



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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 For Everyone

 New Article / Updated Information



from *The Scoutmaster Minute*,

<https://thescoutmasterminute.net/2016/12/06/little-to-big/>

Little to Big

Do a Good Turn Daily. That is the Slogan of Scouting. It is a challenge to each of us to look for some way to be of service. The slogan asks us to seek opportunities every day to do something ... anything that will ultimately make a difference.

It is my belief that when we look at this challenge we feel it is too large. It is a lofty goal to actually make a difference in this world.

What we need to do is think little. Little things matter.

When we teach leadership in our Troop one of our principles is to “Focus on the Little Things.” That principle is all about details and those things that add up to big things. Little things like keeping your gloves out of the snow. Just a little thing, but the big thing is cold hands, wet gear, and maybe frost bite. Another example is ensuring that your tent is pitched properly. Making sure your guy lines are taut and pulled in line. Not a big deal, until it rains and your rain fly does not function properly. Just a little thing that makes a big difference.

And so it is with the Good Turn. Little things make a big difference. Holding open a door or carrying a bag. Little things that make a big difference for the person you helped.

A smile could change someones attitude or outlook on the day.

I think we get wrapped up in service for service sake and not for the difference we make.

Just think ... there are about two million Scouts in America. They represent about 103 thousand units. Those units represent Schools, Churches, Communities. So if 2 million Scouts did their Good Turn each day, just something small, we could change our world. That does not even take into consideration the Adult Volunteers that teach, coach, train, and mentor those 2 million Scouts. Add about 1.2 million to that number. 3 million people doing a small act of service every day. When we talk about little to big we can see that we make a big difference when and where it really matters.

In 2015 the Boy Scouts of America logged 1.53 million service hours. Those were hours of service dedicated to building things, collecting food, and working for our communities. That seems like a big number but at the end of the day we may not see the big impact. A lot of our service is dedicated to our chartering partners and people directly impacted in Scouting. That is great and I certainly would not want to take one minute of those hours away ... they make a difference. But in snap shots.

Little to Big ... each of us.. every day. Now that would leave a mark that could be seen from outer space.

Think little to big. Do your Good Turn every day!

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Goose Creek District Freeze-O-Ree Recap



The dawn broke early at Camp William B. Snyder on February 11, with temperatures barely rising out of the 30s. Multitudes of Virginia Scouts had arrived overnight to camp out and participate in Scout games and activities. Unbeknownst to them, a chemical spill on I-66 had contaminated countless Friday night commuters, and their zombified remains were making their way through the fields and woods of Haymarket.

Ever resourceful, the Scouts BSA contingent rallied to head off the zombie hoard. Applying Scout skills, they honed their ability to reduce the hoards with bb guns, sling shots and tomahawks. They built fires to keep the zombies at bay, and built walls and other hazards to protect their campsites and provide warning of potential invasion. Field sports, scavenger hunts, chili-cooking and the like filled the hours between waves of ghouls, but the Scouts' defense was well coordinated, and saved the day. The Goose Creek Chapter of the Order of the Arrow (Scouting's Honor Society) huddled together over dinner and determined that three patrols showed the highest degree of perseverance in the face of the invasion: third place went to On Yo Head Patrol, second to Troop 962G's Squishy Pandacats, and the title of Baddest Zombie Fighters of the Great White North went to Troop 2012B's Black Mambas. The flag football trophy went to On Your Head Patrol, the chili cook-off champ was Troop 1430B and the winner of the Freeze-O-Ree's Shark Tank was 1148G's zombie crushing crossbow.

As the noble Scouts broke camp on Sunday morning, scraping mud and zombie gore from their boots and gear, there was a lot of talk about doing it all again, only perhaps without the brain-hungry, festering remnants of civilization. Perhaps the countryside will have calmed down by the time they pack up and head to Camp Highroad in mid-April, for the Goose Creek District Spring Camp-O-Ree and its Outdoor Adventure Challenge?.





Lovettsville Scouts Place Second in Freeze-O-Ree



The all-girls patrol of Lovettsville Scout Troop 962 placed second at the Goose Creek District Freeze-O-Ree held Feb. 10-12.

Troop 962 was one of three all girl scout troops and is made up of six Lovettsville girls ages 12-15. The girls said one of their favorite parts of the weekend was competing in the flag football tournament and raising the flag where they had to build a tall, self-supporting flagpole using two poles, rope for lashing, and up to four guy lines.

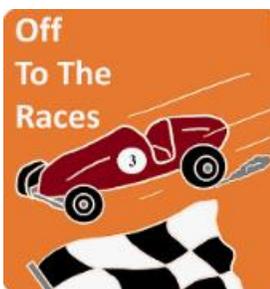
They said the hardest activity was the "rescue your teammate" event where they had to work together using their lifesaving skills to toss one end of a rope through a distant hole to reach their teammate who was stuck in a hole.

It was their first time participating in a Freeze-O-Ree. They are looking forward to going back next year.

Lovettsville's Troop 962 was established two years ago.



Cub Scout Day Camp/Twilight Camp 2023



Yes, Virginia, there is a Day Camp!

The dates are firm: Day Camp will be held on June 12-16, and Twilight Camp will be June 12-15. Our site is still in a state of TBD (hopefully settled in the next week or two), but the dates are firm. Stay tuned for details!

Be sure to join our Facebook page, "NCAC Goose Creek Day and Twilight Camp" for updates as well.

Questions can be directed to Shannon Klee at goosecreekcubcamp@gmail.com.

If you know of an adult or older youth who would like to volunteer for one or both camps, please send us a note! We have room for all ages (from rising Tiger until....you name it!).

By the way, the theme for the year is "Off to the Races!" Feel free to shoot over any fun race-themed activities or ideas. We are beginning to plan, so we are open to your thoughts! So many possibilities this year.

Spring Camporee



Get ready for a new adventure, Scouts! The 2023 Goose Creek District Spring Camporee is coming and it's going to be EPIC! Join us at Camp Highroad, Middleburg VA, from Friday, April 14th to Sunday, April 16th, 2023. This year's Camporee theme, "Outdoor Adventure Challenge" means the weekend will be packed with thrilling outdoor challenges, high-adventure activities and unforgettable memories.

The Camporee's two main events – Patrol Challenge and Adventure Choice – are followed by a Saturday evening campfire featuring your Patrol skits and songs, and of course, the AWARDS presentation! The Camporee cost per participant (for both Scouts and Adults) is \$34.

