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2015 Patriot District Pinewood Derby: Another Great Day of Scout Fun

The annual Patriot District Pinewood Derby (PWD) – the Super Bowl of Cub Scouting – was held on Saturday, March 7, at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Fairfax Station. The event was a great success again this year, with more than 130 Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Cub Scouts from 20 Packs participating in either the Speed or Show categories of the event. Also participating were several hundred accompanying parent, siblings, and friends who arrived in waves to share in the fun for each of the five Cub Scout rank categories. Andy Chaves (Pack 1101 Cubmaster) and Joe Margraf (Troop 1346 Scoutmaster) served as Masters of Ceremony again this year, and they enlivened and entertained the crowd throughout the day, effectively keeping the level of frivolity at a consistently high level. This year's derby again featured the multi-character impersonations of MC Joe Margraf, who appeared at various times as a lost Tiger shark from Burke Lake, a monk, a scruffy guy with a long beard (the oldest Cub Scout wannabe ever), a sorcerer/magician, and a confused baker intent on participating in the 'brownie' derby.

Repeating as chair for the District PWD this year was Pete Griffiths (Pack 1101 Committee Chair). Pete, a Pinewood Derby veteran and master track engineer and operator, also served as the Race Director for the Speed category. Participating Cub Scouts, all winners in their respective Packs in either the Speed or Show categories, competed in the same category in the District event. Each car in the Speed category raced in three heats using three different lanes of the track, with average time/speed determined electronically and serving to identify First, Second, and Third place winners for each of the five Cub Scout ranks. Greg Wagner (Troop 1524), another experienced PWD veteran, and Scout Jack Colby (Troop 1346) served as the officials responsible for loading cars at the start of each heat; the overall racing schedule involved a total of 67 heats for the five racing ranks. For the Show category, judging all of the entries was conducted by five senior Scouts from Troop 1346: Charlie Grass, Kavanaugh Redman, Drew Rummel, Brendan Hunt, and Sean Kelley.

Patriot District 2015 Pinewood Derby Winners in the Speed Category			
Scout Rank	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Tigers	Armann K. Pack 1968; 162.1 mph	Danny M. Pack 1865; 160.8 mph	Jack M. Pack 1864; 160.6 mph
Wolves	Henrik M. Pack 1534; 161.7 mph	Brayden S. Pack 1865; 161.6 mph	Ish C. Pack 115; 161.0 mph
Bears	Joey M. Pack 50; 162.7 mph	Owen B. Pack 1864; 159.7 mph	Tomas H. Pack 41; 159.6 mph
Webelos	Sergio B. Pack 1101; 159.9 mph	Trey V. Pack 50; 159.6 mph	Robert F. Pack 698; 159.5 mph
Arrow of Light	Will C. Pack 1344; 161.7 mph	Steven R. Pack 1346; 160.4 mph	Peter W. Pack 50; 160.2 mph
Patriot District 2015 Pinewood Derby Winners in the Show Category			
Scout Rank	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Tigers	Ari K. Pack 1865	Drew C. 1864	Faris B. Pack 115
Wolves	Sam N. Pack 41	Drew P. Pack 1968	Matthew G. Pack 1345
Bears	David G. Pack 1101	Jason G. Pack 1345	Jonah H. Pack 873
Webelos	Jagger L. Pack 1508	Sean K. Pack 1865	Matthew B. Pack 1346
Arrow of Light	Aidan A. Pack 1533	Brian C. Pack 1345	Xander M. Pack 1967

Cub Scout creativity and craftsmanship were key considerations in determining winners for each of the represented ranks. Other Scouts from Troop 1346, Tom Rustia, Josh Sawin, and Ken Wojcik, provided valued assistance in moving cars from registration to race and show locations and in returning race cars to the starting area following each heat. Individual winners in the Speed and Show categories are listed in the table below; for the Speed category, average speeds over three heats based on scaling for the size of the race cars are indicated in miles per hour (mph). The fastest cars racing this year reached speeds in excess of 160 mph!

Like many other Cub Scout and Boy Scout activities, the Patriot District Pinewood Derby is a major undertaking that could not succeed without the help of many capable and dedicated volunteers. Thanks to Pete Griffiths, Joe Margraf, Andy Chaves, and Greg Wagner for their invaluable leadership and assistance in key roles, as already noted. Thanks to Bill Dexter (Patriot District Committee), Joe Casey, and Beth Gamble for five hours of service checking in the Speed and Show participants. Thanks to Steve Smith (Patriot District Committee) for efficient organization and management of Pit Row activities from start to finish. Thanks to Justin Day (Pack 1346), who provided racing and crowd control assistance. Thanks to the Scouts from 1346 who served as Judges for the Show category assisted as Show category judges and in event logistics operations. Thanks to Pack 1101 for the use of its excellent track, timing electronics, processing algorithms, and display capabilities. And a special thanks to everyone who participated in the tedious work associated with PWD setup on Friday evening, and takedown and clean-up late on Saturday afternoon after the roar of the race cars had subsided and the crowds were gone.

