



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

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 For Everyone

 New Article /Updated Information



by Dr. Alan Steiner, *Goose Creek Newsletter Editor / District Advancement Chair*

The 6-Second Scout Law

Over time I've come to the realization that I can now tell how long a Scout has been active by how fast they can recite the Scout Law. I have also begun to wonder if those that say it so fast still remember what it is that they are actually agreeing to.

While most Scouts can easily recite the Scout Law, very few truly understand it. At Eagle Board of Reviews I will often ask the Scouts what certain parts of it mean and have been happily, and unhappily, surprised by some of their answers.

Often called the fundamental principles of Scouting, **the Scout Law describes the values that every Scout should follow to become an upstanding member in their community.**

In *Scouting for Boys*, Lord Baden-Powell wrote, "The Scout Law is not a rigid code of ethics to which a boy must submit; it is a simple, easy-to-remember, inspiring statement of some of the basic principles which a Scout should practice in his daily life."

Lord Baden-Powell considered the Scout Law to be one of the most important aspects of the Scouting program. He stressed the importance of living by the Scout Law, not just reciting it. That by incorporating the values into their daily lives, Scouts would develop strong character, become responsible citizens, and make a positive impact on their communities.

From trustworthiness to cleanliness in thought, word, and deed, each aspect of the Scout Law offers valuable insights that can guide our Scouts in their future. The Scout Law serves as a compass, pointing towards the qualities and values that are essential for them to thrive.

At our meetings we spend a lot of time helping Scouts to learn to say the Scout Law. Having done that we then need to spend time to ensure that they understand it. Let's get them to think about the words as they say them and eliminate the '6-Second Scout Law.'

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Accepting Nominations for District Award of Merit



Attention Goose Creek Scouters,

The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by Districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils. The award is available to Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the District level. It is the highest District award that can be given to a Scouter and the only “non-square knot” in the knot award group.

Nominees must:

- Be registered Scouters.
- Have given “noteworthy service to youth,” either inside or outside of Scouting—or both. (Note: The nature and value of “noteworthy service to youth” may consist of a single plan or decisions that contributed vitally to the lives of large numbers of youth or it may have been given to a small group over an extended period of time.)
- Consideration will be given to the nominee’s Scouting position and the corresponding opportunity to render outstanding service beyond the expectations of that Scouting position.
- The nominee’s attitude toward and cooperation with the district and/or council is to be taken into consideration.

You can’t nominate yourself, but if you know anyone who should be considered for this award, please complete the attached application and send to: Terry Kolb (terry.kolb@goosecreekdistrict.org) by November 27, 2023 with the subject line: “District Award of Merit Nomination”.

Please take a moment to recognize and nominate Scouters who have dedicated significant time to our District. Contact Terry Kolb with any questions.

[District Award of Merit Application](#)

District Uniform Closet



Did you know Goose Creek has a district uniform closet? We have gently used uniforms and uniform parts for Packs and Troops, and we hope to build up a collection for all units.

Let us know if you or someone in your unit needs a uniform boost.

We are also accepting uniform donations for all sizes and units. Give that shirt and neckerchief a new life!”

Email Shannon at howdyshan1@gmail.com, or text/call 317-833-3138 for more information.



District Committee Nominations Wanted



The Goose Creek District Nominating Committee is now accepting names of dynamic and motivated Goose Creek District Adult Leaders (like you!) for positions on the Goose Creek District Committee. You may nominate yourself or another such individual.

District Committee members are not faceless BSA bureaucrats toiling away on some high-level trivia far above your Pack or Troop level. Rather, the truth is that Committee members are the creators and coordinators of our District program and events that make the caring difference in the Scoutin experience for our youth.

Use the QR code or URL below to take you to an online form to view open District Committee positions with a critical need for the new Scout year: Marketing Coordinator

- Advancement Chair
- Marketing Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor
- Special Needs Scouting Advocate
- Web Platform Administration
- Roundtable and Unit Commissioners
- and more!



Nominations must be submitted by November 15, 2023 to be considered for the 2024 District Committee.

<https://rbrand.ly/14dwojl>

Send questions to John Blackwell, john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org

Financial Support for Families



The NCAC Council and Goose Creek District are committed to ensure that all Scouts and their families can participate and enjoy the great experience of the Scouting program. We firmly stand in support of our families in our community.