The Patrol Challenge is all about your Patrol working as a team to put your Scoutcraft skills to the test. Compete in these Challenges to earn the most points and come out on top: Tomahawk Throw, Flamin'Fast, Saw Mill, Sea Base Knot and Lash, Philmont Bear Bag Toss and Northern Tier Canoe Portage.

But wait, there's more! The Adventure Choice period lets you choose from a variety of high-adventure activities like Mountain Boarding, Rock Wall, Zip Line, Team Challenge Course and High Ropes Course. These activities are available for additional fees.

How do we pack all this fun into one day? We split all the Patrols into two groups (A & B). On Saturday morning while Group A competes in the Patrol Challenge, Group B explores the Adventure Choice activities. After lunch, the Groups switch so that Group B is up for Patrol Challenge and Group A enjoys Adventure Choice activities.

The Spring Camporee Leaders Guide has the latest information about all Camporee activities, schedules and requirements. Download it [HERE](#).

This event is designed for Scouts BSA Troops and Venturing Crews, so rally your Patrol and get ready to conquer the great outdoors! See you at Camp Highroad!

Register at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-65533>

Camporee Supplies



We are in need of some items to help us conduct camporees and other events. If you have an old steel wheelbarrow tray that you no longer need, we would be grateful to take it off your hands. These trays are used as fire pits and would be put to good use. If you are able to donate one, please contact Charles Thornton (571-420-1035, scouterchalis@gmail.com). He would be happy to arrange a pickup from you.

Additionally, we are in need of some new fire pit stands. If you are handy with tools and looking for a service project to help out the district, please consider offering your skills to help us build some new stands. Charles can provide you with more information and supplies.

Thank you for considering a donation to our community. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Troop 58's Northern Tier Okpik Adventure



An adventurous crew of six scouts and two adults from Troop 58 in Ashburn, VA spent a year eagerly anticipating the troop's first arctic adventure at the Northern Tier Okpik program in northern Minnesota. The word Okpik (ook'-pic), which means Snowy Owl in the Inuit language, identifies the Winter Camping program at Northern Tier that began over fifty years ago in 1971.

On the first day, the crew skied with sleds weighing up to 75 pounds holding their gear and made camp at Moose Lake. The adventurers then embarked on an 8-hour cross-country journey across Newfound Lake. Led by the highly skilled guide, Amos, the skiers braved slush fields and followed a wolf trail to reach Canada. Despite skiing the last miles in the dark, the group was rewarded with an incredible dinner prepared by Amos.

The following day, the group packed up camp and headed to Flash Lake, where they set up camp and participated in various outdoor activities. The day began with a 30-minute ice fishing demonstration and later the group had the opportunity to try their hand at Gaga ball in the snow. In the afternoon, the mushers brought over their sled dogs, allowing the group to go for a ride around a small island. The day was capped off with a star walk led by Amos, who shared old Indian folklore with the group.

Troop 58's crew was the first one of the season to make it to prairie portage this winter. Amos said about the Virginia-based crew, "... for our base this was the first trip (to prairie portage) this winter and the kids reminded me that when you are part of a group of positive people working toward a shared goal no amount of slush or open water or skiing in the dark can stop you." This trip was a true test of endurance and a celebration of the great outdoors, offering a once-in-a-lifetime experience for all who participated.

Five of the seven crew members earned the coveted Triple Crown Award having completed three high adventure trips together over the course of the last two and a half years. Eric A. (Assistant Scoutmaster), Ben L., Chris C., Grant K., and Jack A. all earned the award by successfully completing a Philmont New Mexico trek in August 2021, Sea Base Virgin Islands sailing adventure in April 2022, and Northern Tier Opik Minnesota trek in January 2023.

Troop 58 is already preparing for their next high adventure trip back to Northern Tier for a summer 2023 portaging adventure to Atikokan, Ontario Canada!

Bear and Webelos – Save the Date for Webelos-o-ree 2023



The date for the 2023 Webelos-o-ree has been set: Sept 30 – Oct 1. It will be held at Camp Snyder and will be open to all those who are currently Bear Scouts (who will be Webelos by then) and 1st year Webelos.

While this is listed as a camping event there are registration options available for those that just want to come out for the day. The stations will be run by our own Scouts BSA troops so the Webelos will get plenty of examples of what it would be like to join a troop.

2023 Goose Creek District Pinewood Derby Championship



Come one, come all to the district scout pinewood derby championship! This exciting event is open to all scouts in the district is sure to be a thrilling day of racing and competition. Not only will scouts get to show off their speed on the track, but there will also be design awards given out for the most creative and visually stunning cars. With custom-made cars and fast tracks, the pinewood derby championship is the perfect opportunity for scouts to showcase their creativity, sportsmanship, and scouting spirit. Don't miss out on this chance to be a part of the action and see who will be crowned the district champion!

PARTICIPATION: 2023 Goose Creek Derby is open to all scouts and friends & families of scouts, no matter how you placed or if you participated in a prior event, come join us! Bring your fastest cars & your creatively designed cars, we have an award for you!

March 10, 2023, Early Car Drop Off (6:15PM - 9:00PM)

March 11, 2023, Race Day / Drop Off

LOCATION: Sanders Corner Elementary School, 43100 Ashburn Farm Pkwy, Ashburn, VA 20147

COST: \$13 per registration, every entry receives a Special Custom Designed 2023 Goose Creek Derby Patch & an entry to our derby prize drawing.

Registration is Open!

For the latest information and registration:

<https://www.pack1154.org/goosecreekpinewood>

Shooting Sports Corner



This month's Shooting Sports topic is Archery. Do you have US Archery certification (any level)? GCD needs you to help supervise our Scouts BSA Archery events at local Camporee or other District-level events. Contact John Witek at: john.witek@goosecreekdistrict.org or shootingsports@goosecreekdistrict.org so we can get you registered with NCAC Shooting Sports Committee to supervise archery events. Rangemaster certification allows supervision at Cub-level events only.

Available training for Level 1 certification: This course is in April 2023

Level 1 Instructor Practical Course

Address: 15800 Silver Lake Rd, Haymarket, Virginia, United States of America, 20169

EMAIL: kwilbanks@pwcgov.org; <https://www.usarchery.org/>

CONTACT: 1 571-719-8170

START DATE: 04/15/2023; END DATE: 04/15/2023

NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course Charles Town, WV 3/4/2023

Remember, certified personnel are required to supervise our shooting sports events.

Friends of Scouting



The annual Friends of Scouting giving campaign helps ensure that the National Capital Area Council can continue to provide quality programs for our youth. This campaign provides approximately 15 percent of the council's annual budget. What does your investment in Friends of Scouting provide?

