. Communication takes many forms: newsletters, email groups, websites, Facebook groups—whatever communications best fits the needs of the unit.
- Encourage leader training. Encourage new leaders to take This Is Scouting and leader position-specific training their position before their first meeting. Be sure all leaders are also aware of supplemental and advanced training opportunities available to them. Encourage them to attend Roundtable, Cub Scout Pow Wow, and University of Scouting. In-person training is the best way to enrich the Scouting experience and to network with other leaders.

In addition to these monthly meetings, the unit Key 3 and unit commissioner should also conduct a collaborative unit assessment twice a year to review feedback and to make recommendations to the unit's committee to strengthen the Scouting experience for youth.

During each collaborative unit assessment, the unit Key 3 and unit commissioner should review the following items:

- Set a unit goal action plan to enable the unit to reach JTE goals at the next charter renewal
- Evaluate the unit's progress toward achieving the JTE standards
- Evaluate and make plans to improve the Scouts' and their parents' satisfaction with their Scouting experience
- Review the unit's goals, successes, and vision for the coming year
- Identify any areas of improvement—leadership, program, and membership
- Determine any specific actions needing to be taken to assist with unit improvements and identify who will follow up on those actions
- Schedule any necessary and immediate follow-up to monitor progress

The first collaborative unit assessment meeting should occur now—within a month before or a month after the charter

renewal due date. The second collaborative unit assessment meeting should take place six months prior to the next year's charter renewal.

If you have any questions about the unit Key 3 concept, 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.

Please plan to turn in your unit's completed 2016 JTE scorecard to your unit commissioner **at or before the December Roundtable meeting.**

Scout's night before Christmas

Christine Libengood

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the tent,

Not a creature was stirring, everyone was just spent. The stockings were hung by the fire with care, in hopes that the Great Cub Master soon would be there.

The Scouts were all nestled all snug in their sleeping bags, while visions of foil packs danced in their heads.

And Ma in her neckerchief and I in my hat, had just settled in for a long winter's nap.

When out on the woods there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my cot to see what was the matter.

Away to the tent flap I flew like a flash unzipped the zipper and undid the clasp. The ice on the trees and the new fallen snow, Made me shiver when the wind began to blow.

Then what to my wondering eyes should appear? A miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

With a burly old driver so lively with luster, I knew in a moment it was the Great Cub Master.

More rapid than Den Leaders his courses they came, as he whistled and shouted and called out their names. On Tigers, on Wolves, on Bears and Webelos On, Tenderfoot, on Life Scouts, on Ventures and Eagles.

To the top of the tent, to the top of the chow hall, Now dash away, dash away, dash away all.

As wet clothes before the scout cabins fly, when they meet with a bottle rocket bound for the sky. So up to the chow hall the courses they flew, with a sleigh full of badges and the Great Cub Master, too.

And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof, the tapping and clawing of each little hoof.

As I made my way to the chow hall with nary a sound, in through the door the Great Cub Master went with a bound.

He was dressed all in kaki from his head to his foot, and his clothes were all ironed and neatly put. A bundle of badges he had in his pack, He looked like a hiker unrolling his knapsack.

His eyes, how they glistened! His smile, it did glow. His cheeks were all rosy from the cold and the snow. His uniform demanded respect, I could see, I could hardly believe what was happening to me. A piece of beef jerky he held tight in his teeth and the light from the fireplace encircled his head like a wreath.

His Cub Master patch glowed like a star in the sky, and his Pack numbers soon caught my eye.

He was tall and rugged, a right jolly old man, I laughed when I saw him, just because I can. A wink of his eye and a nod of head, soon led me to know that I must get back to bed.

He spoke not a word but went straight to his book, and laid out all the Achievements the Scouts earned from all their hard work.

And placing his fingers in the air as he should, He recited the Scout Oath as low as he could.

He jumped in his sleigh, to his team gave a shout, you know, he didn't even wake one Scout.

But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all and to all Scouts...Goodnight."



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**