



# Western Shore District December 2017 Newsletter



Western Shore District!!! I want to thank all the units that participated in the Scouting For Food campaign this year. Now is the time I need your help...I need ALL units that participated and are not on the list below please go to the following site and report your totals. [National Capital Area Council](#)

Pack: 423, 451, 561, 787, 789, 793, 854, 1785, 1788, and 1792.

Troop: 262, 347, 407, 413, 420, 429, 451, 561, 793, 901, 903, 908, 1203, 1658, 1684, 1785, and 1814

Crew: 793

Thank you again to all the units that participated!!! We are currently reporting **31,956 pounds** of food collected, but I know there are more units that participated, but have yet to report your totals. Please log on to the reporting site this week and put your information into the database. I need to certify our totals by the end of the week so please help me help the District!!! If you did log your totals and your unit is not on the list above, please email me and let me know and log on and put them in again.

YIS,

Rhonda LaFleur

District SFF Coordinator

240-298-3157

# Commissioner's Corner

If you are still in the process of or experiencing issues with rechartering, please contact your Unit Commissioner ASAP for assistance in correcting any discrepancies. With the holiday period fast approaching, we would like to have any outstanding recharterers completed by December Roundtable, if all possible.



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## Nominate an Outstanding Scouter!

Help us recognize our AMAZING volunteers! If you have any questions or nominations, please contact Terry Wilt at [twilt@md.metrocast.net](mailto:twilt@md.metrocast.net). WSD are currently taking nominations for three distinguished awards:

### District Award of Merit



This award recognizes a Scouter for contributions at the unit and district level. [Nominations are due December 31!](#)

The Shield of Service Award is for unit-level Scouters. Units may nominate one Scouter for every 50-registered youth (or fraction thereof) to be recognized with this award each year. Some units choose to recognize a person with long and distinguished service to the Pack, Troop, Crew, or Ship. Other units choose to honor an individual for specific contributions during the past year. Nominations are due January 31, 2018. Nomination forms will be provided soon.

The Western Shore District Baden-Powell Service Award recognizes Scout Leaders for outstanding service in responsible positions at the unit or District level. The District will present one award for each eight units in the district. Virtually, every unit has at least one Scout Leader who is deeply committed to scouting and has contributed more than would normally be expected of one person. This person should be considered for nomination for the Baden-Powell Service Award. Nominations are due January 31, 2018. Nomination forms will be provided soon.



Mark your calendars! Spring Training Extravaganza has been confirmed for April 21, 2018 at Patuxent Presbyterian Church.

Please welcome Chip Zawislak as our new Western Shore District Boy Scout Leader Training Chair. Chip plans on running Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training Spring 2018, date and location to be determined.

We are still looking for someone to take on the position of Cub Scout Leader Chair. If you think that person might be you, please contact Job Baake at [jbaake@md.metrocast.net](mailto:jbaake@md.metrocast.net) or 301-994-1706.

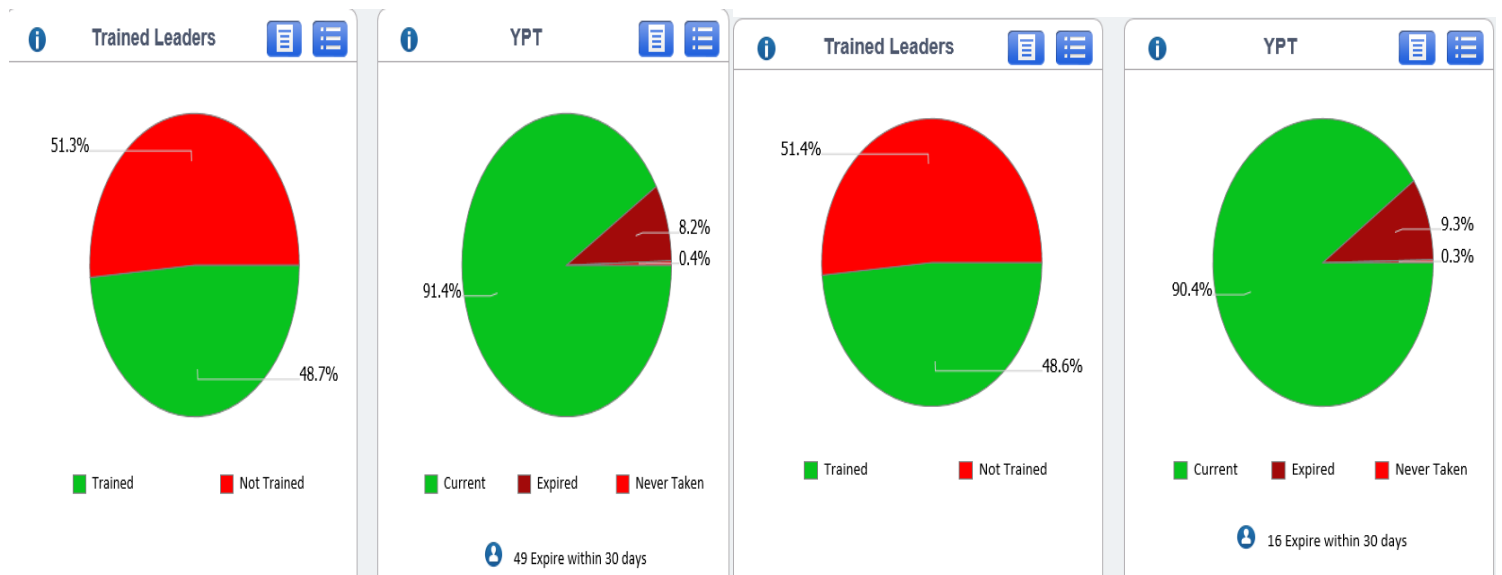
Jon Baake  
 WSD Training Chair  
[jbaake@md.metrocast.net](mailto:jbaake@md.metrocast.net)

