



The Patriot Press



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From the District Chairman

May was Program Launch month in the Patriot District. Summer is when we plan our activities at both the District and unit levels for next school year. We anticipate conducting normal Scouting activities during the summer with limited Covid 19 modifications and regular activities in the Fall with only some restrictions.

Patriot District Cub Scout Day Camp will be held July 12–16 at Occoquan Regional Park. The theme is Weird Science, and Scouts will experience and learn things they do not teach in school. Additionally, the camp will feature a wide range of fun activities, including archery, sling shots, gaga ball, a climbing wall, and other events. Registration for Day Camp is open, and some slots are still available. Packs need to register now if they have not already done so. For additional information see pages 10 and 11 of this issue,

A new event for Cub Scouts is Adventure Day and overnight camping. It will be a Cub-O-Ree held at Camp Snyder on September 25-26. Registration will open July 20th, with 200 slots for Cub Scouts to attend Adventure Day and 100 slots for Scouts/family members camping overnight. Adventure Day will be like Cub Scout Day camp and will include activities such as BB gun marksmanship, Archery, climbing wall, gaga ball, sling shot, and other events. Camping will be in the wooded permanent campsites with bath houses. Camping can be by Den, Pack or Family. The event will include an ice cream social at noon on Saturday, and after dusk that evening we will present a “Movie under the Stars” open to everyone.

Scouts BSA will hold its Fall Camporee at Camp Snyder on October 15-17. There will be 175 slots for Scouts BSA members and 25 slots for Webelos/Arrow of Light Scouts. (Webelos/Arrow of Light Scouts cannot camp overnight.) Registration will open July 20th. The theme is Escape Room. Scouts working in small groups will work to solve a series of challenges to include COPE events to master the Escape Room. There will be an additional separate Super Escape Room challenge for groups brave enough to volunteer. Also, Scouts will have an opportunity to engage in other fun activities such as the climbing wall, archery, rifle marksmanship using competition grade air rifles, gaga ball, volleyball, and catapult launching. Additionally, we will offer ten different stations focusing on Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class requirements to support rank advancement. In the evening, we will conduct outdoor church services and a Camporee Campfire, followed by showing a movie “under the stars”.

On April 1-3, 2022, Patriot District will partner with Prince William County District to conduct a “Fish-O-Ree” at the Smith Family Lodge in Syria, Virginia. The site contains two small rivers and three stocked ponds teeming with fish. Scouts will have an opportunity to work on fishing and fly-fishing merit badges. In the afternoon, they will have an opportunity to engage in fun activities such as the climbing wall, archery, gaga ball, volleyball, sling shot and catapult firing. The Smith Family Lodge is located near the back entrance of Old Rag so units that would like to climb Old Rag can add that to their program.

Over the many months ahead, Scouting in the Patriot District will be exciting, fun, challenging and educational. Begin planning now to join in the action!

Bill Dexter
Patriot District Committee Chair



From the District Commissioner

Many Scouters know that there's a traditional rhythm to the Scouting year. Cub Packs do fall recruiting in September, District camporees happen in October and April, Blue & Gold celebrations occur in February, and the all-important summer camp season – for everything from Day Camp to Philmont treks – runs from late June to early August. This seasonal rhythm has existed in various forms for over a century, and it has helped shape the identity and value proposition of the Scouting movement. It has ensured a wide variety of learning and fun experiences for the Scouts and made planning a consistently high-quality program easier.

Or at least that's the way the rhythm of Scouting worked before the pandemic. Over the last 15 months, the rhythm was disrupted. Traditional events didn't happen. The plans made by our Packs, Troops, and Crews had to be revised on the fly, and in some cases the plans fell apart altogether. Scouts did not have the opportunity to learn skills, practice leadership, and advance as naturally and easily as they could previously. Many programs Scouts looked forward to for generations couldn't happen, or they couldn't happen in the same way. Pack and Troop meetings on Zoom, virtual campouts, and online merit badge classes often didn't have the same excitement as their live equivalents. Many Scout leaders and Troop PLCs did amazing jobs adjusting to the new realities and restrictions imposed by the pandemic, and I am grateful for their creativity and determination to keep delivering the promise of Scouting. But Scouting during the pandemic just felt different somehow.

But now it is time to bring back the familiar rhythm of Scouting for the 2021-2022 Scout year. Right now units should be planning for 12 months of exciting activities, starting even before school resumes in August and going into next summer. Having a great program is the best way to get our youth and families re-engaged and enthusiastic about Scouting. And it is a critical part of recruiting new members. As Kevin Costner learned in the movie *Field of Dreams*, "if you build it, they will come!"