- Local programs and activities throughout the council
- Camp scholarships, uniforms and registration fees for youths who otherwise could not participate
- Scout service center that coordinates Scouting activities and provide customer service to members
- Accident and liability insurance to protect both youth and adult members
- Camps and facilities available for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events
- Opportunities to attend summer camp and high-adventure events
- Advancement programs where Scouts are recognized for learning and achievement of goals they set
- Distribution and development of literature and training-materials
- Leadership training for young people who will become future community leaders

To make a donation to Friends of Scouting, please go to <https://rb.gy/hpsmei>

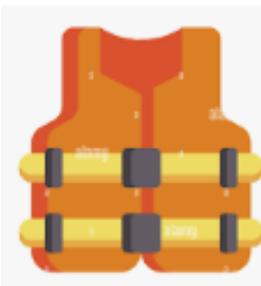


Please include Goose Creek District and your unit number with your donation. If you want to pledge and pay over time just follow the easy steps on the website.

If your unit has not scheduled a Friends of Scouting presentation this year please email development@goosecreekdistrict.org to get on the calendar. Thank you for investing in Scouting!



Possible Troop Project



Here is an excellent opportunity for a Troop Service Project that will make a huge and visible impact and be used by Scouts throughout the Council for many years to come. The current life jacket rack at the Camp Marriott waterfront is an open 2x4 corral. The life jackets are out in the sun all summer which causes UV damage and affects their life span.

The NCAC Aquatics Committee is looking for a Troop to replace the Marriott rack with one that has hanging racks to keep the jackets organized and off the ground and a roof to provide protection from the sun and rain.

There is a Goshen work weekend planned for May 12-14, 2023 - a great time to send a team to Goshen and solve this problem. Please contact Mark Wray, NCAC Aquatics Committee at redshoestwo@juno.com for more information on this life jacket rack project. Not quite your Troop's style? There are other needs at Goshen that Troops can help with. Contact Elisabeth Warren, Goshen Director, at elisabeth.warren@scouting.org to find other ways to keep Goshen Going Strong

Commissioner's Corner



February and March are filled with several memorable events in the Scouting calendar. This includes Pinewood Derby's, Blue and Gold banquets, Freeze-O-Ree, and Scout Sunday. It is appropriate at this time to say three things to each and everyone of you and your families: thank you for all you do for Scouting, acknowledge your contributions to the program, and remind us of why we choose to serve.

I personally thank you for the many hours you devote to making Scouting a fun and meaningful experience for the Scouts in our community. I thank you for your time and financial contributions to the program whether it be a donation, purchasing a uniform for your Scout, participating in training events, or giving up a day, weekend, or week to be with our Scouts and their friends.

People who are not part of Scouting are amazed at the level of commitment and devotion that we as parents and Scouters have in helping not only our children but the children of other families. The answer is simple, it is who we are, we are part of the Scouting family and firmly believe in the ideals and values of Scouting as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law.

During Wood badge sessions, Commissioner Cabinet meetings and other NCAC events I have heard a consistent message that can be best expressed by the following statement:

"We choose to serve" – We choose to serve our youth, our families, and communities. Through our unselfish acts we create positive experiences and instill the values of Scouting in our youth and in ourselves. "To help other people, do a good turn daily, be courteous kind and friendly".

In closing I thank you for all you do for Scouting, our families, and community. I invite you to thank your family, friends, and fellow Scouters for being here and enriching our lives and the lives of our youth.

Yours in Scouting,

Thomas Price, Goose Creek District Commissioner.



Greenway Eagle Cams



The Dulles Greenway Wetlands has been home to two Bald Eagles since 2005. In 1995, TRIP II established a private 149-acre wetlands preserve in Leesburg, Virginia during the construction of the Dulles Greenway roadway to mitigate the loss of roughly 64 acres of federally protected wetlands. Today, the wetlands property is managed by the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy and utilized for local wildlife education.

About The Cameras

Two new state-of-the-art high-definition cameras are available to view the nest. Each one is mounted on the nest tree and provides a different view of the nest. If you watch for a while, you may be lucky enough to see eagles flying to and from the tree. The cameras come equipped with low-power infrared (IR) illuminators. This technology allows us to discretely view the eagles at night, without disturbing them. The eagles cannot see this light; it is outside their visible spectrum of light. Neither can humans. If you were at the nest site, looking up at the tree at night, you would only see light from the moon or stars.



Cheerful Service Chatter™

Chapter News for our Arrowmen
Lodge Website: www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA

OA Chatter



Unit Leaders - the annual Order of the Arrow elections cycle runs through May 31, 2023. We are currently scheduling. There are several options for you to consider:

- We can schedule an election, at which time we will also conduct a 10 minute presentation on the Order of the Arrow and the benefits it brings, plus a highlight of local camping venues.
- We can schedule just the OA/Camping presentation for this fall, and then schedule an election in the winter or spring.

If your unit won't have eligible candidates this year, we'd still like to schedule that OA/Camping presentation, at your convenience.

An email was sent to all unit leaders in November with links to requirements for qualifying candidates, and details about how to schedule elections or presentations.

If you have any questions, or already have a date in mind for either a presentation please don't hesitate to ask.

William Stehn, Chapter Chief (chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org)
Colin Sparrow, Vice Chief - Elections (OAElections@goosecreekdistrict.org)
Mike Sierra, Elections Adviser (OAElections@goosecreekdistrict.org)
Rich Pender, Chapter Adviser (Rich.Pender@goosecreekdistrict.org)

“Onward and Upward”

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

- Landen Barth** – Troop 966
- Maddox Sanchez** – Troop 966
- Aalap Shah** – Troop 761
- Michael Shivik** – Troop 1910
- Dominic Smith** – Troop 163
- Luke Waldman** – Troop 956



BSA Merit Badge Hub



The new [BSA Merit Badge Hub](#) offers a host of improved features. Site navigation now focuses on an A-Z Merit Badge Listing, a specialized Eagle-required merit badge grouping, integrations with Scout Shop merit badge pamphlets, and links to content from Scout Life magazine and On Scouting.

Merit Badge Counselor Training is **MANDATORY**



As the District recharter is completed, about 150 MBCs have been dropped from the District roster. About 50 at their request, another 50 who no longer appear to be in the district, and the remaining 50 because they haven't completed the my.scouting.org training module for MBCs that is now mandatory. Those who desire reinstatement need to complete the training, and send confirmation certificate or screen shots to Rich Pender at MeritBadgeDean@GooseCreekDistrict.org. Until then they are not merit badge counselors and should not meet with Scouts.