To assure that no Scout or family is left out, have your family or Unit Leader contact our District Executive and complete and submit the online Financial Support form for Families at: [NCAC-Financial Support - Family \(247scouting.com\)](https://www.ncacscouting.com)

Financial support is available for the following items to ensure that financial constraints are never a barrier to a youth;s ability to participate in Scouting:

1. Council Participation Fee
2. BSA Registration Fees
3. Summer Resident Camp
4. Summer Day Camp
5. Summer Speciality Camp
6. Youth Leader Trainings - N.Y.L.T.
7. Adult Leader Trainings - Wood Badge

Thank You to all of the individuals and organizations that have graciously given financial gifts to ensure that NCAC has the ability to offer this critical support.



Freeze-o-ree 2024



When: January 26-28, 2024

Where: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket VA

A Horde of Yeti's - the famed "Abominable Snowman" has descended upon our beloved Camp Snyder! A Scout is Friendly, so it's our mission to embrace Yeti Mania and welcome them to our camp. We'll do this with an amazing display of Scout Skills, Fun, and an incredible Campfire, awesome enough to warm even a Yeti's cold heart! Troops who embrace the Yeti theme will get extra points and special surprises!

REGISTRATION

Participation in the Freeze-o-ree is open to all Goose Creek District Troops and Crews!

Troops/Crews should register as a Unit (all participants under one single bulk registration). OA Staff will register as individuals (do not register them with the Unit). However, the cost per person is the same - \$22 each.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS IS MIDNIGHT, January 23, 2024. This includes all additions, subtractions and substitutions to all registrations. There is NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION - all participants must register and pay ONLINE.

Editor Note: Online registration has not been activated as of Oct 31. Continue to check the [NCAC Calendar](#) for Jan 2024 for when it goes live.

HEALTH/SAFETY

All Staff should bring their Health Forms A+B. All participants should have their health forms filed with their units. There will be a designated First Aid provider on site at all times.

PROGRAM

Saturday's program at the Freeze-o-ree will include events of Competition and Skill for Scouts between Patrols representing Scouts from the participating Units. 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. Those who gather the most points during the day will reap handsome Awards at the evening festivities. The annual Chili Cookoff returns for 2023 - every Patrol should bring their best. Adults can participate in a separate category, with chili to feed the hardiest Yeti!

Contact Chapter Chief Andrew Weitzel at ChapterChief@goosecreekdistrict.org or Chapter Advisor Dan Golding at dgolding@gmail.com for more information!



Spring Camporee Announcement!



The district Spring Camporee will be held April 12-14, 2024 at Camp Highroad in Middleburg. This year's theme will be centered on fun food related activities including an Iron Chef competition. Watch this space for more complete information over the coming months.



Shooting Sports Corner



This month in Shooting Sports brings us 5 GCD Scouters completing Basic Shotgun training last month and are on target to complete Shotgun Instructor class next month. These 5 Scouters will be drawn upon to help supervise our Cub Ranges and assist with firearm training at future events.

As the weather gets colder, some of you might go out hunting with your Scouts. Please remember the 3 NRA "Always" Rules:

- Always remember to keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction
- Always keeps your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
- Always keep the firearm unloaded until ready to use

Firearm safety is always important when out on a Scouting (or non-Scouting) event to have a great time so please remember the rules.

As always, visit www.NRA.org/training to select a training class that is suitable for you. That's all for this month and see you down the trail.

Onward and Upward"

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Kyle Armitage – Troop 982

Eric Aviles – Troop 1430

Max Cali – Troop 2012

William Hermann – Troop 1550

Ian Meyers – Troop 1159

Manohar Nookala – Troop 1159

Zayd Pathan – Troop 786

Thomas Sheffler – Troop 1430

Robert E. Burt Scout BSA Volunteer Award



The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award is a BSA-recognized Community Organization Award presented to members of the SAR in good standing who have displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting Program. Award criteria are based on work accomplishment and dedication rather than specific length of service time. The medal is awarded by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution upon nomination by a state society. Each state society may nominate at least two (2) awardees per calendar year. At the Spring SAR Leadership Meeting, the Eagle Scout Committee will determine whether a state society may nominate additional awardees during that calendar year using a formula based on each state's membership as of January 31st of that year. Awards not presented may not be carried over to subsequent years. Those individuals interested in the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award should review and complete the [application form](#).

Silver Beaver Award



The Silver Beaver Award is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Upon nomination by their local Scout council and with the approval of the National Court of Honor, recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those **who do not seek it**.

The Silver Beaver nomination document is available by clicking [here](#). The nomination form and supporting information packet for the Silver Beaver award should be emailed to silverbeaver@ncacbsa.org.

All nominations MUST be received at the MSSC no later than NOVEMBER 30 of this year.

