



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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 For Everyone

 New Article
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Information



from the official BSA Blog, <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2023/01/05/1-million-and-growing-bsa-membership-is-on-the-rise/>

1 million and growing: BSA membership is on the rise

I've been authorized to announce that [2022] BSA membership has exceeded its year-over-year numbers by more than 3%.

Around mid-December, the BSA's youth membership surpassed 1,025,000, which was the organization's goal for 2022. By the end of the year, the BSA was serving more than 1,042,000 members.

Coming off the COVID-19 pandemic and the bankruptcy proceedings, BSA officials knew that the 2022 recruiting numbers would go a long way toward determining the future of the organization.

So, they set a lofty goal: 1.042 million members was the result of nine consecutive months of membership growth and a retention rate of more than 70% across the board.

A team effort

The 2022 recruiting success story is the result of extensive collaboration between the local councils and the National Service Center, as each worked together to develop goals and plans for recruiting. As a result, 176 councils exceeded their year-end growth.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the dedicated efforts of our thousands of volunteers, enthusiastic parents ... and all of the Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA members, Explorers, Sea Scouts and Venturers who invited their friends to join them on their Scouting adventures.

We encouraged our Cub Scout leaders to recruit new members in the spring, and they did. By fall, we could tell it was working.

Cub Scout youth membership grew by 10.24% over the course of the year.

We asked you to think about how you recruit older youth to the BSA, and you did that, too. Most notably, the BSA's Exploring program grew by 17.35%.

Where do we go from here? One of the great things about Scouting's programs is that, in lots of ways, they can recruit themselves during non-traditional recruiting seasons.

When you wear your unit's T-shirts while picking up trash in your community, going on a hike, or attending a city council meeting, you're signaling to your neighbors that the BSA is here, and we're ready to provide kids with the skills they need to succeed in life.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Cub Scout Day Camp/Twilight Camp 2023



Yes, Virginia, there is a Day Camp!

Our beloved annual Day and Twilight Camps are a go this summer! Our fearless Camp Team is currently in hard pursuit of a new site to hold our camps for this year, so we do not have a site at this time. This means we also don't have a firm date yet, though we hope to run the camps on June 12-16 (Day Camp) and June 12-15 (Twilight Camp).

We will spread the word far and wide the moment we have results. 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!

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...

Freeze-o-ree 2023



Once again it is nearing the time of the year for the Goose Creek District Freeze-O-Ree. This year the event will be held the weekend of February 10-12, 2023 at Camp William B. Snyder.

Scouts should ALWAYS be prepared, and this year is no different - the Freeze-O-Ree camp has been overrun by a zombie hoard, and Scouts will have to use their scouting skills to help defend against the invasion, survive in a post-apocalyptic world and start to rebuild. After a Saturday full of fun, there will be a campfire where awards will be given out to the patrols who got the most points during the day, as well as to winners of special competitions. Campfire skits that use the Invasion theme earn bonus recognition.

Each event at the Freeze-O-Ree will be based on the patrol's ability to work together as a team, their general scout skills, and their scout spirit.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's Freeze-O-Ree. If you have any questions, please contact the Goose Creek Freeze-O-Ree Coordinators at FreezeORee@goosecreekdistrict.org, or Chapter Adviser Rich Pender, rich.pender@goosecreekdistrict.org.

Registration is open at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-56636> and closes Feb 8.

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!



Scouting for Food Results



Goose Creek District Scouts came out in force to complete a good deed.

Together, with the Scouting Spirit at their backs, our Scouts collected close to 60,000 pounds of food! The MOST collected in the entire National Capital Area Council!

The SFF Goose Creek final numbers are in!

- 49 units participated out of 78
- 59,835 pounds of food collected
- 579 Adults
- 809 Scouts
- 13 food pantries/ community organizations received food



From Our District Executive - Wishing YOU an Incredible 2023 Scouting Year!



2023 is going to be absolutely EPIC!

To say that I am excited to go on this adventure with you all, would be an understatement.

Together, we are going to make an incredible impact on our youth. The efforts we put forth today, will impact generations to come. Just think about that for a moment.

If a smile is currently spreading across your face and your heart is growing from the warmth of accomplishment, good!!!! YOU deserve it.

Let's Get Started!

1st:

Get involved. As a parent of two Goose Creek District Scouts, from Cub Scouts to Eagle Rank, I was involved, in both little and large time commitments. Today, the memories I have of our family being involved in Scouting, are my dearest. I hold them tight, as my Scouts are now at University.