Unit Leaders - please review the MBC coverage list posted to the Goose Creek Advancement web page. If you have any questions about whether individuals who previously only worked with Scouts in their own unit have retained their MBC status, please also contact us at MeritBadgeDean@GooseCreekDistrict.org.

Life-to-Eagle Seminar



The next L2E Seminar is tentatively scheduled for.

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023

Time: 10:00 – 2:00

Place: TBD (Loudoun County Library)

While primarily targeted for the Life-to-Eagle Advisers & Coordinators at the unit level, these trainings, but are by no means limited to same. Life Scouts and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend as well. The key goal is to get each of the unit Eagle Advisers up to speed on changes to the process, and some of the district-level mechanics of same. That way, they can help share the message to the Life Scouts in their units on a more frequent basis.

If you are a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit and have not attended one of these in Goose Creek within the last 2 years, you really should make an attempt to do so.

Any questions about Life-to-Eagle training can be directed to Brad Scales ... MSVA_Tenor@yahoo.com; or 703-850-6679.



Cub Scout Bridging



Cub Scout packs, it's that time of year that many Cub Scouts will be bridging into Scouts BSA troops. Make sure all Cub Scout rank advancements and Cub Scout awards are properly entered in Internet Advancement or Scoutbook, **prior** to initiating the transfer to a Scout troop. Awards like Recruiter, Shooting Sports Awards, Outdoor Activity Awards, NOVA, and especially SuperNova Awards; anything earned as a Cub Scout. For rank advancements, things like Cub Scout and Webelos Adventures, and especially their Arrow of Light Rank.

Once a troop accepts a Cub Scout onto their roster it is extremely difficult if not impossible to retroactively correct their Cub Scout records. This is because their advancements records become locked out to the Pack and the Troop cannot enter Cub Scout advancements.



Potential Eagle Projects



Here are some organizations that are looking for Eagle projects to help them..

Mobile Hope - Leesburg (<https://mobile-hope.org/>), provides support and emergency shelter to youth up to age 24 who are at-risk, precariously housed or homeless. If you are interested or have any questions you can contact Julie Culpepper at (703) 771-1400 or Julie@mobile-hope.org.

- Donation Drive (food, hygiene, diapers, etc)
- Building a shed for storage
- Building a donation drop off bin for weekend donations
- Building a drop off bin for UPS, Amazon, Fedex deliveries
- Building a compost bin
- Making furniture/games with Pallet Wood
- Build chunky shelving for food pantry
- Build bin for spoiled food to go to the farm
- Paint a Mural
- Plant bushes/trees along fence for privacy

St. James Episcopal, in Leesburg, is in need of a railing, beside the sidewalk, coming from the Nave to the Parking lot, to assist our elderly & handicap parishioners. Contact Raymond "Ray" Longo, cptray333@msn.com

Cyber Chip is no longer a requirement for Cub Scout ranks



The Cyber Chip requirement for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light has been replaced with watching the grade-appropriate Protect Yourself Rules video.

Lions do not have a requirement for Cyber Chip. It is not a requirement to earn the adventure for rank, only to watch the grade-appropriate video.

A Cub Scout may earn the Protect Yourself Rules Preview Adventure and in doing so they complete the requirement for rank by watching the video.

The Protect Yourself Rules Preview Adventure is not a required adventure.

At this time, Scouts BSA has not made any changes to BSA rank requirements involving Cyber Chip.

Informal Eagle Scout Process Discussions



Do you have Life/Star Scouts that are thinking about the Eagle Rank and would like to talk to someone about the process (how to look for a project, what's entailed in a project, what steps need to be done)?

Well, if you do, our District Advancement Chair, Dr. Alan Steiner, is willing to come to one of your troop meetings and hold an informal talk about it. No presentation, no lecture, just a discussion between him, the Scouts, and the parents about preparing for the process. Overall time would be about 30 minutes, but he has no problem if it goes longer.

If your troop would like to schedule a discussion please contact him at Alan.Steiner@GooseCreekDistrict.org.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Want to Work at a High-Adventure Base or BSA Camp



Each summer, thousands of seasonal staff bring outdoor adventure to life for Scouts from across the world. Ever wondered who makes up this staff?

If you're older than 18 (or even 15 for many council camps), the answer is people just like you are the professional staff at camps around the country!

Learn how you can have the experience of a lifetime working at one of the Boy Scouts of America's four high-adventure bases or at one of more than 450 council camps by checking out this [article](#) on *Aaron On Scouting*.



Oregon Trail Council's Video on Scouting Safely



A safety related incident in 2018 prompted the Oregon Trail Council to reemphasize their efforts to communicate the BSA's safety rules to its adult volunteers.

One of the results of that initiative is their Scout S.A.F.E. Video, in which the council's Scout Executive, commissioner, vice president of district operations, and two youth members of the BSA walk viewers through the BSA's S.A.F.E. Scouting checklist and other elements of safe Scouting.

"We decided our goal was to make sure all our leaders were educated on those elements of Scouting," says Scout Executive Scott Impecover. "We felt the need to get word out sooner to our leaders, rather than waiting until they took leader specific training."

The [8-minute video](#) is brief and direct, and does a great job of emphasizing the importance of following the BSA's safety rules — and the possible consequences if you don't — without coming across as overly somber or preachy.

It's well worth taking the time to watch it.



#TroopTalkLive



Maybe you're a veteran Scouts BSA leader or parent who knows the program from top to bottom. Or maybe you're a newbie with tons of questions. Either way, #TroopTalkLive is for you.

On the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. Central, the BSA's official monthly Scouts BSA-focused Facebook livestream features expert guests and insiders who share their experiences, advice and the occasional behind-the-scenes look at the Scouts BSA program.

The same team that brings you #CubChatLive will bring in the experts who can answer your questions ... live! We'll share useful tips, tricks and ideas to help your Scouts BSA troop.



2023 Report to the Nation



The National Capital Area Council, BSA (NCAC) is honored to have been chosen to support the 2023 Report to the Nation. As part of this outstanding opportunity, Scouts from the NCAC will be selected to be part of the delegation making the formal presentation of the report to the Clerk of the House of Representatives and to the Secretary of the Senate, which officially places the report in the Congressional Record. Additionally, the report will be presented in-person to as many key leaders in Washington as possible, such as the Speaker of the House, the Senate Majority Leader, Cabinet Secretaries, and the President of the United States.

NCAC Scouts are encouraged to apply to be part of the delegation if they can make themselves available on short notice to be part of the delegation and they meet the following age requirements set by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA):

- Cub Scout - 2nd grade or above
- Scouts BSA – age 14 or above
- Venturer – age 18 or above
- Sea Scout – age 18 or above
- Explorer – age 14 or above

We are seeking Scouts that are charismatic, outgoing, and confident and not afraid to speak with adults or in front of small crowds who also might be involved with children's theater, debate, speech team, or other activities. Alternates will be selected for each of the delegates chosen.