The Patriot District is committed to helping our units regain the rhythm of Scouting. At our virtual Program Launch last month, we provided materials to help with program planning, and we intend to keep our units updated with new opportunities to deliver the promise of Scouting. In addition to resuming all our traditional District programs such as camporees, OA Ordeals, District Pinewood Derbies, etc., we are adding new events, such as our first-ever Cub Expo in September for Cub Scouts and potential Cubs. We will bring back and even enhance leader training opportunities. And we hope to return to a live monthly Roundtable (with video option for those who cannot attend in person) as early as August.

The pandemic is not yet over. While restrictions are being lifted as more people get vaccinated, many Scout-age youth and some adults will remain unvaccinated and at risk for at least several months. However, the return to normalcy is in sight. We will need to adjust some of our programs to ensure they are safe for all participants, especially in the early months of the Scouting year, but in 2021-2022 we will once again be able to deliver the sort of exciting activities that Scouting is known for. It is vital that we, as Scout leaders, bring back the rhythm of Scouting for our current Scouts and the generations of Scouts who will follow.

Have a great summer, and Scout on!

Ken Gaul
District Commissioner

Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: www.ncacbsa.org/patriot



June 2021

- 5-6 Wood Badge, Spring Course, 2nd session
- 8 Commissioner Meeting (*remote*)
- 10 Roundtable (*remote*)
- 12 BALOO Training (Camp Snyder)
- 13 Patriot District OA Chapter Meeting (*remote*)
- 18 CPR Training (Camp Snyder)
- 19-20 Wilderness First Aid (Camp Snyder)
- 19-20 IOLS and BALOO Training (Camp Snyder)
- 20 Father’s Day
- 20-25 NYLT (Camp Snyder)
- 22 PD Committee Meeting (*remote*)
- 22 First Aid/CPR/AED Training (St. Stephen’s UMC)
- 24 First Aid/CPR/AED Training (St. Stephen’s UMC)
- 25-27 Camp Snyder Cub Scout Resident Camping
- 26 YMFA Training (*remote*)

July 2021

- 4 Independence Day
- 11 Patriot District OA Chapter Meeting (*remote*)
- 12-16 Cub Scout Day Camp (Occoquan Regional Park)
- 12-16 World of Weird Science Week (*remote*)
- 18-24 Scouts BSA Merit Badge Week (Camp Snyder)
- 25-30 NYLT (Camp Snyder)

August 2021

- 8 Patriot District OA Chapter Meeting (*remote or in-person TBD*)
- 10 Commissioner Meeting (*remote or in-person TBD*)
- 12 Roundtable
- 24 PD Committee Meeting (*remote or in-person TBD*)
- 27-29 NCAC Powder Horn (Camp St. Charles, MD)

BALOO Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation	NYLT National Youth Leadership Training
BCOLS Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills	OA Order of the Arrow
CPST Cubmaster Position-Specific Training	SPST Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training
IOLS Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST Venture Advisor Position-Specific Training
JSN Join Scouting Night	VCPST Varsity Coach Position-Specific Training
NLE New Leader Essentials	VOA Venturing Officers Association





All Cub Scout Leaders, Come Out and Join us for Fun & Fellowship and to Pick-Up some New Ideas for your Pack and Den Programs!

The Purpose of the Roundtable:

To provide the skill to do – skills, techniques, information, program ideas – and the know-how that makes for successful unit operation.

To provide unit leadership with the will to do – the morale, enthusiasm, inspiration, and vision that periodically renew the desire to serve youth.

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom: *Connection instructions will be sent via email.*

Midway: 7:30 PM (via Zoom) **Roundtable:** 8:00 – 9:00 PM (via Zoom)

Topics: **Scoutbook, Roundtable Program Review and Planning (Start/Stop/Continue)**

Word of the month: Clean

Bring a treat to enjoy while we meet!

*Cory Okouchi, Cub Scout Roundtable –
cweskridge@gmail.com*



Patriot District Scouts BSA Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Virtual Meeting: *Connection instructions will be sent via email.*

Social: 7:30 PM (get signed in to Zoom)

Midway: 7:45 PM, **Roundtable:** 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Please invite another leader from your Troop to join us at Roundtable!