For tips on how to write a viable Silver Beaver nomination go to <http://www.ncacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Silver-Beaver-Tips-2017.pdf>

Please note that you will need to address three areas in the nomination

- Record of Service in the BSA
- Standing in the community **exclusive of Scouting** (this is very important, probably more than the BSA service)
- Noteworthy service of exceptional character to youth

Life-to-Eagle Seminar



The next L2E Seminar is tentatively scheduled for.

Date: Sat, November 18, 2023

Time: 10:00 – 2:00

Place: Rust Library, Conference Room A

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.



Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor Training



Colonial District is sponsoring Citizenship in Society MBC Training on Saturday, November 18 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Franconia Family Moose Lodge. The training is free of charge. This training allows a prospective Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor to complete one of the requirements for qualifying to be a CIS MBC.

CIS MBC applicants can sign up for the training at:
https://scoutingevent.com/082-mbc_cis

Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program



Any Eagle Scout is eligible to apply who is still actively registered in a Scout unit provided that he does NOT reach his 19th birthday in the calendar year of application, whether he is enrolled in high school or college. There is no limit to the number of times a Scout BSA, Varsity Scout, or Venturer may apply. Prospective applicants should prepare for the Scholarship competition by earning the three recommended merit badges (American Heritage, Genealogy, & Law) and researching their ancestries while still Star or Life scouts.

Deadline for submission: 15 December 2023

Required Items for Application:

- Completed application form (see contact info below)
- **Four generation Ancestry Chart**
- Original essay with footnotes and bibliography, not to exceed 500 words written on an American Revolutionary Patriotic Theme.

Questions: George Washington Chapter SAR POC: Marty Johnson\703-675-4866/mjvt49@gmail.com



Eagle Scout Project Showcase



Looking for Eagle Scout service project ideas? Look no further than **Boys' Life's Eagle Scout Project Showcase**.

The site includes more than 101 Eagle Scout projects that visitors can browse by keyword, category and location. And you can submit your own project — or that of a Scout in your troop — to add it to the database.

That's the cool thing about this new resource from *Boys' Life* magazine: And it will only get better as more and more projects get added. Other features include:

- A searchable directory of projects: Know a Scout who wants to do a project at their church or at a historic site? Quickly find examples of those to get them started.
- A map of projects: Looking for projects near you?
- Tips for planning an Eagle project: Essential tips for Life Scouts.

A place to submit completed projects: Showing off is encouraged.



How to Request Congratulatory Letters for your Eagle Scout



Earning the Eagle Scout Award is something to write home about — literally. Politicians, astronauts, celebrities, and other recognizable figures have been sending hand-signed letters to new Eagle Scouts for, well, 100-plus years.

The very first congratulatory letter was sent in 1912 when the first Eagle Scout, Arthur R. Eldred, received a note from James E. West, the first Chief Scout Executive.

Today, parents and Scout leaders can request these scrapbook-worthy keepsakes from pretty much anyone with a mailbox. But who is known to respond, and how do you contact them? And when do you send off these requests anyway?

When to request Eagle Scout letters

After a Scout completes their board of review, he's officially an Eagle Scout. But most Scouts don't have their Eagle court of honor until weeks or months later, so that's your window for requesting and receiving letters.

Of course, any letters you don't get by the ceremony date can still be added to the Scout's Eagle Scout scrapbook later

Whom to ask for letters

- City and county officials: Your mayor, city council officials, school board president, superintendent, parks and recreation director
- Religious leaders
- State officials: The governor, your area's state legislators
- Business leaders: CEOs and executives at major corporations based in your city
- U.S. officials: The president, cabinet members, senators, representatives, military leaders, department heads
- Past presidents or elected officials no longer in office
- Prominent national people: astronauts, athletes, filmmakers, actors, and famous Eagle Scouts like Mike Rowe or Steven Spielberg
- Anyone who means something to your Eagle Scout: Get creative! Does he have a favorite author, athlete, musician, or actor? Try to track down that person's contact information. The letter may go unanswered, but it only costs you a stamp to try.

Where to find addresses

One excellent resource is from the [U.S. Scouting Service Project](#):

For addresses not listed there, find the appropriate Web site and look for the "Contact Us" link — usually at the top of the page or at the very bottom.

Some entities, such as NASA or the U.S. Army, allow you to submit request online. Many of those links are at the U.S. Scouting Service Project, as well.

What to include

The U.S. Scouting Service Project recommends including the Scout's full name, troop number, council, and a short description of his Eagle Scout service project. For best results, address it to a specific person, not an organization.

Including a self-addressed stamped envelope makes it that much easier to get a response.