**Save the date, February 24, for the NCAC 2018 University of Scouting**

There are nearly 160 different courses from which to choose. NCAC Council Executive Les Baron will be **delivering the keynote address at the opening. In addition to the academic program, there is more...** a midway where up to fifty vendors and council committees will have exhibits describing how their products and services can enhance your scouting program and a scout shop trading post where you can pick up needed items without having to drive to a Scout Shop. And finally, there will be a scouting museum where dedicated collectors will be displaying their extensive collections of scouting memorabilia. At the closing ceremony, we will be presenting the D. Andrew Grafton Exceptional Trainer Award. This annual award, presented by the NCAC Leadership Training Committee, recognizes a single NCAC scouter for sustained, dedicated and highly skilled service to scouting over the years by demonstrating a high commitment to quality adult leader training.

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## Explorers Explore 911 Call Center

Recently Explorer Post 60 took the opportunity to look behind the scenes of one of the most important parts of the Emergency Medical System (EMS): the call to 911. Communication Lieutenant John. H. Hackley, Jr., briefed the Explorers on the work of the Charles County 911/Fire & EMS Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC), and led the Explorers on a tour of the Emergency Operations Center and the main hub of activity. While in the call center, the Explorers got to see a 911 call in action and saw the procedures taken by the operators. Additionally, the Explorers learned how the county handles disasters such as snowstorms and hurricanes.

In addition to the Explorers getting a chance to learn more about EMS, the adult radio advisors, who are also members of the Charles County Amateur Radio Club, got the chance to explore the PSCC's radio station. Besides learning more about how a call center works, the advisors saw ways to teach the Explorers how to better communicate on the radio and how radio is a part of community disaster response efforts. A quote from Rob Hoyt one of the adult advisors:

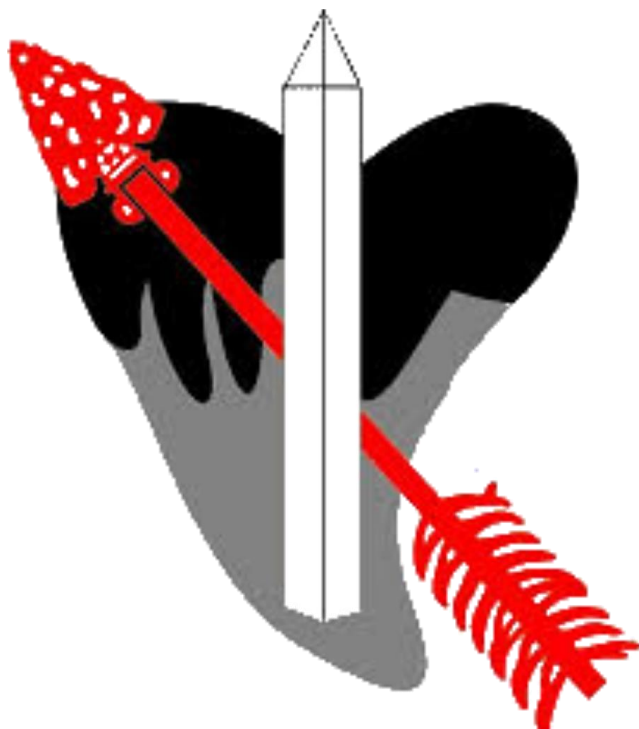
"For me as an amateur radio operator, I found the tour very interesting since we were able to go into the center and see the radio dispatchers in action. Since this post is tied to the Charles County Mobile Intensive Care Unit (CCMICU), it was also nice to see how the calls that go out to the squads and CCMICU start out and are generated. A county like Charles has a lot of people and a lot going on so it was no surprise that the 911 center was busy while we were in there, and they received a couple of 911 calls while we were observing them."

As the Explorers consider a future in the Emergency Medical System, they will need to know the ins and outs of the job. The visit to the 911 call center was the first of many trips Explorer Post 60 will be taking as they expand their knowledge of EMS and other EMS-related activities. Such visits give the Explorers the opportunity to meet and talk directly with EMS personnel at all levels of disaster, from the individual needing urgent medical attention to the community recovering from a tornado strike.