Topics: **Roundtable Program Review, Roundtable Annual Planning, To Do List, COVID Corner & Updates**

Joe Margraf, Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner

(703) 314-1622, joedenisemargraf@aol.com

Asst. Scouts BSA RT Commissioner: Rick Priest



Scouter Interview: John Stewart

Patrick Ring

John Stewart has been an active Scouter throughout his life. He joined the Patriot District Committee in 2015 from Troop 1412, where he was a member of the Troop Committee. He has served in Scouting throughout his career in the Army and currently as a Civil Servant. He is in his fifth year as Vice Chair of Membership. In this interview, John will share some of his Scouting experiences, enlighten us on some of the roles and responsibilities of the Vice Chair of Membership, and give us an update on the current status of the Patriot District membership.



Patrick Ring (PR): How and when did you first become involved in Scouting, and then later active with the Patriot District Committee?

John Stewart (JS): I became involved in Cub Scouting in Port Hueneme, California, in 1970, and I advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout in 1977. Because I knew I got a lot out of Scouting, I have stayed on as an Adult Leader since 1980 in order to “give back to Scouting.” I have served as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Member, Pack Committee Member, District Committee Member, and Council Membership Vice Chair for Cub Scouting. I am the father of three married daughters with three future Lions so far, adding two more this Fall.

PR: What led you to volunteer to serve the Patriot District Committee as Vice Chair of Membership?

JS: I was approached by our then District Executive when he visited a Troop meeting at my church, and he encouraged me to join the District Committee.

PR: Will you give us a helicopter-level view of the role of the Vice Chair of Membership?

JS: It is important that the Vice Chair of Membership be enthusiastically and unapologetically excited about the Scouting Program and able to promote it in all settings and all occasions. And the Vice Chair must effectively communicate the notion that membership in Scouting is a great benefit to America’s youth and their families as young Cubs, Scouts BSA, Explorers, and Venturers learn about citizenship, character development, leadership, and ethical decision making.

PR: Describe some specific examples of what you do during the year as the Vice Chair of Membership.

JS: I track trends in membership metrics and learn new and interesting ways to recruit and share them. I stay connected with the District’s Commissioners, who can provide key insights as to how recruiting is going, and assist in Back to School Nights and other Join Scouting events.

PR: Will you give us a brief membership report?

JS: Patriot District ranks in the top three Districts for all membership metrics across the Council. This is due to the effective recruiting and retention efforts of our units throughout the year. Many Patriot District units have done well in attracting new youth members and their families into Scouting. This is true even

with the changes we have faced in the last two years—fees increases, policy updates, and one cannot leave out the COVID-19 pandemic social distancing rules.

PR: What are some of the challenges today for recruiting new Cub Scouts, as well as Scouters to serve on the Patriot District Committee.

JS: There are many distractors out there today that compete for youths’ time: sports, school clubs, academics, church activities, and more. As an adult Scouter, serving on the District Committee requires a little more time to participate, to complete tasks for Scouting, and attend a couple of meetings per month.

PR: What are some of your most memorable and rewarding experiences as a Scouter?

JS: Seeing local youth join Scouting units makes my day, sitting on Eagle Scout Board of Reviews is exciting to see future leaders up-and-coming, and seeing the eagerness faces of our youth participate in Scouting events.

PR: Is there anything else you would like to share with fellow Patriot District Scouters?

JS: Service on the District Committee helps provide a good Scouting environment for our units. It doesn’t take a whole lot of time, and yet it yields great dividends for our youth. You can still be active in a unit and serve on the District Committee. The Committee greatly benefits from new members no matter how much or how little time the new Committee Members have in Scouting.

Patrick Ring is a Member at Large of the Patriot District Committee



NESA Honors Patriot District Scouters

The National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) annually recognizes a limited number of notable Eagle Scouts through the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award. The award is extremely selective, and to be chosen a recipient’s distinguished service, actions and accomplishments must elevate the stature of Eagle Scouts in the public eye. This year just 13 Scouters in the National Capital Area Council were awarded this high honor – three from the Patriot District! Please join me in congratulating Jae Englebrecht Bob Phillips and Rich Harrington for being selected for this highly prestigious award!

The NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA) was established during the BSA’s 100th Anniversary in 2010, with the first recipient to receive the award a year later. The award was created to recognize notable Eagle Scouts who had either performed distinguished service at the local, state, or regional level or who were known nationally, but had not yet met the 25-year tenure as an Eagle for the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Often, worthy candidates for the NOESA have inspired others through their actions and have devoted a lifetime to their profession, avocation, community, and beliefs at great sacrifice to themselves and their families.