Final thoughts

Go for quality over quantity. Think about it: Would your Eagle Scout prefer four or five letters from people that are important to them or three dozen mainly from people they have never heard of?

Plus, as the U.S. Scouting Service Project notes, keeping the total number of requests from new Eagles to a manageable size may prevent someone from refusing to accept requests altogether.

Bryan Wendel, senior editor of *Scouting* magazine has also written a short article on [how to request congratulatory letters](#).

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



Join Camp Staff



Every year, Camp Snyder and the six camps of Goshen Scout Reservation employ close to 300 highly motivated individuals to participate in the experience of a lifetime. For most positions, the primary focus is delivering program to youth and adult participants, whether in a program area or a wilderness outpost. Other responsibilities include general duties based on the operations of camp.

Room and board are provided. Staff at Snyder return home for their weekly day off while staff at Goshen live on site and go into town.

Job Requirements

We are seeking enthusiastic people who enjoy the outdoors. Prior experience with the Boy Scouts of America is not required.

- 21+ Specialty Leadership positions
- 18+ Area & Outpost Directors, other leadership
- 16+ Lifeguards, Lenhok'sin staff
- 15+ Program staff
- 14+ Counselor-in-Training

Camps

Goshen Scout Reservation is comprised of 3 Scouts BSA/Venturing Resident Camps (Camps Bowman, Marriott, and Olmsted), a Webelos Resident Camp (Camp Ross), Lenhok'sin High Adventure, and the administrative headquarters Camp Post. Camp Snyder primarily offers day and overnight programs for Cub Scouts, Tigers through Webelos, with two weeks of program for Scouts BSA.

Dates

Goshen camps (most): June 15 - July 30, 2024

Camp Snyder: June 15 - August 2, 2024

Interviews start in January 2024. Apply by January 19 to get a January interview slot!

Goshen Scout Reservation: www.gotogoshen.org/staff

Camp Snyder: www.gotosnyder.org/work

LOL



The loaded mini-van pulled into the only remaining campsite. Four Scouts leapt from the vehicle and began feverishly unloading gear and setting up the tents and tarp. Then two of the Scouts rushed to gather firewood, while the others set up the camp stove and cooking utensils.

A nearby camper marveled to the Scoutmaster, "That, sir, is some display of teamwork."

The Scoutmaster replied, "I have a system — no one goes to the bathroom until the camp is set up."



Goshen Camps



For those looking at Goshen summer camps for the first time, here are the different choices:

Camp Olmsted – Scouts BSA / Venturing

Camp Olmsted is a center for STEM, hosting the “Tech Center” with programs including robotics, animation, and design. Olmsted also offers wide variety of programs in aquatics, ecology, outdoor skills, shooting sports, and crafts. Units at Olmsted enjoy meals prepared in the Forster Dining Hall and take part in a dynamic “dining hall program.” Camp Olmsted offers camping for 400 and is the largest camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation.

Camp Bowman – Scouts BSA / Venturing

Units who attend Camp Bowman will take part in the Patrol Cooking program, creating the opportunity for Scouts to apply their new and developing scout skills. By working together to cook each meal and care for the campsite, Camp Bowman units see growth in scout independence and teamwork. Camp Bowman offers camping for 300, and includes program areas for outdoor skills, shooting sports, aquatics, crafts, and more.

Camp Marriott – Scouts BSA / Venturing

With a focus on vocational and trade skills, Camp Marriott offers a large variety of merit badge programs in areas including aquatics, ecology, outdoor skills, shooting sports, and eagle advancement. With an emphasis on vocational and trade skills, “The Guild” hosts classes in metal working, welding, automotive maintenance. Camp Marriott offers camping for 300 and offers patrol cooking and “heater stack” dining methods. Camp Marriott is also home to GSR’s Provisional Camp program.

Camp Ross – Webelos and AOL Scouts

With the goal to give scouts “a great week and an introduction to scouting,” Camp Ross serves as week-long introduction into the Scouts BSA program and future scouting experiences. Camp Ross offers camping for 300 and supports programs in nature, outdoor skills, crafts, shooting sports, and aquatics (including a water trampoline!). Units at Camp Ross enjoy meals from the Dining Hall and participate in camp songs and celebrations with the staff.

Lenhok’sin High Adventure – Backpacking and Canoe Treks



Based on a “plan your own adventure” structure, Lenhok’sin’s customizable Backpacking Trek and 61-mile James River Canoe Trek serve as a preparation opportunity for units who may be aspiring to attend a National High Adventure Base, such as Philmont or Northern Tier, in the future. Lenhok’sin backpacking units also take part in other high adventure activities including caving, black powder rifle shooting, blacksmithing, stand-up paddle boarding, and more!