HOW TO APPLY:

To be considered, interested Scouts and their parents/guardians must send a brief biography with a photo of the Scout in uniform to info@ncacbsa.org by March 4, 2023. (This deadline has been extended.) The bio should be a good description of the Scout's experience. Accomplishments in Scouting (Eagle Scout, Arrow of Light, earned all merit badges, etc.) or awards received (recognized by National BSA or our council), should be included in the bio. Submissions can include engaging personal stories (accomplishment, action taken, or barrier overcome) or compelling connections to Scouting (why Scouting matters in their life). The Scouts selected may not necessarily have a lengthy resume and all Scouts are encouraged to apply.

Based on the submissions received, Scouts will be selected for interviews in early March. There is no cost to the youth delegation other than daily travel to and from the NCAC office in Bethesda, MD, which will be the delegation's gathering point each day.

Although the date has not yet been selected, the meetings and presentations typically take place over a two-day period in late March or early April, depending upon the scheduling requirements of the recipients. The meetings happen during business hours on weekdays. Additional time may be spent with the delegation to prepare for the meetings and presentations.

Each year, as part of its congressional charter granted in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America is required to present a report to the United States Congress detailing the state of the organization, its key initiatives, and major accomplishments over the past year. It is a high honor to be selected to represent Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting and Exploring to our nation's leaders.



NCAC Camp Staff: Open Positions



Just realized you want the best summer job? It's not too late. Missed our January hiring event? No problem! We're still scheduling phone and video interviews.

Camp Snyder and the camps of Goshen Scout Reservation are always looking for fun-loving, energetic, and hardworking individuals to be part of our Summer 2023 Camp Staff. The sooner you apply, the more likely you are to be able to apply for your first choice of job position!

Camp Snyder creates fun for Cub Scouts in both day camp settings and weekend overnight settings and, with expert volunteers, runs a one-week Merit Badge program for Scouts BSA.

Goshen Scout Reservation is made of up six camps. Camp Ross runs six weeks of camp purely for Webelos and AOLs. Camps Bowman, Marriott, and Olmsted serve Scouts BSA campers with Merit Badge program and other activities. The elite staff of Lenhok'sin High Adventure run outposts and treks for older Scouts BSA and Venturers. Camp Post serves the administrative needs of the Goshen camps.

Employment dates are from June 17 to August 1, 2023 for most camps at Goshen Scout Reservation and June 17 to July 29, 2023 for Camp Snyder.

Get a full list of job openings, learn more, and find your summer job at Goshen Scout Reservation – www.gotogoshen.org/staff – or Camp Snyder – www.gotosnyder.org/work.

CLIMBOREE 2023



The National Capital Area Council and Mountaineer Area Council will host the Climboree 2023 at Camp Mountaineer near Morgantown, WV on the long holiday weekend from October 6 to October 9, 2023.

- Climbing and rappelling on natural rock
- 60-foot climbing tower
- Bouldering on abundant gritstone walls
- Guided challenge course sessions
- Big Zip quarter-mile zipline
- Rifle, shotgun, and archery ranges
- Full-day, hands-on Dutch oven cooking class

\$30 per participant for a weekend of tent camping and adventure. Additional fees for shooting and cooking programs. We will not provide meals. Email NCAC.Climboree@gmail.com to join our contact list.

2023 Summer Camp Webinars



Join the camp staff from the various NCAC camps for these informational webinars and get ready for Summer 2023! Includes Goshen, Snyder, Day Camp, Camp Catoctin BSA, and High Adventure Contingents.

March 14 – [Cub Scout Day Camps](#)

March 21 – [Scouts BSA Camps](#)

March 28 – [High Adventure](#)



18th Annual NCAC Scout Orienteering Meet



Test out your troop or crew member's navigation skills at this **exciting map and compass competition** to be held on May 6 at Kings Landing Regional Park, 3255 Kings Landing Rd, Huntingtown, MD 20639. Scouts and Crew members with compete in age groups and different course levels in the morning as individuals. The afternoon event is designed around competing as a unit (Troop or Crew) to gather the greatest score than the other scouting units. This event is open to all Scouts BSA Troops, Venturing Crews, and other appropriately aged Scouting groups; minimum age for this event is 10 and a half years old.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED -- Please be aware that your unit must register online to take part in this event. There is no walk in registration for any unit or scout. Adjustments to the number of members from a unit can be made on the day of the event, but refunds may not be given. A unit is defined as at least two scouts and two registered adult leaders.

Summary: This event is open to all Scouts BSA Troops, GSUSA units (ages 10 and up) and Venturing Crews. Scouts will be paired up (buddy system applies) and compete for awards to be presented to the first 10 places in each event. The morning sessions will include: instruction Orienteering course for Scouts new to the sport, competitions in one of four levels of orienteering courses, and other skill-building competitive events. Each Scout pair will have an opportunity to choose two events in the morning. We strongly recommend instruction take place at a unit level prior to your arrival. The instructional Orienteering course is a "no compete, no awards" hands on teaching course that your scouts can learn by using the Teaching EDGE method to learn the art of Orienteering. To ensure fairness, competition will also be broken into two age groups for most events in the morning, under 14 years of age and Scouts 14 years of age or older. Venturing Crews with members over 18 years old may be scored as a third grouping based on judging decision on the day of the event. After a brief break at 1pm, the afternoon event will be a 90-minute Orienteering score course. The afternoon event is a unit based competition with youth leadership taking charge of their units in planning and directing their teams. The event will be completed with awards from the morning events at 5:00 pm.

Cost is \$10 per youth and includes an event patch for all youth participants. Adults may purchase patches at cost on the day of the event pending availability.

This event is run with volunteers from and supported by the NCAC and has the added experienced of help from the Quantico Orienteering Club.

Buddy system is strictly enforced with all events and adults are not permit "in the woods" during the competitions.* The morning competition will be on the individual (scout) pair level and on the unit level. Each troop or crew unit will have a unit score from this event based on the average of the unit's top five pairs from that unit.

Camping will be available on both Friday and Saturday nights. The cost is \$2 per person per night and can be completed as part of your unit registration. We will assign locations for your troop or crew to camp in the open area within walking distance of the event start and registration area. Please be aware that participant's cars may need to be relocated to the main park area to allow enough space for other scouting units to set up their camp site.