Explorer Post 60's activities are centered on emergency medicine and first aid, amateur radio, outdoor skills, and disaster response. For more information on post activities or joining the post, e-mail [micu60explorers@gmail.com](mailto:micu60explorers@gmail.com) or Facebook @ExplorerPost60.

- Jacob Phipps, Explorer Post 60





## Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Membership News

Brothers,

When you raised your hand, and took the obligation during your Ordeal ceremony, you became a brother in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. You also became a member of an Order of the Arrow lodge. While brotherhood is for life, membership in the local lodge is renewed annually and requires that a brother 1) pay dues; and 2) hold current registration in the council that lodge serves.

Per the OA Handbook, a scouter "wearing a lodge flap indicates that their current dues are paid in the specific lodge that the flap represents." We hope that you will wear an Amangamek-Wipit Lodge flap with the same pride you undoubtedly felt when you became a member of your original Lodge.

(Note: As an Arrowman, you are always entitled to wear the [universal arrow ribbon](#) (Item: 604942) on the uniform, if you so choose.)

To attend any OA event or wear your sash and lodge flap, you must be a current dues-paying member of our lodge! For 2018, due to an increase in National recharter fees, annual dues will be \$16. However, if you pay your dues before March 31, you will receive the early bird price of \$14, equivalent to this year's dues cost. Make sure you pay your dues early to receive this early bird rate! Pay your dues at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-2018OADues>

If you are transferring into NCAC and would like to become a member of Amangamek-Wipit Lodge you need to fill out [Membership Transfer Form](#).

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge Membership

## District Nominating Committee

Members of Western Shore District, we are looking for a few good Scouters to help run our District. If you know of any interested Scouter, please let us know what their area of interest and contact information.

Please pass any information to Jack Culver at [jacdonjs@yahoo.com](mailto:jacdonjs@yahoo.com).





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# NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) equips young people with leadership skills to help them succeed in their Scouting program and in life. NYLT brings together Scouts from all over the council to learn and practice leadership techniques in a risk free, Scout-friendly environment. The Scouts learn and practice leadership skills and styles together.



## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

NYLT is for Scouts who are likely to take on leadership positions in their Troop, Crew, Ship or home unit.

## REQUIREMENTS

- 14 years or older (13 with permission)
- First Class Rank
- Scoutmaster approval
- Completed ILST\*
- BSA Med Form: Parts A, B & C

NYLT is an *intense course* for *mature Scouts* who want to become *better leaders*. Scouts must be *respectful* of each other and their actions must be consistent with the *Scout Oath and Law*.

\* Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Crews (ILSC), or Ships (ILSS)

## COURSE DATES

- 01 13-15 January & 17-19 February  
Camp Snyder, VA  
(Must complete both weekends)
- 02 17-22 June 2018  
Cheltenham, MD
- 03 24-29 June 2018  
Cheltenham, MD
- 04 29 July-3 August 2018  
Camp Snyder, VA
- 05 5-10 August 2018  
Camp Snyder, VA

6 DAYS OF FUN & ADVENTURE  
TEAMWORK • GAMES • FOOD  
CHALLENGES • CAMPING • LEARNING



REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION:

[www.ncacbsa.org/nylt](http://www.ncacbsa.org/nylt)

## Camp Cards are back!

This initiative is designed to help Scouts earn their way to Summer Camp and Day Camp. Units participating in the 2018 program will **earn 50% commission** on each \$5 Camp Card they sell (\$2.50)! This program is risk free; simply return any unsold cards. The 2018 sale will run from February 1 to May 15.

Keep your eyes out to see which great vendors we have locked in for you in 2018! Not only do you get what you see on the card but you also get access to **thousands of other coupons through the Entertainment discount network**. This gives units more options when selecting locations for show and sell opportunities. Don't wait! Sign up today!

Cards will be distributed at the February Roundtables. For more information email [CampCard@NCACBSA.org](mailto:CampCard@NCACBSA.org)

Do you have more questions regarding Camp Cards? Please click [here](#) to visit our [Camp Card FAQ](#) page.

**\$5 OFF**  
your next  
**\$75**  
purchase  
One Time Use Only  
**Harris Teeter**  
Neighborhood Food & Pharmacy

**2018 CAMP CARD** <sup>MADE IN U.S.A.</sup>  
Only **\$5.00**  
By Purchasing This Card You Are Helping Scout Units Earn Their Way To Camp!  
www.NCACBSA.org/Join  
Card offered for fundraising purposes only. Supports sending Pack, Troop or Crew Members to Scout Camp. The individual selling this card will receive no direct financial benefit.

**DICK'S**  
SPORTING GOODS  
COUPON CARD  
Expires: 8/31/18  
**\$10 OFF**  
TAKE your purchase of \$50 or more\*



Pack 413 got to visit with Congressman Hoyer at the Parade



Pack 1786 performing morning colors at Dynard Elementary

# December

## 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 *OA Chapter Meeting *Commissioner Meeting *Roundtable *District Committee Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30/31 District Award of Merit Due

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# January

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**Western Shore District Website**

**<https://www.ncacbsa.org/western-shore/>**

Have you visited our District website lately? We are always looking for suggestions or information to share with our members.

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