2024 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 – 6/23 to 6/29

Week 3 – 7/7 to 7/13

Week 5 – 7/21 to 7/27

Week 2 – 6/30 to 7/6

Week 4 – 7/14 to 7/20

Week 6 – 7/28 to 8/3

Fees:

If paid by April 12: Youth \$475, Adults \$230

After April 12: Youth \$505, Adults \$270

- 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.



NCAC Family Camps



Fall EXPOs Family Camp at Camp Snyder

November 17-19, 2023

Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA welcome! Take part in climbing, target sports, STEM, crafts, and the popular Woodshop.

Family Camp at Goshen Scout Reservation

Memorial Day: May 26-29, 2023

Labor Day: September 1-4, 2023

Enjoy the beauty of Goshen and make the most of your weekend with fun for all ages!

Spring Family Camp at Camp Snyder

April 19-21, 2024

May 10-12, 2024

Get into the outdoors and enjoy spring with a variety of activities!

Register by going to www.gotogoshen.org & www.gotosnyder.org



2024 NCAC 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. 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 24 – June 28

Session 2: July 8-12

Early Bird Registration (up to Apr 14): \$250 – Scout, \$55 – Adult

On Time Registration (up to May 12) \$270 – Scout, \$60 – Adult

Late Registration (after May 12) \$290 – Scout, \$65 – 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/>

Please note that the day camps offered at Snyder are different from our beloved Day and Twilight Camps offered by Goose Creek. Although our camps were held at Snyder last year, they will be held at a different spot in 2024. Details have not been settled yet. Families are more than welcome to join a day camp at Snyder, or a Goose Creek camp, or both!

The Enhanced Messengers of Peace Recognition Program



The **BSA's Messengers of Peace program** has launched a series of enhancements designed to more clearly define the awards available and to make it easier to understand how to earn them.

The Messengers of Peace (MoP) initiative began in 2011, when the **World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM)** was looking for a way to encourage Scouts around the globe to do whatever they can to make the world a better place.

The BSA's Messengers of Peace program (you might recognize the patch that we all wear on our uniforms) falls under the framework of the WOSM program, with opportunities for everyone — from brand-new Cub Scouts to seasoned leaders — to make a difference.

“The Messengers of Peace program promotes a vision of Scouting beyond the Scout's own unit,” says Marcia Bettich, a member of the BSA's International Committee and the BSA Messengers of Peace chair. “It is designed to help Scouts gain an appreciation of their role in their communities and the world and to learn how they can act locally to truly effect global change.

“These enhancements emphasize that becoming a Messenger of Peace is not a just one-time event. Rather, it is a commitment to a life of service and peace.”

The 2023 enhancements were officially rolled out at the 2023 National Annual Meeting and the 2023 National Scout Jamboree and are effective immediately.

For more information on how to be a Messenger of Peace go to [this article](#).

★ 2024 Cub Scout Weekend Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Resident Camp is your bite sized introduction to a 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 Scout'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. Thursday night check in for all 3 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 20-23

Session 2: June 27-30

Session 3: July 11-14

Early Bird Registration (up to Apr 14):	\$260 – Scout, \$90 – Adult
On Time Registration (up to May 12)	\$280 – Scout, \$115 – Adult
Late Registration (after May 12)	\$300 – Scout, \$135 - 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/>

★ 2024 Camp Spring Service Weekends



GOSHEN VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKENDS

May 3 - 5, 2024

Open to members of the scouting community - youth and adults. Units and volunteers are invited to assist in camp beautification. Join us as we prepare for the 2024 season!

CAMP SNYDER YEAR-ROUND SAWDUST SATURDAYS

Join our volunteers for service days at Camp Snyder. Service Days run from 9am to 1 pm and feature projects such as carpentry and painting.

GOSHEN STAFF ALUMNI SERVICE WEEKEND

Run by the Goshen Staff Alumni Association (GSAA), this service weekend is open to Goshen staff alumni and their friends and family, ages 18 and up. Meet other staff alumni, new and old, spend time back at Goshen, and help us prepare for the 2024 summer season!

For information go to www.gotogoshen.org & www.gotosnyder.org



2024 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 of 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.

Have newly bridged scouts looking for rank advancement skills training and knowledge instruction for obtaining Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks try our Green Bar Bill Program. It's Perfect for new Scouts! NOTE: Green Bar Bill will be offered on Week 1 in 2024.