I want to encourage all parents of Scouts to participate within your Scout's Unit. By doing so, your relationship with your Scout will be strengthened and you will learn a great deal.

I would love to visit each Unit within our District and discuss with you how to get involved without feeling overwhelmed.

2nd:

Is your Unit NOT seeing ALL Scouts and/or Adults on your 2023 Unit Roster?

Or, is your Unit stuck in the Recharter Process?

The NCAC Registrars are UNABLE to POST charter renewals that HAVE Applications Pending online, at my.scouting.org.

These Youth and Adult Applications must be Accepted by your Unit's Chartered Organization Representative, COR and Committee Chair, CC.

The COR, or Delegate- your COR may go into my. Scouting.org and add another adult from the Unit as the Delegate by entering their contact info and clicking, Save.

The COR or Delegate must Accept all Adult Applications to OFFICIALLY be Added to your 2023 Roster.

The CC must Accept all Youth Applications to OFFICIALLY be Added to your 2023 Roster.

3rd:

Is your Unit missing communication from families who want to join your Unit?

COR, Chartered Organization Representatives & Committee Chairs, CC you may receive the following email, please respond in a timely manner. If you do not, the family interested in joining your Unit, will not receive **ANY** correspondence.

Following, is exactly the email all COR, and CC will receive.

You have Applications!

Member ID: 123456

You are receiving this email because you have people wanting to join your unit!

Please [click here](#) to navigate to the tool called Application Manager to view and where appropriate take timely action on open applications. The Pending Summary section identifies which applications are in the different pending statuses needing leader attention.

For a tutorial on how to use Application Manager please [click here](#) to watch the YouTube video.

4th:

When is your Unit's 2023 Goose Creek Friends of Scouting, FOS Campaign?

It is vitally important to know that our District is a 100% locally funded 501C3. Donations made by you stay within our District and support Scouts of Loudoun County.

The annual fundraising campaign directly supports our ability to provide high-quality programs for any Loudoun County youth, who wants to be a Scout.

We rely heavily on contributions from our families to provide all the functions necessary for your Scouting experience - year-round activities and programs, training, registration, insurance, record keeping, program materials, operation of our camps, and full-time staff support.

On average, we spend \$240 per Scout, to provide these crucial local support services for one year of Scouting programs.

The Goose Creek District goal is to have 100% participation (at any level) from all families.

Units, please book your FOS Campaign Date for 2023. Email me directly: melainie.leitert@scouting.org.

Together, we are making a true difference in the lives of young boys & girls.

Smile and Hug your Scout Today, tell them you are proud of all they are becoming.

Always, Yours In Scouting,
Melainie Leitert
517-990-4770

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



Fast cars and boss designs at the district 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 Corner is dedicated to Range safety and how important it is to have certified Rangemasters and instructors supervising our BSA events. Below is a link to a tragic event on a BSA range in Hawaii that happened this past summer. <https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2023/01/19/big-island-family-sues-boy-scouts-american-over-accidental-shooting-death/>. Here's another link to the same tragic event with a little more detail about unauthorized firearms. 3 to face firearms offenses in child's shooting death at Hawaii Boy Scouts camp.

Month of February available training:

- NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course Centreville, VA 2/5/2023
[Click for details](#)

If interested in serving in GCD Shooting Sports, send your name, years of experience and unit # to: John Witek, GCD Shooting Sports Chair, john.witek@goosecreekdistrict.org to be added to the GCD Shooting Sports Basecamp project.

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!

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.



Commissioners Needed to Serve and Support



Everyone needs a friend to talk to, ask questions and lend a helping hand. The Commissioner team are the friends of the unit and unit leaders. This team of dedicated Scouters are committed to reaching out to Packs, Troops, and Venture Crews to serve as mentors, advisors, and coaches to Unit Leaders and Committee Chairs. Our Unit Commissioners help to answer questions, provide helpful information, and when needed, ensure the unit is provided with the assistance and support needed to operate highly successful Scouting program. Our Commissioners can help to connect the unit with District resources to help and assist with recruiting new members and adult volunteers, finding out about district events and training, and even help with starting a new unit and seeing them through their first two years.

The Commissioner staff is being organized and aligned to serve and assist units in the seven service areas that make up the Goose Creek District. We are working to bring a Community focus in delivering the Scouting program across Loudoun County and promoting a sense of inclusion as we engage with our units and the youth and families in the community.