The NOESA has gained prominent standing among Scouting recognitions. Previous recipients include famous authors, explorers, television personalities, military flag officers, scientists, government officials, and prominent businessmen.

Ken Gaul
District Commissioner

Patriot District Program News

Calling all Adult Volunteers with Special Skills and Certifications

NCAC and Patriot District have always been diligent with respect to planning high quality events and recruiting qualified people to staff the events – particularly those that require special certifications. We need to continue to do this, and to that end, we need your help. If you see yourself or someone you know in any of the categories below and would like to help out with a couple events a year, please let us know.

- Licensed Medical Professionals
 - Licensed physician
 - Licensed nurse practitioner
 - Nurse RN, LPN, or LVN
 - Licensed physician assistants
- Wilderness First Aid
- Basic or Advanced Life Support
- Licensed Dietitian
- Paramedic
- Emergency medical technician
- Emergency medical responder
- Range Safety Officer
- ServeSafe® Manager
- Lifeguard

Send a note indicating your interest to patriot-program@ncacbsa.org

Can't go to Summer Camp when your Unit Goes?

Camp Snyder is offering a special Scouts BSA Merit Badge Week July 18 – 24. Check it out at <https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/specialty-week> and see the article on page 9 of this issue of the Patriot Press. Lots of merit badges are being offered. There is the option of camping all week or Scouts can just come out for the Day program.

Calling Adults and Scouts to help with Patriot – Old Dominion District Cub Scout Day Camp – Weird Science

Patriot and Old Dominion are joining forces to put on Cub Scout Day Camp at Occoquan Regional Park July 12 – 16. We will be staffing the following activity areas – all with a theme of Weird Science.

- STEM Program
- Arts and Crafts
- Slingshots
- Archery
- Cub Scout Games
- Climbing Wall
- Scout Skills

We also need a First-Aider. If you can only commit to a few days, that's OK. Scouts can earn \$50 credit towards Council summer camp or Leadership Training courses. Adults and Scouts 15 years old and up can also participate in Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification. For more information and to sign up, contact the Day Camp Director at patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com.

Useful On-Line Training: Take advantage of long summer days to catch up on required and recommended BSA training at my.scouting.org

Some examples: Youth Protection (Required every 2 years), Hazardous Weather Training, Position-Specific Training (not just for Pack, Troop, and Crew leaders, included Committee Members), Advising VS Leading for Venturing, Pack Finance, ILST for Troops.

*John Merchant
Vice Chair, Program*



Camp Snyder First Ever Merit Badge Week!

The **FIRST EVER MERIT BADGE WEEK** for Scouts BSA will be held the week of July 18 – 24, 2021 at Camp Snyder. A wide range of Trail-to Eagle and Outdoor Merit Badges, up to 50 in all, will be offered, including Cooking, Swimming, Soil and Water Conservation, First Aid, Archery, Rifle Shooting, Geocaching and more. A number of Specialty Merit Badges (e.g., Woodworking, Aviation, Search and Rescue, Photography, Weather, Archeology, and more) will also be offered. Classes will be small, limited to no more than 10 Scouts per session.

There are two ways to participate: Individual Scouts or Units can either (1) stay at Camp Snyder all week and camp overnight, or (2) be a day-only participant while staying overnight at home. The entire program, to include dining, camping, merit badge classes, and fun activities (the swimming pool, climbing tower, air rifles, craftwork and campfires) will be conducted using strict COVID-19 virus precautions.

The number of participants in this specialty week event will be limited to 100 Scout campers and 50 day-only Scout participants. Scouts BSA units can sign up one adult leader for FREE for every five paying Scouts. Sign up now at <https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/specialty-week/> Sign-up for specific Merit Badge classes will be during Spring 2021 once the class schedule has been finalized!



Merit Badge Week Costs:

Resident Youth: \$480 Day Youth: \$280 Adults: \$205 (Late Registrations)

One Leader is FREE with your Troop registration of five or more Scouts.

Scoutmasters and Merit Badge Counselors are Needed to Support this Event

Adult leaders with Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster experience are needed, both male and female, to monitor and guide the expected male and female mix of Scouts BSA who will be participating in this event. Oversight in monitoring compliance with the camps COVID-19 virus transmission precautions will be particularly important. We desire Scoutmasters or Assistant Scoutmasters who can spend part or all of the week during the day and overnight, but we also welcome those who can only serve during the day or overnight to fill these 10 important positions. Overnight Scoutmasters will camp with their provisional units in the Camp Snyder campsites. **Merit Badge Counselors** for the MBs cited above, as well as others expected to be added to the list, are also needed to lead the various Merit Badge classes that will be held during each day.