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

There are two attendance options: 1) Stay at Camp Snyder from Sunday – Saturday, complete your merit badges & enjoy a series of fun evening activities or 2) choose to attend from 9-5 Monday-Friday as a day-only participant for the merit badges class and rank advancement sessions..

Session 1: July 14 – July 20, 2024

Session 2: July 21 – July 27, 2024

Early Bird Registration (up to Apr 14):

Scout Resident Camper - \$470

Scout Day Camper - \$370

Adult - \$230

On Time Registration (up to May 12)

Scout Resident Camper - \$500

Scout Day Camper - \$400

Adult - \$270

Late Registration (after May 12)

Scout Resident Camper - \$530

Scout Day Camper - \$430

Adult - \$270

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/>



2024 NCAC Provisional Camps



Summer camp for individual Scouts BSA Ages 11-17, open to boys and girls

What is it?

Provisional Camp is a program offered for individual youth to attend camp on their own or in a small group without their unit and without having to bring their own adult leaders.

Goshen Provisional Camp - At Camp Marriott, Goshen Scout Reservation

Make new friends as you enjoy all the activities - whether that is New Scout Quest for new scouts, Goshen Vets for older scouts, standard camp favorites like swimming and rifle shooting, or unique offerings at Eagle's Eyrie and The Guild.

Runs weekly, Sunday to Saturday, from June 23 thru July 27, 2024.

Specialty Week – at Camp Snyder

Attend as a day or overnight camper and get a chance to earn standard and specialized merit badges at some of the unique facilities, like the Woodshop. New scouts should check out the Green Bar Bill program during Session 1 to work on rank advancement.

Session 1: July 14 - July 20, 2024

Session 2: July 21 - July 27, 2024

For information go to www.gotogoshen.org & www.gotosnyder.org



2024 NCAC Provisional Treks



High adventure trips for individual Scouts BSA & Venturers. Open to boys and girls

High Adventure Council Contingents

The NCAC High Adventure Committee annually sponsors trips for individuals to National High Adventure bases including Philmont, Sea Base, and Northern Tier. Ages 14+. When?: Various dates for 2024

www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure

Lenhok'sin Provisional RIVER Trek

Sponsored by the High Adventure Committee, this is the full Lenhok'sin whitewater canoeing experience for individuals. Come check out our local high adventure base! Ages 13+. When: July 7 - July 13, 2024

www.gotogoshen.org/lenhoksin

Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail Crew

Join a crew of Order of the Arrow youth dedicated to cheerful service. The first week is trail maintenance and the second week is the full Lenhok'sin trail trek experience. A great way to do high adventure at a reduced rate! Ages 14+. When: June 16 - June 29, 2024

<https://wipit470.org/goat.html>

#CubChatLive Audio Stream for Cub Scout Leaders



Becoming a better Cub Scout leader just got easier.

Do you drive to work? Hit the treadmill? Enjoy a morning cycle? How about a mid-afternoon hammock eye-resting sesh (we're looking at you, work-from-home readers)?

These are just a few of the places where you could be developing your leadership skills by listening to the newest iteration of the fan-favorite live show for Cub Scout parents and leaders.

Now, in addition to the weekly livestream event, the same great info is making it into the podcast edition of [#CubChatLive](#), too!

Why is #CubChatLive a podcast?

Since the show started, Scouting magazine staff has been overwhelmed with positive feedback and tremendous viewership. Volunteers say they love hearing from seasoned Scouters and engaging in the live dialogue with their fellow Cub Scout families. And it sounds like many leaders walk away with all kinds of inspiration and ideas from #CubChatLive.

But other pieces of feedback were also recurring:

- “A live show doesn't fit the varied schedules of the parents in our pack.”
- “I don't have Facebook or YouTube so I don't know how to watch.”
- “Honestly, I'd rather have something I can listen to in my car.”

We read you, loud and clear. And while the livestreams of #CubChatLive will always be available to rewatch, distribute or embed after each show ends, we've added an audio stream to ensure we can reach you wherever works best for you.

Ultimately, more inspired, engaged Cub Scout leaders means an even better Cub Scout program. And that means an even brighter future for your kids and our communities.

How to listen to #CubChatLive

You can subscribe to the audio stream of the show wherever you listen to podcasts.

In other words, open your preferred podcast app (if you're new to podcasts you could try an app like Apple Podcasts or Spotify). Type “#CubChatLive” in your app's search bar. Then, hit “subscribe” or “follow”.

To see a lineup of past episodes of the podcast and livestream, head to blog.scoutingmagazine.org/cubchatlive/ and be sure to catch new episodes on Fridays at 2 p.m. Central.