We are in need of more Commissioners, volunteers with a passion for Scouting and a desire to help others in their efforts in operating their units, and making sure everyone has a great Scouting experience. If you have the desire to serve and share your knowledge, skills, and experience with other fellow Scout leaders come join our team.

Please contact Thomas Price, Goose Creek District Commissioner at: Thomas.price3@verizon.net for additional information.



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 1st 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:

Herbert Hermann – Troop 1550

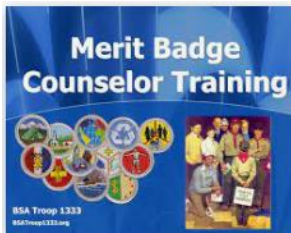
Marie Hunter – Troop 2012G

Brian Kopp – Troop 966

Altaf Syed – Troop 1907

In 2022, 123 Scouts made Eagle in Goose Creek with a total of 15,820 project hours. The Council had 1,285 Eagle Scouts with 187,692 project hours.

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 on February 1. 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 15 or 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.



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.



Seeking Counselors & Volunteers – CUA Merit Badge University



The Washington DC District, National Capitol Area Council is seeking Merit Badge Counselors and volunteers for the next in-person Merit Badge University at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 22 & Sunday, April 23, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day

We are seeking enough counselors and non-counselor volunteers to make this event viable by Monday, March 20, 2023. With your help, we can get this message out to make a great event for Scouts.

This event will be conducted in compliance with City, University, & Scouts BSA policies. All counselors and volunteers will be expected to be good neighbors and comply with the policies of our host institutions and organizations.

If you'd like to be a Merit Badge Counselor at the event, please sign up [here](#). If you aren't currently registered as a counselor, that's OK. We're happy to onboard and train anyone willing to donate their time and energy.

For a running live list of counselors who have signed up for the event, check out this [spreadsheet](#).

Please know that we will happily accept multiple sessions for the same badge. Non-summer camp hobby and vocational badge sessions as well as Eagle-required badges tend to fill to capacity quickly once registration opens.

If you'd like to be a Non-Counselor Volunteer, please sign up [here](#). These sessions are open to all troops, so male and female adults are needed for coverage.

Event registration for participants will be announced through District and National Capital Area Council outlets and processed through NCAC's in-house registration system: Blackpug.

Feel free to send all questions about the event to Bill Pzedpelski, 2023 Merit Badge University Lead, at bill.pzedpelski@gmail.com.



Adams Eagle Project of the Year Information



Do you know of an Eagle Scout that completed a project worthy of recognition? Nominate them for the Glenn Adams Eagle Project of the Year Award! Nominations are due by February 17th, 2023. For more information, as well as the nomination form, visit [Adams Eagle Scout Project Award - National Capital Area Council](https://www.ncacbsa.org) (ncacbsa.org) For consideration, the nominated Eagle Scout must have had the Board of Review between 1 Jan- Dec 31 the year prior to recognition.



2023 Merit Badge Changes



BSA has released information on the 2023 changes to Scouts-BSA advancement requirements on their website at <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>.

MERIT BADGE CHANGES

American Business	Geology
Animal Science	Golf
Archery	Hiking
Architecture	Inventing
Composite Materials	Mammal Study
Cooking	Nature
Cycling	Personal Fitness
Digital Technology	Plant Science
Disabilities Awareness	Programming
Emergency Preparedness	Reptile and Amphibian Study
Environmental Science	Salesmanship
Family Life	Small-Boat Sailing
Farm Mechanics	Snow Sports
Game Design	Sports
Genealogy	Swimming

The 2023 Scouts BSA Requirements Handbook (BSA Publication No. 33216) should soon be available for purchase on ScoutShop.org and in Scout Shops.



BSA Merit Badge Hub



The new [BSA Merit Badge Hub](https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/) 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.



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.

Please note that this does not cover all of material covered in the Life to Eagle Seminars the district holds that your troop Advancement Chair/Eagle Coordinator should attend.

We Need More District Eagle Representatives



Goose Creek District currently only has five District Eagle Representatives (DER), three of whom are in the Sterling area. We need more, especially in South Riding, Ashburn, and western Loudoun.

What does a DER do?