If interested and able to support this important Scouts BSA activity, please contact Rick Ferry, rt.ferry72@gmail.com or Dave Seitz, dbseitz@gmail.com



Cub Scout Day Camp 2021
July 12 - 19
Occoquan Regional Park

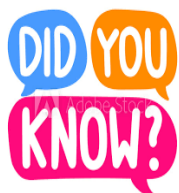
Have you registered for the Cub Scout Day Camp yet? If not, hurry to do that because time is running out for the early bird registration! We have an exciting program planned for this summer where Cub Scouts will play, learn, and grow in a safe and COVID-19 friendly environment.

We are looking for energetic and enthusiastic Scout BSA youth age 14 or older and adult volunteers to staff various program areas. Spread the word and reach out at patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com with your questions.



Please see the Cub Scout Day Camp flyer on the next page for additional details.

Zohra Sharief
Day Camp Director, Patriot District
patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com
(202) 944-0114



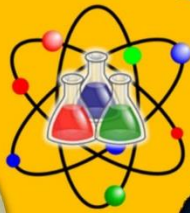
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: The Patriot District page on the Council website has a training tab with a calendar showing training available throughout the Council. You can search there if you are looking for courses in addition to those offered by the Patriot District. The training page is at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/patriot/sample-page/training/>



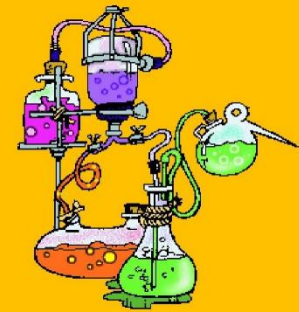
PATRIOT DISTRICT
AND
OLD DOMINION DISTRICT

2021 Cub Scout Day Camp

JULY 12 - 16
OCCOQUAN REGIONAL
PARK, LORTON



WEIRD SCIENCE



Register Today:
GOTODAYCAMP.ORG

Select: Patriot District &
Old Dominion District

Early Bird Registration
Ending May 15 - \$190

Regular Registration
\$210

Late Registration
Starting June 2 - \$230

Contact: patriotdistrictdaycamp@gmail.com

Patriot Chapter OA News Items



Chapter Meeting Sunday Afternoon June 13th at 3:30 PM via ZOOM

We will be conducting Chapter elections. All Chapter members, should dial in and vote!

Chapter Poll

Patriot Chapter Leadership wants to hear from its OA members! We are conducting a quick poll looking for feedback for when we hold Chapter meetings and anything else our members would like to improve. Google poll: <https://forms.gle/P5kHP9GKRdcDgRBb9> . Thank you for the feedback!

Unit Election Status

We've wrapped up unit elections for 2021! If any unit leader has a question about the status of their OA candidates from 2020 or 2021, please contact Chapter leaders at patriotchapter@wipit470.org . We can provide a current member status update and the status on their nominated OA candidates.

Pay Your 2021 Dues

For Scouts who have not yet re-registered for 2021, it's not too late! You can still register at <https://wipit470.org/dues.html> . It's one of the best bargains in Scouting at \$16.

Spring Ordeal

Patriot Chapter, paired with George Mason Chapter, held a successful virtual/remote Spring Ordeal April 30 – May 1. Patriot Chapter inducted 18 new Ordeal members! Patriot Chapter's Vice Chief for Elections did an amazing job serving as the Ordeal Master. The Chapter staffed two youth and one adult serving as Elangomats (Guides for the Ordeal). The inductees were very creative in performing their day of silent service completing projects in the community.

Lodge Leadership Development Course (LLDC) and Executive Council Meeting

Amangamek-Wipit Lodge #470

Virtual/Remote Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC)

Friday, June 4, 2021, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, June 5, 2021, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LEC and Induction of New Officers - 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

What: LLDC provides training classes for all members of the OA. A sampling of classes and tracks include Communications, Budgets, Orientation on the New Induction Portal, OA History, OA and the Unit, OA High Adventure and other opportunities. Download the course schedule at <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/SKBnjUYikdV5Sn3PZwoYbww7>.