2023 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key: Available Almost Full Full

Camp		Week					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bowman (Patrol Cooking)						
	Marriott (Patrol Cooking & Heater Stack)						
	Olmsted (BS Dining Hall)						
	Lenhok'sin High Adventure						
	Ross (Dining Hall)						

Week 1 – 6/25 to 7/1

Week 2 – 7/2 to 7/8

Week 3 – 7/9 to 7/15

Week 4 – 7/16 to 7/22

Week 5 – 7/23 to 7/29

Week 6 – 7/30 to 8/5

Fees:

If paid by April 14: Youth \$455, Adults \$225

After April 14: Youth \$485, Adults \$265

- All units will receive two free adult leaders!

Registration: www.gotogoshen.org/registration/

Note: There may be additional fees for bus transportation, Shotgun MB, etc.

Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Scout Day Camp is a great means for all Scouts from Tiger through Webelos and their siblings to experience Camp Snyder without the overnight sleeping. Each day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with lunch included in the cost of camp.

Sessions run from Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Session 1: June 26-30

Session 2: July 10-14

Early Bird Registration (up to Apr 15): \$230 – Scout, \$50 – Adult

On Time Registration (up to May 13) \$250 – Scout, \$55 – Adult

Late Registration (after May 13) \$270 – Scout, \$60 – Adult

Each unit can make only one registration per camp session. Only one person, the Unit Registrar, should manage the registration, enter information, and make payments on behalf of the unit. (Parents should contact their unit registrar to register their youth to go to camp.)

For more information and to register: <https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/day-camp/>

Lenhok'sin High Adventure



WHO CAN GO?

Youth participants must be 13 years of age by September 1, 2023.

LENHOK'SIN TRAIL TREK

Choose from a selection of outposts and scenic views to create your very own trek. Spend four nights on the trail and have a chance to earn awards, including the challenging Moore Five Peaks Award.

LENHOK'SIN TRAIL OUTPOSTS

Take on adventure, travel through time, and experience the backcountry of western Virginia. Explore the past and learn frontier skills at our historical outposts. Visit the 1910s Appalachian blacksmithing forge at Foxfire and make your own steel creation. Shoot black powder rifles and barter at the 1830s Mountain Man encampment. Shoot archery and throw daggers at the Wood's Edge 9th century homestead. Navigate Lake Merriweather in kayaks and stand-up paddle boards at Aquatics, and test your wilderness first aid skills at Search and Rescue. Soar through the air and grow as a team at the COPE Course. Go Caving in a natural limestone cave and explore new depths. Can't get enough wilderness? Do one or more Primitive nights and see how far you can explore! Will you get to all five peaks?

JAMES RIVER CANOE TREK

Looking for something with more water? Paddle 61 miles of the historic Upper James River while you experience over 120 Class I and II rapids and the infamous Balcony Falls.

For more information: <https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/lenhoksin-high-adventure/>

Goshen Spring Service Weekends



Staff Alumni Service Weekend: April 28-30, 2023 - Run by the Goshen Staff Alumni Association, this service weekend is open to staff alumni from any Goshen camp and their friends and family, ages 18 and up. Meet other staff alumni new and old, spend some time at Goshen, and help us prepare for the next season of summer camp.

Info & Registration: www.gotogoshen.org/gsaasw

Volunteer Work Weekend: May 12-14, 2023 - Open to members of the scouting community – youth and adults. Units and volunteers are invited to assist in camp beautification! Participants should bring their own tents.

Info & Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-65026>



When a Scout sees a tag on a tent that says waterproof he sees it as a challenge to find a way to pitch it so he will get wet. If you give him a frying pan and tell him it has a nonstick surface he will do his best to find something to stick to. Don't take anything camping that says it is fireproof. Trust me on that one, okay?

2024 High Adventure Base Reservations!



Registration for the four National High Adventure Bases (HAB) has already begun for the Summer 2024 season. However, there is still some availability remaining at all four bases. Use the links below to find an opening for your crew now – but don't wait too long!

Philmont: <https://registerphilmont.org/entry/2024>

Sea Base: <https://events.scouting.org/form/CA03518863024475>

Northern Tier: <https://events.scouting.org/form/A42475C269ED4153>

Summit: <https://events.scouting.org/form/E96F8B2785444D13>

All these iconic bases offer a broad swath of challenging High Adventure programs, but a few opportunities are worth pointing out:

Philmont: An expanded schedule of 7- and 9-day treks are now available in addition to the traditional 12-day length. The Ranch also offers programs in the Spring, Fall and Winter and several individual treks that take you above and beyond the full crew experience.

Sea Base: "I wanna go where it's warm!" Sea Base has the widest variety of Adventures, from snorkeling and fishing in the FL Keys to sailing and SCUBA in the Caribbean. Many of these have Spring and Winter offerings over and above the exquisite Summer ones. Shorter, more affordable trips are also available.

Northern Tier: The longest- and wildest-operating National HAB, NT has new offerings including longer Okpik (winter) and extended autumn treks, exclusive treks for Scouts BSA Girls Troops and the opportunity to paddle as a Voyageur Brigade if you have completed an NT trek in the last 3 years.

Summit: High Adventure at the Summit goes beyond the adrenaline and wow factor. It's digging deep within yourself to immerse your body and mind in the experience. Come discover the latest lineup of Experiences: New River, Summit, Bikepacking, Polaris ATV, Marksman and Pack n' Paddle.

Contact John Blackwell, NCAC High Adventure Committee Chair, for answers to your questions!

john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org or 301.346.0551



Cub Scout Weekend Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Resident Camp is your bite sized introduction to a Boy Scout summer camp program. All registered Cubs, Tigers – Webelos and their adult leaders/parents sleep on cots in 4-person BSA wall tents that sit on raised platforms, eat in the camp dining hall, and experience a whole day into the night program. The program at camp includes opportunities for Scouts to earn Adventure Loops, and several just-for-fun activities. The importance of Cub Resident camp to a registered Cub Scout and their family is tremendous! Resident Camp will develop your son's or dens' self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing learning experiences in which campers acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to their well-being.

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast. A Thursday night check in for all weekend programs! Come in on Thursday night, get your campsite set up and your swim tests out of the way to make more time for Friday fun!

Session 1: June 22-25

Session 2: June 29 – July 2

Session 3: July 6-9

Session 4: July 13-16

Early Bird Registration (up to Apr 15):	\$235 – Scout, \$80 – Adult
On Time Registration (up to May 13)	\$255 – Scout, \$105 – Adult
Late Registration (after May 13)	\$255 – Scout, \$130 - Adult

2 Leaders FREE per Pack with your unit's Resident Weekend registration

Each unit can make only one registration per camp session. Only one person, the Unit Registrar, should manage the registration, enter information, and make payments on behalf of the unit. (Parents should contact their unit registrar to register their youth to go to camp.)