How Well Do You Know How to Stay Dry in the Rain



The best rain gear won't keep you dry if it's sized wrong, worn improperly or damaged through neglect. Take [this quiz](#) to see how much you know about staying dry in a storm.

To see how to choose the best rain gear to stay dry in stormy weather check out [this article](#).



How to Try on Hiking Boots and Shoes



This article is by Lisa Maloney from www.HikingAbout.com (site no longer active).

I go into sticker shock every time I visit the shoe section of a sporting goods store. Really? They want me to pay more than \$100 for footwear that I'm buying with the express intention of abusing it until it falls apart? On the other hand, your hiking shoes or boots will be the foundation of your every experience on the trail. You can't get far without them, and an ill-fitting pair can subject you to a smorgasbord of agonies from blisters to frozen, cramped, or sweaty feet.

In other words, expensive hiking boots are worth the cost -- if they live up to their promises. Quality hiking footwear is sturdy enough to protect your feet as you hike for miles, sensitive enough that you can feel your connection to the trail, and comfortable enough that -- if sized properly and worn with the right socks -- you'll rarely, if ever, have to deal with blisters, damaged toenails, and other symptoms of poorly fitted shoes.

The bad news is that there's no single cookie-cutter answer to which hiking boots are best, and there's really no way to be sure which boots will fit you well when shopping online (although you can measure your feet at home). However, once you actually have the boots in your hands, a few quick tests will show if they're right for you. Here's how to get ready:

- Go shopping near the end of the day, when your feet are at their largest.
- Wear the same socks and pants you'd wear to go hiking. If you expect to wear a wide range of socks -- say, thin socks for summer hiking and thick woolen socks for winter hiking -- bring the thickest and thinnest socks with you.

Once you're at the store:

1. Ask a salesman or saleswoman to measure both of your feet. This will give you a starting point for boot sizes, and it'll tell you if one foot is larger than the other.
2. Lace up both boots, stand up, and wiggle your toes. Your big toes should be close to, but not touching, the front of the toebox. Ask a helper to press his or her thumb down over the front of the boots, just front of your big toe. As a general rule, if there's a full thumb's-width of space between your big toe and the front of the toebox, the boots are too big. (Remember, this assumes you're already wearing your hiking socks -- including thick, winter socks if you're planning on using them.) Also, the lighter-weight (and thus more flexible) the footwear, the closer the fit you can get away with.
3. Roll forward onto your toes, then back onto your heels. Do this a few times. If the boots really fit well, your heels won't move up and down inside the boot at all. The more your heels move, the more likely you are to get blisters when using those boots.
4. Walk uphill and downhill. If the boots fit right, your feet will stay securely positioned; if they don't fit right, your heels will move around in the boot as you walk uphill, and your toes will slide forward against the edge of the toebox as you go downhill.

Take a stroll around the store at varying speeds. If you feel any pinches, pokes, rubs, or "hot spots" of friction anywhere in either boot, it's not the right footwear for your trail adventures.



National/International Recognition Days

2023

NOVEMBER

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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](#)

- Nov 1 – [Prime Meridian Day](#)
- Nov 3 – [World Jellyfish Day](#)
- Nov 4 – [National Candy Day](#)
- Nov 5 – [National Donut Day](#)
- Nov 6 – [National Saxophone Day](#)
- Nov 8 – [World Urbanism Day](#)
- Nov 9 – [World Freedom Day](#)
- Nov 10 – [National Vanilla Cupcake Day](#)
- Nov 12 – [National Pizza with the works except anchovies Day](#)
- Nov 13 – [World Kindness Day](#)
- Nov 14 – [National Family PJ Day](#)
- Nov 15 – [National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day](#)
- Nov 16 – [National Button Day](#)
- Nov 17 – [National Butter Day](#)
- Nov 18 – [Mickey Mouse Birthday](#)
- Nov 19 – [National Play Monopoly Day](#)
- Nov 20 – [National Peanut Butter Fudge Day](#)
- Nov 21 – [National Gingerbread Cookie Day](#)
- Nov 24 – [National Cashew Day](#)
- Nov 25 – [National Play with Dad Day](#)
- Nov 26 – [National Cake Day](#)
- Nov 27 – [National Barbarian Cream Pie Day](#)
- Nov 28 – [Red Planet Day](#)
- Nov 30 – [National Mousse Day](#)

Wreaths Across America



This year, National Wreaths Across America Day will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023. Join the more than two million volunteers and supporters who will gather to Remember, Honor and Teach at more than 4,000 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

You can also sponsor a veteran's wreath in honor of or in memory of a loved one who served in our armed forces.