Come hear what our new officers are planning, and get inspired by their vision. As we all emerge from this strange and challenging year, let's get inspired and trained to make the 2021/2022 program year the best ever!

Brotherhood Opportunity: After six months of service as an Ordeal member and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order. In the afternoon there will be a Brotherhood Discussion Track that concludes with the Brotherhood Walk and the Brotherhood induction ceremony. If you want to include Brotherhood, be sure you click the box on the registration form.

When:

Friday, June 4th, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, June 5th, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) Meeting and Induction of New Officers 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. This meeting is open and optional for all members of the Lodge.

Cost: \$5 to register that includes a LLDC patch which will be mailed to you. If you became a member after May 2020, the event is free by selecting the Amangamek-Wipit New Ordeal Member registrant type.

Location: Zoom (The link will be sent to those that register a day or two prior to the event.)

Registration: on the NCAC website. Link: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-OALLDC2021>

Mark your Calendars

JUNE CHAPTER MEETING. Sunday, June 13th at 3:30 PM via Zoom.

LODGE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE (LLDC). The LLDC and Lodge Executive Council meeting will be held on Friday June 4th and Saturday June 5th via Zoom.

FALL ORDEAL. VA Central will host the Fall Ordeal October 1-3 at Camp Snyder.

*Kelsey St. Louis
OA Adviser*



“We have an infinite amount to learn both from nature and from each other.”

~ John H Glenn Jr (b. July 18, 1921)



Unit Membership POCs Register Now for Our June 14th Meeting

Hi all Unit Memberships POCs! Please pre-register now for the online meeting to be held on June 14th at 7:00 PM:

<https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=7075066&msgid=276155&act=BH7T&c=1518147&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fncacbsa.org.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FtJUtduyuqTkrG9cUccN4qsle5VvahEHrVHwP&cf=7207&v=7d221220b312e92ca0047fef999b5f32cc2d46ec3243ccb05eafafaf4e32261e>

This meeting will share how the Council is empowering units with powerful insights for recruitment and advertisement. Knowledgeable Council representatives will share tools and resources to aide Units in their Summer and Fall membership recruitment campaigns.

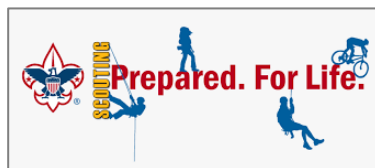
Keep your Unit growing and not only gain new youth members, but also new adult leaders, too!

Pre-register now at the link above in order to participate in this valuable meeting. I hope to see every Patriot Unit have participation in this online event.

Best wishes as we continue safe and fun Scouting. Please share the Scouting Spirit with our friends and neighbors.

Yours in Scouting,

John R. Stewart
Vice Chair for Membership



Topic: 2021 Membership Training Tips

Time: June 14, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)—Pre-Register First!!!

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://ncacbsa-org.zoom.us/j/91015672113>

Meeting ID: 910 1567 2113

One tap mobile

+1 301 715 8592,,91015672113# US (Washington DC)

+1 929 205 6099,,91015672113# US (New York)

Re-Start Your Scouting Program

As numerous folks get the COVID-19 vaccine and as we continue to follow the appropriate protection guidance against COVID, it looks to be a great time to “re-start” your Scouting unit activities. Some ideas for restarting Scouting safely include:

- (1) Insure you stay up-to-date on current guidance Get into your local school(s) to recruit. Using flyers, signs, booth if possible at parent/family events.
- (2) Reach out to families that stopped coming to re-invite them back to unit activities.
- (3) There is a Cub-o-ree in late September that would be a great event to bring a friend to.
- (4) Conduct “hybrid” meetings that allow participation in-person as well as folks required to stay at home due to quarantine/exposure issues to be able to connect via computer/smart phone under parental/guardian supervision.
- (5) Use multiple communication means to get the word out on your unit’s activities, such as FaceBook, Email, BaseCamp, even the Patriot Press... Stay connected with your Chartered Organization on any specific concerns/guidance/limits they may have to stay in sync. Check out NCAC’s quarterly guidelines with links to other COVID resources at <https://www.ncacbsa.org/covid-19/>.

Best wishes for having great outings in Scouting, and for enjoying safe and productive meetings.



*John R. Stewart
Vice Chair for Membership*



YMHFA Training Continues!!

If a Scout in your unit committed suicide you would be devastated. No doubt you would vow to do everything in your power to stop such an event from happening in your, or another, unit ever again. The time to make that vow is **NOW** before something happens!!