- Provides the final approval for Eagle Scout Project Proposals. The DER ensures that the project meets the standards for an Eagle Project and more importantly, talks to the Scout about the planning and leadership requirements of the project. The DER will also go over with the Scout about the entire Eagle process, from requirements still needed to filling in the Eagle Scout Rank Application and what to expect at the Eagle Board of Review.
- Represents the Council at an Eagle Board of Review.

What does it take to be a DER?

There are no set requirements to be a DER but people interested usually have several years of experience with a troop as either a Scoutmaster, ASM, or committee member. We also ask that they attend one of our Life to Eagle Training seminars, which goes over the minutiae of the Eagle process that they will have to be familiar with, and to sit down with the District Advancement Chair for a short, philosophical discussion of the process.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in becoming a DER please contact the District Advancement Chair, Alan Steiner, AlanSteiner15@gmail.com



Update to National Outdoor Challenge Requirements



One of the requirements for earning the Scoutmaster Key is the National Outdoor Challenge Award.

Requirement 2 of the **National Outdoor Challenge Award** has been updated and divided into an either/or to help units which had reduced camping during the pandemic.

2a. Our troop conducted 10 outdoor trips or activities with at least 50 percent of the registered youth participating.

OR

2b. Our troop increased the number of outdoor trip or activities compared to the previous year.

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



New NCAC Scout Executive



The National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America (NCAC) is pleased to announce Mario Perez as Scout Executive/CEO as of January 1, 2023. Craig Poland, the former CEO and Scout Executive, retired on December 31, 2022.

Since 2019, Perez served as Deputy Scout Executive/Chief Operating Officer of the NCAC. Previously, he served as the Scout Executive/CEO of the Yucca Council, Boy Scouts of America. Yucca Council serves nearly 5,000 youth and over 2,200 volunteers throughout West Texas and Southern New Mexico. Over a twenty-one year career, Perez has successfully served four BSA Councils and helped to achieve Council objectives in the development and implementation of programs for Scouts of all ranks. His aptitude to work with youth and adults from diverse backgrounds and socio-economic conditions (rural, urban, multi-cultural, corporate, military etc.) has helped in the accomplishment of successful volunteer recruitment, youth membership growth, innovative fund-raising programs and creative youth program delivery.



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**



25th Anniversary Venturing Lock-In



The Venturing program is what many scouts do to have more adventurous activities while still staying true to the scouting principles that draw so many to scouting. This year, Venturing turns 25 years old! To celebrate, the Council Venturing Officers' Association (CVOA), is hosting a lock-in at Sportrock Climbing Center in Alexandria, VA.

This will be an amazing opportunity with opportunities to rock climb, work on requirements for the mountaineering aspect of the Ranger award, hang out with some of the amazing scouts and Venturers in the council, and celebrate a milestone achievement for the Venturing community. This event is open to Venturers and non-Venturers. All that is required is that someone be of Venturing age (14 to 21 years old) and interested in doing some climbing.

The lock-in will be February 10-11, from 9 pm to 9 am. Sign-up can be completed using this link (<https://forms.gle/9Xx3Bk9MckR85UYU7>).

In 2022, the Council's theme was "Adventure On." Last year, our Scouts performed more than 440,000 hours of service to the community, 1,263 Scouts attained the highest rank of Eagle, and 5,372 youth experienced the outdoors at one of our camps.



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.

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>

The Akela Chess Classic Scouts BSA Tournament



Take on the fun and challenge of playing chess! The Akela Chess Classic is a five-round chess tournament open to all Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts from age 10 to 20. Tournament play is in three brackets: age 10-12, age 13-15, and age 16 and up.

When: February 11, check in at 8:30 AM. Rounds are at 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM and 2 PM. Awards at 3:30 PM.

Where: Marriott Scout Service Center, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

Fees: The cost is \$25.00 per Scout.

Awards: Each participating Scout receives a custom tournament patch and year rocker. Trophies/medals will be awarded to first, second, and third place by rank for each of the Cub Scout ranks. Multiple awards will be issued for ties.



Registration: Registration is open at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-ChessClassic>, registration ends midnight Feb 6.



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/>



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



Night Hike



When's the last time you went on a night hike, without flashlights? Nighttime is a great opportunity to learn about wildlife, to conquer fear of the dark, and to understand how our eyes work. Night hikes build important outdoor skills and hone your powers of observation. When one of the five senses is diminished the other senses compensate for the loss. During a night hike, sight (the sense most heavily relied on to orient ourselves) is reduced. A diminished sense of sight is disorienting so we will compensate by using hearing and touch.