Pinewood Derby 2015 Speed and Show Winners



Tigers



Wolves



Bears



Webelos



Trophies & Medals



Arrow of Light

The Patriot District Pinewood Derby for 2015 is now a great memory for the numerous Scouts and parents who participated. We look forward to an equally enjoyable and exciting event in 2016.

*Bill Snowden
Vice Chair - Program*

Pinewood Derby 2015 Pictures



**MC Joe Margraf
Troop 1346**



**Pete Griffiths
PWD Chair**



**MC Andy Chaves
Pack 1101**



**Steve Smith
Pit Row Chief**



**Loading Cars
for Racing**



**Show Cars
Ready for Judging**



**Troop 1346
Show Car Judges**



**PWD Trophies
and Medallions**



**Check-in: Bill Dexter,
Beth Gamble, Joe Casey**



**Scout Volunteers
Pizza time!**



**Pizza lunch for
Scouters, too!**



**Scouters enjoying
PWD Day**



From the District Chairman:

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Wow! It's April and we're finally seeing the first signs of Spring! A few teases later, and here we are, staring at the Spring Camporee in the next few weeks. The Camporee is growing in size and complexity, so we will need adults to man some of our critical positions.

We found out this week that Patriot District had the HIGHEST Council score for Journey to Excellence this year, and will be getting the GOLD JTE awards. Congratulations to those that helped create this success. It takes vision and hard work to get to the top of the heap. A BIG "Thank you" to those volunteers who made this happen.

Our Key Three and our District Committee both met this week and had lots to talk about.

- We are off to a great start, but still have a ways to go with our Friends of Scouting campaign. So talk to the Bill Snowden and the Finance committee/FOS team to ensure that your troop has scheduled their visit. Try to have it at some time when lots of parents will be around, like a Court of Honor or blue and gold Banquet.
- Take the time this month to think about writing someone up for an Award. Patriot had two Silver Beavers selected by NCAC, but we need more nominees for the District Award of Merit, and the seven Distinguished Spirit Awards. Minuteman Sam's are still available to deserving Scouters.
- Our Spring Camporee is just around the corner, and its gonna be HUGE!!! The theme is the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. Come out with your troop, and call Bill Dexter if you can volunteer for the staff.

If you are looking at long-term gifts to Scouting, talk to Bill Dexter about Legacy gifts.

Share Scouting! This Patriot Press should be forwarded to at least one other Scouter or Scout Family this month. Copy the e-mail address to Doug Hess, and they will be permanently on the distribution list. If you know a Scouter in the District that is not getting Patriot Press, please send their name to Joe Osborne (joe.osborne@cox.net) or Doug Hess (dbhess1@verizon.net)

As always, this is for you! Thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement. And thank you for your support to for Patriot District's program.

Ready for Spring!!!! It's almost here!!!!

Yours in Scouting, Jack

Jack Campbell, District Chairman
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I leave comparisons to history, claiming only that I have acted in every instance from a conscientious desire to do what was right, constitutional, within the law, and for the very best interests of the whole people.

~ Ulysses S. Grant (b. April 27, 1822)



From the Commissioner

Spring has arrived along with more camping and outdoor activity. A great New Market Re-enactment Camporee is planned and the staff from several Districts just finished a series of reconnaissance visits to New Market to make sure everything is ready for a fantastic event. And many Troops will be taking new Scouts camping to learn their basic skills and how the Troop operates in the field.

April is also a good time to visit or give a call to the boys who didn't make the transition from the Pack to the Troop. It's a shame to lose them from Scouting. A personal invite to try out Boy Scout camping might be trick to land them in the Troop.

For Pack's, this Spring is an important time to be recruiting Tigers, Cubs, and parents. Don't wait until the Fall when many calendars are filled with other activities. Starting a Tiger or Cub on the Scouting journey is too important to a boy's lifelong growth to be crowded out by activities with less impact. Kyle Moldene, our brand new District Executive, is anxious to participate in your Join Scouting Night so reach out to him.