Our most recent virtual/remote Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training session was held on Saturday, May 1st. We are pleased to announce the next YMHFA training session, again available virtually/remotely, will be held on Saturday, June 26th, from 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM, with a break for lunch. If you are unable to attend this session, the next class will be held in late August, with the specific date yet to be determined. As we are all painfully aware, mental health issues including depression, feelings of helplessness and loneliness, being bullied and thoughts of suicide are no stranger to the youth we support, and they have been exacerbated by the current crisis and remote education. As adult volunteer Scout leaders it is incumbent upon us to know how to recognize and respond to the signs of mental illness and duress. This knowledge can literally be the difference between life and death.

We continue to partner with the Fairfax County Community Services Board (CSB) in offering a training course in Youth Mental Health First Aid to help prevent teen suicide. The course is similar to the training that Fairfax County School System teachers, administrators and staff members receive. The same instructors from the CSB have agreed to provide that training.

If you are interested in attending the June YMHFA training session, please note the following:

- Register with Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net and include your mailing address and a good phone number.
- The cost is \$26. Once you register, you'll be told where to send the check.
- There is a mandatory 2-3 hours of prep reading that **MUST** be completed in advance of attending the class.
- Registration provides you access to the national web-site for the YMHFA Foundation where all course materials and the prep reading will be found.
- You must use a full-size computer/laptop with a camera, mic, and speakers. You are expressly asked not to use a phone or other handheld device. Please no multi-tasking.
- All participants will receive a YMHFA certificate of completion and an NCAC sanctioned patch demonstrating their achievement

Don't miss out! Don't Wait! We can only serve 20 students in each class - register now for this essential training. To register, please email Mark Greer at mfgreer@verizon.net. Mark can also answer any questions you may have.



STEM Corner: Cyber Chip

June is the National Internet Safety Month Awareness. Scouts are encouraged to earn the Cyber Chip in June to synchronize with the school calendar.

The Internet has become an essential tool for daily use. Today's youth spend about one third of their time daily using electronic devices to get online for access to education, research, socializing, and entertainment. Online activities become essential tools for scouts to complete their requirements and advance their ranks.

Earning Cyber Chip is required to advance for Scout and Star ranks. The requirements are synchronized with school grades as follows:

School Grade	Scout Ranks
• Grade 6-8	Scout and Star ranks
• Grade 9-12	Start rank and older Scouts

Cyber Chip program details can be found here: <http://www.scouting.org/cyberchip.aspx>

Webelos who cross over to join a Scouts BSA troop need to complete the Cyber Chip Grade 6-8 Requirements 1-3 and for older scouts Grade 9-12 Requirements 1-4 with a parent at home. The remaining requirements to use the EDGE method to teach "netiquette," internet safety and the discussion with the unit leaders about acceptable electronics policies can be done in a remote classroom setting.

All Cyber Chips will expire annually. Each Scout will need to go to [Netsmartz](#) and complete two new resources to recommit to net safety and netiquette. Then, with the unit leader, the Scout can add the new date to the Cyber Chip card or certificate.

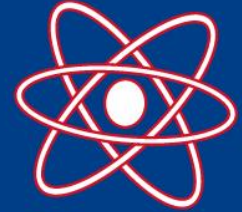
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STEM Coordinator*



"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."

~ Calvin Coolidge (b. July 4, 1872)

STEM CORNER



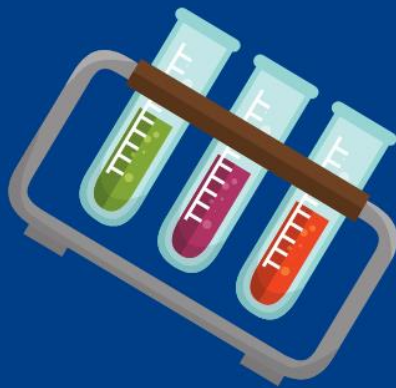
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Michael's Woodshop News Summer 2021



Upcoming Events



NEW: Woodworking Skills Classes: Our Woodworking 101 Class is expanding into a series of skills classes. Open to Scouts and adults, these classes teach a variety of woodworking skills. [Learn more...](#)



Scouting on Foot (June 5): Explore the Wetlands Trail at Camp Snyder! Participate in many fun activities including a session in Michael's Woodshop. Registration is free but space is limited. [Register Now...](#)



Join us at Summer Camp: Whether you attend Day Camp, a Resident Weekend or Scout Specialty Week at Camp Snyder, you will have a chance to work in Michael's Woodshop. [Learn More...](#)



BALOO the Builder Workshop: Build one fun project! Build one useful project! Developed for Bear Dens this workshop covers all of the requirements of the BALOO the Builder Adventure. [Read Workshop Description.](#)



Schedule Your Own Event: Michael's Woodshop may be reserved by Scouts or Units for a wide range of activities; Merit Badge & Skills Classes can be scheduled as Troop activities; Units can pick an activity from our [Project Idea List](#) or develop their own. Our Shop Stewards will help you plan a successful event!



