

PATUXENT POST

May 2017

Words from Our Chair

I am "glad and sad" to advise that Steve Allen, our District Director, has been promoted. Steve has made almost a 24 hour a day commitment to us for years. Our program has grown and is stronger because of his leadership. For the last two years we have been on the edge of obtaining the Gold Level in the Journey to Excellence. While he is not going far, we shall miss him. We will continue to work hard, just as he has taught us. He has become our good friend and is entitled to the highest praise. Steve has earned the title of "Stand Up Guy". We should all follow the example he has set.

As we move on to the summer camping season, things appear to be going well plans are made and

our scouts are following through. It will be a great summer!

I was reading up on naval history and came across the story of Admiral "Lucky" Fluckey, a World War II hero and Medal of Honor recipient. Nobody "wins" it, because it is earned and only by the best. It is America's highest honor for military bravery. He commanded the submarine, USS Barb. After a significant amount of success at sea, he and his men took on another target: an enemy train! The plan involved eight sailors going ashore and placing explosive charges on the track that would be set off by the weight of the train. The sailors that would be going ashore would be evenly divided between regular

navy and reservists, no married men and one from every department on the sub. What is important to us, he insisted that at least half of the raiding party be scouts. The rationale for half being scouts was because of their experience and training in medical emergencies and wood lore. Needless to say, their mission was a success and contributed greatly to America's war effort. Tough times can bring out the best in us.

We do our best to provide leadership experience and live up to the pledge of "Learning for Life".

Carry On!

*C. Philip Nichols, Jr.
District Chairman*

OA Spring Ordeal

Patuxent Chapter's Spring Ordeal was held May 5-7, at St. Barnabas Church in Upper Marlboro. Thirty candidates completed a variety of service projects to include removing fences, cutting fallen trees, and trail maintenance. Despite the rain on Saturday, much work was done and a good time was had by all. In addition, we had five Arrowmen complete their Brotherhood Conversion, thus sealing their membership in the Order of the

Arrow. A very special thank you to all the Arrowmen who worked hard to make this event a success!

Patuxent Chapter would also like to recognize their newly elected officers for 2017: **Jared R**, Chapter Chief; **Zack B**, Vice Chief of Inductions; **Stephen M**, Vice Chief of Communications.

For more information, please contact Patuxent-Chapter@wipit470.org



Real Scouts know what logging in really means.



May

- 5-7 - OA Spring Ordeal & Fellowship
- 6-7 - Cub Scout Camporee**
- 11- "Good Scout" Award Luncheon**
- 11 - District Roundtable - Program Launch**
- 13 - Scout Night - DC Unit-ed
- 19-21 - Zekiah OA Ordeal
- 20 - Carnevale Fundraiser**
- 25 - District Key Leader Monthly Meeting
- 26-28 - Goshen 50**
- 26- Memorial flag placement (Cheltenham)

June

- 8 - District Roundtable
- 10 - STEM Univ. (Snyder)
- 19 - Cub Scout Day Camp**
- 22 - District Key Leader Monthly Meeting

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The District Committees and Commissioners meet on the second Thursday of the month (Roundtable) 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

April was the District's Training Month conducting three leader training courses. On 15 April, Cub Trainer Pugh held a classroom Cub Scout Leader Specific Training course for 12 Cub Scout Leaders: 9 Den Leaders, 2 Pack Committee and one Cubmaster. Also at the Glenarden Baptist Church, Boy Scout Trainer George Martin held a classroom Boy Scout Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Specific Training course for eight scouters: one Scoutmaster, two Assistant Scoutmasters, three Troop Commit-

Wood Badge Training

Wood Badge is advanced Scout leader training that began in 1919 by Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting and Wood Badge's first director. It came to America in 1948 and has been updated to reflect current BSA policies and programs. Incorporating the best techniques available, Wood Badge has become the most advanced leadership training course in Scouting!

Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training and provides you with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership

National Youth Leadership Training

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

NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) is the National Capital Area Council's presentation of the National Youth Leadership Training. The objective of our NYLT program is to equip our young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their scouting program and in LIFE.

Eligibility Requirements

- Attained First Class Rank if in Boy Scouts
- Completed Unit Leader Training
- At least 13 years of age (*With the Course Directors approval*)

- Youth 12 years of age and younger will not be able to attend
- Home Unit Leader approval

18 – 23 June 2017

Course Director: Tony LaCava
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25 – 30 June 2017

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31 July – 5 August 2017 (Sunday Friendly)

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tee Members, and two Cub Scout leaders. The third trained group was conducted by Boy Scout Trainer George Martin and his team of eight PD trainers on 28-29 April for 18 scouters from six districts: one Scoutmaster, eleven Assistant Scoutmasters, two Troop Committee members, two Cub Scout leaders, and two scout leaders. This last course was the week end adventure at the American Legion Youth Camp - the Introduction to Leader Outdoor Skills training. A grand time was had by all...the weather was just

right. My thanks to the District Training team and to the many scouters who came to training and went home a Patuxent District Trained Scouter.