- [Scoutmaster Clarke Green has prepared an outline](#) to using in preparing for a night hike with some experiments/activities to go along with it.

Scout Sunday, Scout Shabbat, and Scout Jumuah



Scouts try their best to live by the 12 points of the Scout Law seven days a week, 365 days a year. But each February, around the time of the BSA's birthday, we ask our Scouts to pause and pay extra attention to the Scout Law's finishing touch: reverent.

Through the celebrations known as Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath and Scout Jumuah, Scouts take a moment to reflect on their faith. Every unit can celebrate Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath and/or Scout Jumuah as they choose. But the occasions are especially important for Scout units supported by faith-based chartered organizations.



In those units, the celebrations offer a great opportunity to give back in a public way. That could mean wearing the full field uniform to worship services, where the worship leader presents religious awards to Scouts and Scouters. It could mean participating in the service by distributing programs, greeting guests, or leading a song or prayer. Or it could mean a daylong pack, troop, ship or crew service project that benefits the religious organization.

When is Scout Sunday 2023?

Scout Sunday 2023 is Feb. 5, 2022, according to the BSA's Calendar of Religious Observances, which stipulates that Scout Sunday should fall on the Sunday before the BSA's birthday on Feb. 8. But units and chartered organizations are free to schedule Scout Sunday on any Sunday in February. According to the BSA's official guidelines, a local church can "celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation."

You can buy the Scout Sunday 2023 patch, at [ScoutShop.org](https://www.scoutshop.org).

When is Scout Shabbat 2023?

Scout Shabbat 2023 is Feb. 10, 2023, according to the BSA's Calendar of Religious Observances and the National Jewish Committee on Scouting. Scout Shabbat (also called Scout Sabbath) is the Jewish observance of the significance of religion in Scouting. It begins at sundown on Friday, and continues into the next day.

Though the National Jewish Committee on Scouting has designated Feb. 10 as Scout Sabbath for 2023, some councils or units will celebrate the occasion on other days. Be sure to check with your council or local Jewish Committee on Scouting to verify the date.

When is Scout Jumuah 2023?

Scout Jumuah 2023 is Feb. 10, 2023, but units may adjust this date to best meet their needs. Scout Jumuah (sometimes stylized as Scout Jumu'ah) is the Islamic observance of the significance of religion in Scouting. It lasts from sundown on Thursday, Feb. 9, to sundown on Friday, Feb. 10. Scout Jumuah offers a chance to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting within the Muslim community.



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.

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

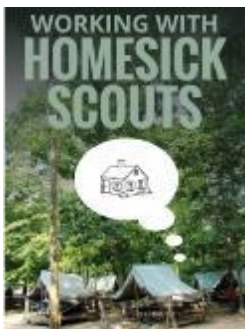
Early Bird Resident Scout Registration (up to Apr 16):	\$455
Early Bird Day Scout Camper Registration:	\$355
Early Bird Adult Registration:	\$225
On Time Resident Scout Registration (up to May 14)	\$485
On Time Day Scout Registration:	\$385
On Time Adult Registration	\$265
Late Resident Scout Registration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

Book – Working with Homesick Scouts



If you are headed off to camp this summer it's likely you will be working with one or more homesick Scouts. Understanding, preventing and treating homesickness ought to be approached like administering first aid for any other illness or injury. Homesickness is not imaginary, it's not an indication of weakness or lack of character, it's not a symptom of bad parenting or bad leadership and, thankfully, it's reasonably easy to prevent.

Scout leaders and parents of Scouts should consider following a homesickness prevention plan well before the Scouts are headed to camp. For advice on how to do this see this [article](#).



National/International Recognition Days/Weeks/Months Calendar



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](#)