Woodwork Merit Badge Sessions (monthly): Michael's Woodshop offers "Classroom Sessions" focused on shop safety, first aid and other non-tool requirements and "Shop Time Sessions" to work on project requirements.



[Click here to view our Upcoming Events and Shop Calendar](#)



NEW: [Click here to see Youth Shop Use Measures](#)

Recent Activities



Reclaim, Restore, Repurpose: Check out "[The Repurposing Corner](#)", the latest addition to our webpage. See some nice repurposing projects and submit details about your own project!



Michael's Workshop hosted four more Eagle Scout Projects this spring! With a great range of tools & work space (and Helpful volunteers), Michael's Woodshop is the ideal place for Eagle Scout Projects. Contact us to learn more about hosting your project in Michael's Woodshop.



We Hit the Bulls Eye! Michael's Woodshop hosted 33 youth (22 families) making bird houses, tool boxes and games during the Spring Family Camping weekends. Awesome family fun!

See Michael's Woodshop in the OA's latest [Camping Continues Video](#)

To learn more about upcoming events, planning an event or reserving the wood shop, please visit the [Michael's Woodshop web page](#) or email us at MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com

Weeknights Available: Schedule your next meeting in Michael's Woodshop!





**American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Class
With First Aid Merit Badge**

When: Troop 1131 will be offering the class twice:

Option #1, 1- 5 PM Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021

Option #2, 6pm to 10 pm Thursday, June 24th, 2021

Who: Everyone is welcome! Leaders and Scouts, especially those going to Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, Camp, etc. This class will also include first aid related requirements of Tenderfoot/2nd Class/ First class.

Where: St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA

What: Participants will earn the American Red Cross *First Aid-CPR-AED* certification as well as BSA **First Aid Merit Badge**.

Register: Send contact information to: *Jamie Frame at levcprtraining@gmail.com*

Name, preferred class date/time, email Address, phone number, and BSA unit number

Bring: Please wear comfortable clothes and bring water / snacks.

Covid Note: We will be following all American Red Cross Covid-19 protocols to ensure class safety.

Cost: Thirty five dollars (\$35.00) covers American Red Cross fees and classroom training. Payment due at the class meeting. Those with a financial need, please contact Jamie Frame at levcprtraining@gmail.com

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

On my honor, I promise to do my best to comply with this Boy Scouts of America Scouter Code of Conduct while serving in my capacity as an adult leader:

1. I have completed or will complete my registration with the Boy Scouts of America, answering all Questions truthfully and honestly.
2. I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law, obey all laws, and hold others in Scouting accountable to those standards. I will exercise sound judgment and demonstrate good leadership and use the Scouting program for its intended purpose consistent with the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.
3. I will make the protection of youth a personal priority. I will complete and remain current with Youth Protection training requirements. I will be familiar with and follow:
 - BSA Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting: www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/
 - The Guide to Safe Scouting: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss
 - The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16
4. When transporting youth, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.
5. I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, BSA policies, and BSA-provided training, including but not limited to those relating to:
 - Unauthorized fundraising activities
 - Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of the BSA uniform and brand
 - Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind
6. I will not discuss or engage in any form of sexual conduct while engaged in Scouting activities. I will refer youth with questions regarding these topics to talk to their parents or spiritual advisor.
7. I confirm that I have fully disclosed and will disclose in the future any of the following:
 - Any criminal suspicion, charges, or convictions of a crime or offense involving abuse, violence, sexual misconduct, or any misconduct involving minors or juveniles
 - Any investigation or court order involving domestic violence, child abuse, or similar matter
 - Any criminal charges or convictions for offenses involving controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, firearms, or dangerous weapons
8. I will not possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies:
 - Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana
 - Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives
 - Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values
9. If I am taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing my functioning or judgment, I will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.
10. I will take steps to prevent or report any violation of this code of conduct by others in connection

SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
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Clean
Reverent