Classroom training is the best...if you can't make it to the classroom course, do the on line training with www.myscouting.org. There is a course to fit your scouting position.

YICS...RF
Dick Fulper



in Scouting.

Any Scouter who has attended basic training for their registered position and serves in a leadership role in Scouting or in a position that directly supports a unit can attend.

2017 Wood Badge Course

N6-82-17- 2 Fall 2017
8 – 10 September
and 7 – 9 October

Course Director:
Melanie Anthony

www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/

How to Earn the National Summertime Pack Award

Just because school classrooms go dark in the summer doesn't mean Cub Scouting has to. Extend the fun of Cub Scouting into the year's hottest season by earning the National Summertime Pack Award.

To be eligible, your pack must hold one activity per month in June, July and August. Do that, and you'll get a streamer for your pack flag and a certificate suitable for framing.

Youth and adults who participate in all three events earn a nifty pin that can be worn on the right pocket flap of the uniform shirt. Dens that have at least 50 percent of their youth members at

the three summertime events get a den participation ribbon.

Why you should earn this award

I can think of three reasons:

- Summer is the best time to enjoy the great outdoors.
- Kids often have more free time — and fewer scheduled activities — in the summer.
- Packs that offer a year-round program see higher retention numbers.

Things to keep in mind

Many families take long vacations in the summer. Some kids even spend a week or more at grandma's house in another state.

That's why attendance at your

summertime events shouldn't be mandatory. And the summer isn't a great time to get a jump start on the next program year's adventures. Best not to start the fall with Cub Scouts who have fallen behind. Instead, plan activities that are optional but exciting. For example, this is a great time to earn a Nova Award.

Further reading

In the May-June 2017 issue of *Scouting* magazine, Mark Ray has an excellent piece on avoiding those summertime Cub Scout blues.



Order of the Arrow Chapter

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

With program launch quickly approaching, we have created the first Patuxent OA Chapter calendar for use by units in making an active Order of the Arrow program part of their annual planning.

The calendar covers 2017 events and activities on the first page, with those for 2018 on the second page. This includes Patuxent Chapter events, OA events at the Lodge or higher level, and District or Council events in which the Chapter expects to play a role. Please share this calendar with anyone in your unit who may be participating in program planning.

Also, with Patuxent Chapter just forming, please encourage all Arrowmen in your units to look

for communications from the chapter. If any of them are not receiving the emails and other communications, they should contact Chapter leadership at PatuxentChapter@wipit470.org and we will sort the problem out!

Thank you, and see you at Round Table!

Yours in Cheerful Service,

John Keenan

Upcoming Events

May
5-7 PG Spring Ordeal (St. Barnabus Church)

6-7 Cub Scout Camporee (American Legion)

7 PATUXENT CHAPTER IS BORN!!!

7 Lodge Officers & Advisers (advisers only)

8 Chapter Meeting
19-21 Zekiah Spring Ordeal (Camp Merrick)

19-21 Section NE-6A Conclave @ Broad Creek

26-28 NCAC Spring Camporee @ Goshen

27 Flags at Cheltenham (Times TBD)

31 OA Unit Election Season LAST DAY

June

4 Lodge Executive Council (chiefs/advisers)

10 Lodge Leadership Development (LLDC)

12 Chapter Meeting

17-1 GOAT

19-23 Cub Scout Day Camp

July

No meeting scheduled

19-28 National Jamboree

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things."

-Ronald Reagan

"To add value to others, one must first value others."

-John Maxwell

Who inspires you?

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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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.**

CARnevale... May 20

CARnevale is an adults-only fundraising event to benefit the Scouting program in your area. Our event will take place May 20, 2017.

This is a Caribbean carnival festival themed event with great fun, food, games and music. The night culminates in an Adult only Pinewood Derby race with the winner taking home the coveted 1st place trophy.

Where is CARnevale located?

Calvert Brewing Company:
15850 Commerce Ct, Upper Marlboro, MD

Who benefits?

National Capital Area Council - Boy Scouts of America, which consists of over 40,000 youth from Maryland, Washington D.C. and Virginia.

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
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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/



Pre-registration required for Boy Scouts interested in campout. Call 301-464-4880 for more info

Our Scoutreach program who services upwards of 300 underserved youth



Sponsorships

- Event Sponsor: \$1,500.00 (1 available)
- Race Sponsorship: \$1,000.00 (2 available)
- Lane Sponsorship: \$500.00 (10 available)
- Team Sponsor: \$200.00 (Unlimited)
- Participant: \$35.00 (Unlimited)

Contact **Carlos Salazar** for details.
<https://scoutingevent.com/082-Carnevale>

Farewell Friend!!



Our DE has left our planet and is heading to greater responsibilities within the Council. We wish him well and look forward to hearing great things!! Appreciate your hard work making our District Great!



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