- Feb 1 - [National Dark Chocolate Day](#)
- Feb 2 – [National Tater Tot Day](#)
- Feb 3 – [Bubble Gum Day](#)
- Feb 4 – [National Thank a Mail Carrier Day](#)
- Feb 5 – [World Nutella Day](#)
- Feb 6 – [National Chopsticks Day](#)
- Feb 7 – [National Periodic Table Day](#)
- Feb 8 – [National Boy Scouts Day](#)
- Feb 9 – [National Pizza Day](#)
- Feb 10 – [National Umbrella Day](#)
- Feb 11 – [National Inventors Day](#)
- Feb 12 – [National Pork Rind Day](#)
- Feb 13 – [National Clean Out Your Computer Day](#)
- Feb 15 – [National Gumdrops Day](#)
- Feb 16 – [National Do a Grouch a Favor Day](#)
- Feb 17 – [National Random Acts of Kindness Day](#)
- Feb 18 – [National Red Sock Day](#)
- Feb 19 – [National Chocolate Mint Day](#)
- Feb 20 – [National Love Your Pet Day](#)
- Feb 21 – [National Sticky Bun Day](#)
- Feb 23 – [National Toast Day](#)
- Feb 24 – [National Skip the Straw Day](#)
- Feb 25 – [National Chocolate Covered Nut Day](#)
- Feb 26 – [National Letter to an Elder Day](#)
- Feb 27 – [National Polar Bear Day](#)
- Feb 28 – [National Floral Design Day](#)



You might have been a Scouter too long when:

- Your last birthday cake was prepared and served in a Dutch Oven.
- Your favorite color is "olive drab".
- A trip to Philmont is a pilgrimage.

Training Opportunities

University of Scouting 2023 – Feb 25, 2023



The University of Scouting is a supplemental training opportunity for all adult Scout leaders. It is the only time during the year where you can find the widest variety of training opportunities in all program areas (Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, STEM, Online Scouting/Social Media, and District Operations), all in one place. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University provides interesting courses applicable across the Scouting programs.

- The College of Cub Scouting provides a wide variety of courses, from working with Cub Scout-aged boys and girls to pack administration to planning for an outdoor program, all focused on meeting Scouting goals while having fun as a pack or den.
- The College of Scouts BSA provides an exciting variety of troop, patrol and outdoor planning supplemental courses to help manage the challenges of a great troop experience.
- The College of Adventure Scouting provides a variety of classes in Adventure Scouting, High Adventure subjects, and resources for Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scout Troops.
- The College of General Studies offers courses that cut across all the programs. Just about everything from diversity and special needs to using technology can be found in the College of General Studies. STEM Scouts, District Operations, and Online Scouting/Social Media will be covered as subprograms within the College of General Studies.

All these opportunities are available at the University for learning how to better serve our young people and better work with our fellow leaders.

Fees: \$45 for students and \$30 for instructors taking classes. Walkins will be \$60

Where: Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Rd., Alexandria, Virginia 22315

Click [here](#) to register and get a listing of the 2023 classes and when they will be held. Click [here](#) for the 2022 catalog of classes that gives more detailed information about the classes

Registration closes February 24 at midnight.

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/>.



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**

NCAC Camp's OPI: Wilderness First Aid



Presented by the NCAC Camps, the Outdoor Preparedness Initiative (OPI) offers Wilderness First Aid certification with CPR/AED. OPI aims to prepare Scouts 14 and older, Scouters, and outdoor enthusiasts for high adventure activities and other outdoor adventures. Certification is provided through the American Red Cross.

This 2 day course will offer day only instruction Saturday from 7:30 am- 8 pm, and Sunday from 7:30 am – 4 pm. There will not be an overnight stay involved. Participants should bring their own lunch / snacks.

Cost: \$200

Where: Camp Snyder

Classes:

- Feb 25 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63545>

Climbing Instructor Training 2023



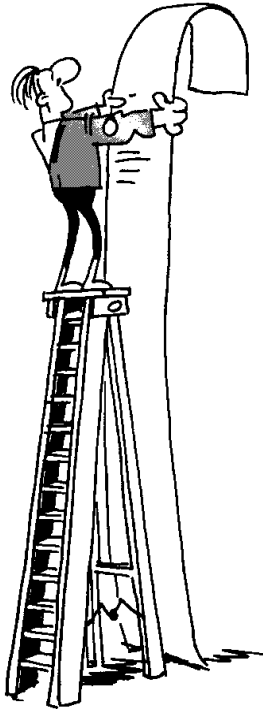
Learn how to help Scouts climb on nearby natural rock and become a resource for your unit. This year the NCAC Climbing Committee offers four Climbing Level I Instructor class sections:

- 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



District Calendar



February 2023	
5	Scout Sunday
8	Roundtable
8	OA Chapter Meeting
9	Commissioner Mtg
10-12	Freeze-o-ree
10	Scout Jumuah
10	Scout Shabbat
20	President's Day
22	District Committee
24	Univ. of Scouting

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
15	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