For more information and to register: <https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/resident-weekends/>

Michael's Woodshop



Conveniently located at Camp William B. Snyder, Michael's Woodshop is an incredible resource which may be reserved for use by all NCAC Units & Scouts.

Michael's Woodshop operates year-round with opportunities for youth of all ages to participate in a variety of shop activities. Holding a Den project session is just one way to use the shop. Michael's Woodshop also offers great Baloo the Builder and Webelos Build It workshops, Woodwork Merit Badge classes and has recently added several new Woodshop Specialty Classes. In addition, the shop is a great venue for hosting Eagle Scout and Summit Award projects as well as conservation projects and other unit activities.

Here is the link to their latest quarterly newsletter [Michael's Woodshop News Winter 2022-23](#) which was just posted to their webpage.



National/International Recognition Days/Weeks/Months Calendar

MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Here is a listing of some of the things we can celebrate this month. To get a full list of the Day, Week, or Month celebrations for the month go to [National Day Calendar](#)

- Mar 1 - [National Peanut Butter Lover's Day](#)
- Mar 2 – [National Old Stuff Day](#)
- Mar 3 – [National Dress in Blue Day](#)
- Mar 4 – [National Grammar Day](#)
- Mar 5 – [National Cheese Doodle Day](#)
- Mar 6 – [National Oreo Day](#)
- Mar 7 – [National Flapjack Day](#)
- Mar 8 – [International Women's Day](#)
- Mar 9 – [National Meatball Day](#)
- Mar 10 – [National Pack Your Lunch Day](#)
- Mar 11 – [National Johnny Appleseed Day](#)
- Mar 12 – [National Plant a Flower Day](#)
- Mar 13 – [National Good Samaritan Day](#)
- Mar 14 – [National Pi Day](#)
- Mar 16 – [National Panda Day](#)
- Mar 18 – [Global Recycling Day](#)
- Mar 19 – [International Read to Me Day](#)
- Mar 20 – [World Storytelling Day](#)
- Mar 21 – [World Puppetry Day](#)
- Mar 22 – [International Day of the Seal](#)
- Mar 23 – [National Puppy Day](#)
- Mar 24 – [National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day](#)
- Mar 25 – [Tolkien Reading Day](#)
- Mar 26 – [National Spinach Day](#)
- Mar 27 – [National Scribble Day](#)
- Mar 28 – [National Weed Appreciation Day](#)
- Mar 29 – [National Little Red Wagon Day](#)
- Mar 30 – [National Take a Walk in the Park Day](#)
- Mar 31 – [National Crayon Day](#)

Scouts BSA Merit Badge Week at Camp Snyder



Camp Snyder has some amazing facilities. Among those are our Woodshop and our STEM facility. We have created a Scouts BSA Specialty week designed to showcase the activities we can provide for all our Scouts. Want to earn your Woodworking or Woodcarving Merit Badge? Want to learn about Drones and spend some time in our STEM lab. Come out and spend a week of your summer with us.

Combine your interest in merit badges with camping, dining, swimming, boating, and many other summer camp favorites.

There are two attendance options: 1) You can stay at Camp Snyder all week and camp overnight or 2) You can choose to be a day-only participant and just stay for the merit badges.

When: July 16 - 22

Early Bird Resident Scout Registration (up to Apr 16):	\$455
Early Bird Day Scout Camper Registration:	\$355
Early Bird Adult Registration:	\$225
On Time Resident Scout Registration (up to May 14)	\$485
On Time Day Scout Registration:	\$385
On Time Adult Registration	\$265
Late Resident Scout Registration (after May 14)	\$505
Late Day Scout Registration:	\$405

1 Leader is FREE with your Troop registration of 5 or more Scouts. Units who plan to send 5 or more scouts must provide a minimum of 1 adult leader per 5 scouts.

Each unit can make only one registration per camp session. Only one person, the Unit Registrar, should manage the registration, enter information, and make payments on behalf of the unit. (Parents should contact their unit registrar to register their youth to go to camp.)

For more information and to register: <https://www.gotosnyder.org/summer-camp/specialty-week/>



Still Time for High Adventure!



ACT NOW! Time is Running Out for these 2023 NCAC Trips!

Philmont – *Rocky Mountain Backpacking*, Crew 719-O, 07/17-31, \$2695

Includes White Water Rafting & Pike’s Peak Railway!

Sea Base – *St Thomas STEM Eco Sailing*, Crew TE071123-B, 07/11-16, \$1990

Lenhok’sin *Backcountry Backpacking*, 07/02-08 (crew of 12), \$455Y/\$225A (until 04/14/23)

Training Opportunities

My.Scouting.org



My.Scouting.org is a portal for adults and leaders providing access to their account data, online training. If you are an adult member of Scouting, you ought to have a My.Scouting.org account. Why? Maybe the two biggest reasons are a) you can update your contact information directly in the BSA national database, and b) you can take online versions of almost all BSA training courses you need to understand the Scouting program and to be considered “trained” in your position (an exception is Scouts BSA’s Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills training course).

For additional information go to <https://www.bsacac.org/resources/my-scouting-org/>.



Spring Wilderness First Aid Courses at Camp Snyder



Get Wilderness First Aid certified! Through our Outdoor Preparedness Initiative (OPI), NCAC offers Wilderness First Aid training (WFA) once a month at Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA. Be prepared for a BSA national or local high adventure, a unit trip, or just outdoor adventure in general. If you are attending NCAC’s Lenhok’sin High Adventure – whether you are backpacking on the Trail Trek or whitewater canoeing on the River Trek – you need at least one crew member with Wilderness First Aid training.

OPI’s spring course dates are on the calendar! Courses fill up fast, so be sure to sign up soon.

March 25-26, 2023

April 22-23, 2023

or

May 20-21, 2023

Visit www.ncacbsa.org/opi-wfa to learn more and select your course.

OPI provides certification through the American Red Cross. The training is for adults and youth ages 14 and up.

