

PATUXENT POST

April 2017

Words from Our Chair

By now many of you know that continued at the Silver Level in our Journey To Excellence in scouting. We had done our best to break the "Gold" ceiling and only missed by a little in areas that we thought were gold, such as volunteer hours and advancement. Quite frankly, I think we had all the volunteer hours we needed and the advancement points as well, but the were not recorded on the "dashboard" indicator. We need to get right back up and try harder for next year. We will be-

come better book keepers and recorders of our success. Any good ideas are encouraged.

I need to mention that Royal Robbins, a mountaineering legend, just passed at age 82. He made the first ascent expedition in many of Yosemite's tallest mountains. He championed "leave no trace" before it was invented, insisting on "clean climbing" and no pitons left in the rocks. He got into rock climbing

"through the boy scouts", "and I got into the boy scouts because I got out of jail as a kid, and that seemed like a good choice." The scouts will always be a good choice.

Carry On!

C. Philip Nichols, Jr.
District Chairman



April

- 13 – District Roundtable
- 15—Cub Scout Leader Specific Training
- 18—Silver Beaver Award
- 29—Scout Day at Six Flags
- 29 - First Aid Meet

May

- 5-7 - OA Spring Ordeal & Fellowship
- 6-7 - Cub Scout Camporee**
- 11– “Good Scout” Award Luncheon**
- 11 - District Roundtable
- 13 - Scout Night - DC United
- 20 - PWD Adult Fundraiser
- 26-28 - Goshen 50

June

- 8 – District Roundtable
- 19 - Cub Scout Day Camp**

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A River Runs Through It - The story behind the Patuxent

What's in a name? Our district needed a new identity (for a good reason) - We voted, you got it. Now what's the story behind it?

Four main tributaries, Western Branch, Little Patuxent River, Davidsonville Branch, and Mataponi Creek, are the primary feeders into the Patuxent River. There are also several smaller tributaries that help comprise the total drainage of the Patuxent watershed. The River virtually bisects the western shore of the State of Maryland north to south and is tidal and estuarial in the southern reaches. The River is home for more than 100 species of fish, including bass, catfish, chain pickerel, and bluefish. The Patuxent sustains nest-

ing and over wintering bald eagles and a large extended habitat for indigenous wildlife. Among overall Bay tributaries, the Patuxent ranks seventh in fresh water flow into the Chesapeake Bay.

The River was a key strategic stronghold in the early colonial development of Maryland and remains a resource with considerable archeological and paleontological significance. It was the Patuxent River that General George Washington and later Presidents, Jefferson and Madison, had to cross in order to reach Maryland's capitol when America was in its infancy as a Republic. Furthermore, it was on the Patuxent River that the US Navy flotilla opposed invading English troops during the War of

1812. The River was the host to some of the earliest settlements in the colonial era to the extent that it merited the recognition of English Parliament during the 1600's as a river of great economic and strategic importance. This early colonial recognition is evident today in the various old English names. However, the word "Patuxent" itself is derived from the language of the indigenous pre-colonial settlers. The name "Patuxent" is said to be from the Algonquin tongue, which means "water running over loose stones".

www.paxriverkeeper.org/



2017 Patuxent District “Good Scout” Award

Please join us **May 11** to honor James “Jim” R. Coleman at the Largo Doubletree Hotel at 11:30. Please register at NCACBSA.org/PXGSA contact Stephen Allen at stephen.allen@scouting.org



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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

Units – Please go to your District website -
www.ncacbsa.org/princegeorges/

District Training

Patuxent District Commissioners, Committee Members, and Friends -

Trained unit leaders are very important to the general success of units achieving high JTE scores and the advancement of the scouts. We have an excellent opportunity to greatly increase our trained leader status in April by encouraging and taking our units leaders to the

Upcoming - Leader Specific Training

There is still time to register for **Cub Scout Leader Specific Training**. Register by **April 8th, 2017**.

Patuxent District will present Cub Scout Leader Specific Training April 15, 2017, at First Baptist Church of Glenarden, 600 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Training for all positions, including Tiger... Go here for more info:

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/princegeorges/2017/04/01/cub-scout-leader-specific-training/>

Patuxent First Aid Event

The Patuxent District will hold a First Aid Meet on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Besides competing for good old-fashioned bragging rights, troops and crews can use the Meet towards completing the BSA Emergency Preparedness Award.



In the morning we will have skill training sessions as a review of the training materials in the Boy Scout Handbook. In the afternoon we will have a round robin style competition challenging each team to demonstrate their First Aid knowledge and skills. Teams will need to bring a stocked first aid kit and a sack lunch for each participant. Class A Uniforms are required for this event.

When: 04-29-2017 8:45AM to 4:00PM

Where: American Legion Youth Camp
9201 Surratts Rd
Cheltenham, MD 20623

<https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA082&calendarID=85524>
Event Chairmen - Jo Posluszny (j_posluszny@yahoo.com)

Patuxent District training....you can stay and help.

Read the flyers and contact you unit leaders....you can make a giant difference in the lives of scouts.

Flyers have been emailed to Troop SM and CC and to Pack CM and CC. The classroom training is the best...they can later review online.

While on your unit contact...give

a big push to have every unit at the April 13 Roundtable....if necessary, form a car pool.

Now, make a unit contact report and submit it at the end before you leave.