For information on how to volunteer or sponsor a wreath go to <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/>



Tips to Buy Winter Gloves/Mittens



Choosing and buying winter gloves/mittens is that one decision which will help you keep yourself warm in the blistering winter. That's because your fingers and toes are the most sensitive parts when it comes to feeling cold. They get cold the fastest because heat escapes through them the fastest. It's only natural to want to protect them as much you can, to avoid going numb in the winter.

These articles will give you some tips for buying gloves/mittens. Go through them before you go shopping.

- [REI](#)
- [GearLab](#)



Headlamps: How to Choose



When you're setting up your tent at night, trail running at dusk, or just looking for something in your attic, you can't beat the hands-free lighting convenience offered by a headlamp. Headlamps today use LEDs almost exclusively as their light source. LEDs are rugged, energy-efficient and long-lasting.

So, what sets one headlamp apart from another? How do you know what to buy? To find out look at this [REI article](#)

Training Opportunities

My.Scouting.org



The My.Scouting.org portal is a critical resource for registered adults and unit leaders. It provides access to individual and unit account information, training records, reports, and metrics. If you are an adult member of Scouting, you should have a My.Scouting.org account to enable you to perform the following:

For individuals: a.) access and update your contact and personal information directly in the BSA national database. b.) take the required online Youth Protection Training course and print a certificate. c.) take online BSA training courses you need to understand the Scouting program and position specific training required to be considered fully "Trained". (Refer to the NCAC event calendar for additional in person training and outdoor training such as BALOO, Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills, BCOLS, and Powder Horn training).

For Units: a.) access and download the official unit roster maintained in the BSA national database. b.) monitor and track completion of YPT position specific training at a unit level. c.) respond to and track leads from BeAScout.org inquiries using "Invitation Manager" and processing online applications using "Application Manager".

Note: Adding individuals to Scout Book does not officially register an individual in Scouting, this must be done through processing an online application using "Invitation Manager" and "Application Manager".

For additional information regarding My.Scouting.org contact your District Executive or Unit Commissioner.

Wood Badge



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

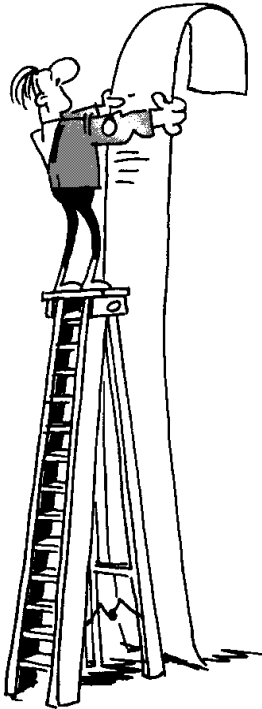
Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training and provides you with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas including Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing and the district and council. The 1st half of the course utilizes a classroom environment and practical exercises to teach the essentials of leadership. You'll learn what makes leadership work for you in Scouting and your personal life. The 2nd half offers classroom and outdoor experiences to help you learn the application of leadership skills. Finally, you will write and complete a "Ticket". The "Ticket" consists of five written goals. These goals connect your new leadership knowledge to your role in Scouting.

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

To register go to: www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/



District Calendar



November 2023

- 1 **OA Election Cycle Begins**
- 4 Scouting for Food (SFF) Notices out
- 8 Roundtable
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 Commissioner Mtg
- 11 SFF Food Pickup
- 18 **Life to Eagle Training**
- 29 District Committee

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
- 20 **Life to Eagle Training**
- 22 School Holiday
- 24 District Committee
- 26-28 **Freeze-o-ree**

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
- 28 District Committee

March 2024

- 5 Student Holiday
- 8-9 **District Pinewood Derby**
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner Mtg
- 25-20 Student Holiday
- 27 District Committee

April 2024

- 5 Student Holiday
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Commissioner Mtg
- 12-14 **Spring Camporee**
- 20 **Life to Eagle Training**
- 24 District Committee

May 2024

- 8 **Program Launch**
- 8 OA Chapter Meeting
- 9 Commissioner Mtg
- 22 District Committee
- 27 Memorial Day

June 2024

- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner Mtg
- 26 District Committee

July 2024

- 4 Fourth of July

August 2024

- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Commissioner Mtg
- 28 District Committee

September 2024

- 11 Roundtable
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 12 Commissioner Mtg
- 25 District Committee

October 2024

- 9 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 Commissioner Mtg
- 19-20 JOTA/JOTI
- 23 District Committee