Climbing Instructor Training 2023



Learn how to help Scouts climb on nearby natural rock and become a resource for your unit. This year the NCAC Climbing Committee offers four Climbing Level I Instructor class sections:

- April 15-16 at **Great Falls Park**, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. [Logistics memo](#)
- May 6-7 at **Sugarloaf Mountain**, 8:15 am to 6:00 pm. [Logistics memo](#)
- Sept 16-17 at **Sugarloaf Mountain**, 8:15 am to 6:00 pm. [Logistics memo](#)
- Sept 23-24 at **Great Falls Park**, 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. [Logistics memo](#)

Contact the course director at ncac.climbing@gmail.com to register. Register in and attend only one weekend section. \$40 fee

Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS)



Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS) is an optional course offered to adult leaders who have completed the required training in their Scouting program. This course assists Scouters working with youth in the backcountry by providing the skills necessary to conduct a safe and risk-managed high adventure program in venues outside those supported by BSA infrastructure. It has been continuously designed to address new and emerging issues, techniques, and gear.

BCOLS has three key goals:

- Provide adult leaders with an understanding of safety and risk management issues in the back country environment.
- Expose adult leaders to interpersonal, small group dynamics, and leadership models consistent with National syllabi and curricula.
- Familiarize adult leaders with the planning processes, skills, and equipment necessary to a successful back country adventure.

BCOLS consists of two parts (Both sessions must be attended to get credit for the course):

- One day-long classroom session (Saturday March 4, 2023 at Huntingtown UMC, 4020 Hunting Creek Rd, Huntingtown, MD):
 - Working Together — covers needs and characteristics of the age group; discusses group dynamics and the interpersonal skills needed to build and maintain a high-performance team.
 - Trek Planning and Preparation — covers the detailed preparation and planning that is necessary to a successful Trek and includes risk management, Leave No Trace principles, and discussion and displays of the personal and crew equipment used for Trekking, as well as other Trek tools.
- Two-day weekend outdoor session (Saturday April 22 thru Sunday April 23, 2022 at American Chestnut Land Trust, 2650 Scientists Cliff Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678):
 - Provides a mix of skill presentations and hands-on practice. Activities include Leave No Trace camping skills, problem solving through initiative games, the use of bear bags/canisters, equipment maintenance, stove maintenance, water treatment, menu planning and trail cooking (and clean-up), terrain awareness, health and safety and personal hygiene issues, hands-on land navigation, and trail meditations.

Requirements for attending BCOLS:

- Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and age 18 or older.
- Have completed the basic position-specific training courses for their Scouting role.
- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record. Parts A, B, and C are required which includes a physical.

To Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-64984>. Closes Feb 27

Cost: \$65

Wood Badge 2023



Wood Badge is the Boy Scouts of America's ultimate leadership training designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of Scouters in all aspects of the BSA, whether unit, district, or council level – from assistant den leaders to Scoutmasters, from Cubmasters to Venturing Advisors, from committee members to commissioners. It is a fun, energetic and inspiring course guaranteed to infuse your unit with fun and meaning – all designed to fulfill the mission of the BSA, and ensure our youth is getting everything they are promised from the program.

Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles and successful organizations throughout the country. Participants can expect to develop skills in many areas, including leadership theory, team building, problem-solving, communication, project planning and more. These skills can be taken back to packs, troops, crews and ships to help leaders guide youth in dynamic Scouting programs. Scouters will find these skills invaluable in their business and personal lives as well.

Wood Badge consists of two parts:

- The first five full days is the initial group training, usually held over two weekends – the first weekend Friday through Sunday, and the second Saturday and Sunday (Both weekends must be attended).
- The second part requires participants to apply the skills they learned by completing a 5-part plan (called a "ticket") over the following 18 months, leading towards the individual participant's vision of a better Scouting future.

Requirements for attending Wood Badge:

1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and age 18 or older.
2. Have completed the basic position-specific training courses for their Scouting role.
3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the Annual Health and Medical Record. Parts A, B, and C are required which includes a physical. Part C is required for everyone, including people who are not present for more than 72 hours.

Spring Course: March 31- April 2 and April 22-23. Registration closes 3/18/2023

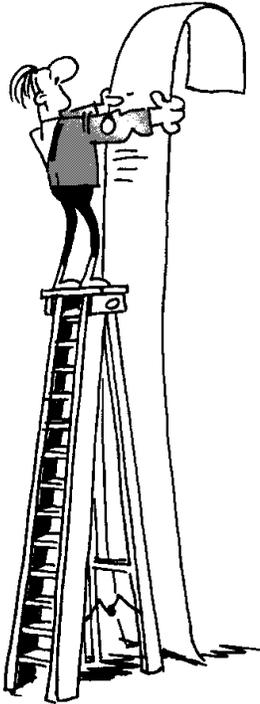
Summer Course: May 5-7 and June 3-4. Registration closes 5/5/2023

Cost: \$300

Note: **Wood Badge could be postponed or delayed based on covid restrictions**

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District Calendar



March 2023	
8	Roundtable
8	OA Chapter Meeting
9	Commissioner Mtg
11	District Pinewood Derby
13	Student Holiday
22	District Committee
27	Student Holiday

April 2023	
12	Roundtable
12	OA Chapter Meeting
13	Commissioner Mtg
14-16	Spring Camporee
22	Life to Eagle Training
26	District Committee

May 2023	
5-7	Goose Creek Chapter OA Spring Ordeal
10	Goose Creek Court of Honor/Program Launch
10	OA Chapter Meeting
11	Commissioner Mtg
24	District Committee
29	Memorial Day

June 2023	
14	Roundtable
14	OA Chapter Meeting
15	Commissioner Mtg
21	District Committee

July 2023	
4	Fourth of July

August 2023	
9	Roundtable
9	OA Chapter Meeting
10	Commissioner Mtg
19	Life to Eagle Training
23	District Committee
24	First Day of School

September 2023	
4	Labor Day
13	Roundtable
13	OA Chapter Meeting
14	Commissioner Mtg
25	School Holiday
27	District Committee
30	Webelos-o-ree

October 2023	
9	School Holiday
11	Roundtable
11	OA Chapter Meeting
12	Commissioner Mtg
21-22	JOTA/JOTI
25	District Committee
30-31	School Holiday

November 2023	
1	OA Election Cycle Begins
4	Scouting for Food (SFF) Notices out
7	School Holiday
8	Roundtable
8	OA Chapter Meeting
9	Commissioner Mtg
11	SFF Food Pickup
18	Life to Eagle Training

December 2023	
13	Roundtable
13	OA Chapter Meeting
14	Commissioner Mtg
27	District Committee

January 2024	
10	Roundtable
10	OA Chapter Meeting
11	Commissioner Mtg
15	MLK Jr. Day
22	School Holiday
23	District Committee

February 2024	
9-10	Scout Jumuah
9	Scout Shabbat
11	Scout Sunday
14	Roundtable
14	OA Chapter Meeting
15	Commissioner Mtg
19	President's Day
21	District Committee