YICS...RF

Dick Fulper

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

Outdoor skills are critical to the success of the Scouting program, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills will provide leaders with the basic outdoor skills information needed to start a program right.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) is the required outdoor training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. The skills taught are based on the outdoor skills found in The Boy Scout Handbook. The overnight campout course focus is on the skills that build confidence and competence in leaders conducting outdoor camping experiences. This training is also ideal for Venturing Advisors, if they have crews with outdoor programs.

American Legion, Southern Maryland District Youth Camp
9201 Surratt's Road
Cheltenham, MD 20623
April 28-29, 2017

Due by April 21, 2017.

Contact George at 301 509-5633,
georgeoh46@yahoo.com

Please Bring a Bag Lunch & Drink

Boy Scout leaders can now get trained anywhere at any time

Posted on March 30, 2017 by Bryan Wendell in Boy Scouting, Training

It's midnight, you're in pajamas and you're sitting on the couch scrolling Facebook on your tablet.

Sounds like the perfect time to get trained.

With the launch of Scouting U's eLearning content for Boy Scout leaders, Scouters now can get trained on their own schedule — anywhere, any time.

The courses are conveniently organized by role — Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, Varsity coach, assistant Varsity

coach, leader of 11-year-old Scouts, troop/team committee chairman, troop/team committee member and merit badge counselor — meaning you'll know exactly which training courses you need to be "Trained."

Modules range from five to 15 minutes in length. They're designed to be completed at your own pace — all at once or one at a time.

The modules are grouped into three learning plans:

Complete before the first meeting

Complete within the first 30 days in your volunteer role

Complete to become "position trained"

The modules stay put once you're done, so you can return to review any section at any time.

Ready to get started? Log in to My.Scouting.org and click on "BSA Learn Center."



"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough we must do."
- Goethe

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."
- William Arthur Ward

What inspires you?

Order of the Arrow Chapter

The Chapter meets the second Monday of each month, 7:00PM-8:30PM at St. Barnabus.

Patuxent Ordeal & Fellowship

Date: May 5-7, 2017

Where: St. Barnabus, 14111 Oak Grove Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

More information, please contact Mr. John Keenan at jakee-nan@ix.netcom.com

1. Be registered with the BSA
2. Be at least 1st Class in rank
3. Have 15 nights of camping, 6 of which were during a long term camp such as summer camp or high adventure
4. Be approved by his Scoutmaster

Once elected, the candidate must complete a weekend Ordeal to earn his sash.

This year, the Chapter called

out 39 Candidates. After the ceremony, all the attendees were invited to join the OA for a cookie social.

There is still time to have an OA election. If your Troop has not yet held an election this year, please contact the Elections Team at PGChap-terMembership@gmail.com to schedule. Election season runs through the end of May.

On April 01, 2017, the Order of the Arrow performed a service project for the American Legion Youth Camp in Cheltenham and held their first Call-Out event to recognize Scouts who have been elected to the OA. Normally, the OA hosts a Call-out during the Spring Camporee each year. This year, we decided to try something different.

All Troops in the Patuxent District were invited to participate as Arrowmen recognized those who were called up by their fellow Scouts to join the OA. In order to be eligible for OA membership, a Scout must:



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.
www.ncacbsa.org/training/youth-protection/



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Adult Pinewood Derby Fundraiser...May 20

CAR-NE-VALE Part Deux!

Like fast cars?

Like to party?

Sign up for the best fundraiser in all of Maryland. Come on down to the Calvert Brewing Company and win!

Contact [Stephen Allen](#) for details.



District Pinewood Derby

Congratulations to all the participants, winners of the 2017 Patuxent District Pinewood Derby. A huge THANK YOU to Troop 1657 and their sponsor First Baptist Church of Glenarden for hosting.

Cub Summer Camp

When: 06-19-2017 8:00AM to 06-23-2017 5:00PM

Where: Mt Oak United Methodist Church
14110 Mount Oak Rd
Mitchellville, MD 20721

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Day Camps offer many traditional Scouting activities like Archery and BB guns, Crafts, Nature Study, Games, and Fishing. While the program is not specifically achievement-oriented, Cub Scouts have many opportunities to earn belt loops, pins, and other awards.

Each Tiger Cub must have an adult partner attend camp with them, and one additional adult is required for every five additional boys to escort the "bug hunters" through camp.

Want a REDUCED RATE for registration?

Adult parents serving full-time on camp staff get up to two of their Cub Scout children registered at \$70 each! Registered Scouts ages 14 or over who serve full-time on camp staff get a \$75 credit to Goshen Scout Reservation or service hours!

Get your forms here:

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

Our newsletter needs a name:

Who has a name for our newsletter? Pax Post is what we used years ago, but a new name will make a big deal in how we go forward. Deadline June 30.

DC United Scout Night



- ◇ When: Saturday, May 13th (7:00pm kickoff)
- ◇ Location: RFK Stadium
- ◇ Group pricing discounts (10 or more people)
 - ◆ Midfield: \$35 (reg. \$45)
 - ◆ Sideline: \$25 (reg. \$25)

Scout groups are also able to receive **2017 D.C. United scout patches (based on availability), a scoreboard shout-out for the Unit, and group block seating** so everyone can sit and enjoy the match together!



Calling All Artists!!!

The new (and improved) Patuxent District has a great name, now it needs a great patch. We hope to have plenty of entries and a winner will be selected this summer. Please send in your entries to LeRoy Parham pgdcomish@gmail.com