This is also a time for planning. Many units are putting the finishing touches on plans for camp. Don't miss the opportunity to think a little farther into the future. The May Roundtable is focused on Program Planning for the coming year. There should be information on Calendars, Camping, Leadership Training, Advancement, Popcorn and more. Your unit won't want to miss this session designed to make your planning for next year successful.

As you think out into the future, have you thought about the unit's adult leadership for next year? If you know who the leaders will be, they would be good folks to attend the May Program Launch Roundtable.

*Jae Engelbrecht, Patriot District Commissioner
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Be a SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR at Camp William B. Snyder in Haymarket, Virginia!

Seeking friendly, outgoing, fun and responsible individuals age 18 and up to direct our Fort, Big Dig, Ship, Nature, and Handicraft program areas. We are looking for age 21 and up to direct BB and Archery ranges, Waterfront and Pool activities.

- Counselors attend camp June 28 – August 16, 2015
- You will work with Cub Scouts (ages 6-11) • Lead fun activities
- Gain valuable work experience • Make lifelong friends

www.GoToSnyder.com for application. Contact Shirley Couteau for more information, phone: (571) 248-4904, e-mail: Shirley.Couteau@Scouting.org

Nominations Requested for Patriot District Awards

Now is the time to identify outstanding Scout Leaders for two more Awards for the 2014-2015 Scouting year: the Patriot Spirit Award and the Patriot Certificate of Appreciation (Minuteman Sam says Thanks) described below. All award winners will be recognized at the 17th Annual Patriot Recognition Event being held Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 PM, at the St. Stephens United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA 22015.

Patriot Spirit Award (PSA)

Description/Criteria: A certificate to recognize singularly outstanding service to youth in a District unit. Consideration will be given to nominee's scouting position, scouting spirit and service to the unit. More specific selection criteria are left to the unit committee. The PSA is awarded annually on the basis of one award, or in deserving cases, two awards, per chartered unit.

Every Unit Committee is asked to submit the name of an outstanding Scout Leader in its Unit for a Patriot Spirit Award. Names of leaders to be recognized with the PSA should be submitted to the District Awards Committee by April 25. Also, units are encouraged to register their PSA awardees and their significant other for the May 20 Recognition Event.

Patriot Certificate of Appreciation (Minuteman Sam says "Thanks")

Description/Criteria: A District certificate of Appreciation to acknowledge substantial contributions in the planning or conduct of District-level events, programs, or training. Award criteria will be determined by event organizers/committee chair.

All District Committee Chairs are urged to submit names of "Minute Man Sam" awardees to the District Awards Committee by May 10.

Applications for the DPSA, PSA and Minute Man Sam awards are available on the Patriot District website: www.ncacbsa.org. ***Register first***, then click on Districts, Patriot, Adult Leader Scouting Awards, and Forms. Individuals/units wishing to submit nominations should note suspense dates and refer to the cited BSA links or contact the Patriot District Awards Committee Chairman, Aasgeir Gangsaas at (703) 623-0700 and cagangsaas@yahoo.com for additional information. ***Completed award nominations should be emailed to Aasgeir as soon as possible.***





Patriot District Events

Web Calendar: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotEvents>

April 2015

- 9 Roundtable
- 11 COR Training
- 14 Commissioner Meeting
- 17-19 Wood Badge Part 2 of 2
- 17-19 Spring Camporee
- 24-26 OA Spring Ordeal
- 28 PD Committee Meeting
- 30 Council Court of Honor

May 2015

- 3 Patriot Press Deadline – May
- 12 Commissioner Meeting
- 14 Program Launch & Roundtable
- 15 Last day for Cub Scout Day Camp registration at \$195 (then \$215)
- 17 OA Chapter Meeting
- 23 VAPST/VCPST (by Colonial District)
- 26 District Awards Dinner (change)
- 28-30 Wood Badge Part 2 of 2
- 29 Registration Deadline Goshen
- 31 Patriot Press Deadline – June

June 2015

- 6-8 OA Lodge Spring Fellowship at Camp Snyder
- 6 CSLST (one-day complete session)
- 7 CSLST (one-day complete session)
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 OA Chapter Banquet
- 11 Roundtable
- 23 PD Committee Meeting
- 29-Jul 3 Cub Scout Day Camp

Legend

BSLST	Boy Scout Leader Specific Training	OA	Order of the Arrow
CSLST	Cub Scout Leader Specific Training	RT	Roundtable
IOLS	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	VAPST	Venturing Advisor Position Spec Trng
JSN	Join Scouting Night	V-RT	Venturing Roundtable
NLE	New Leader Essentials	VOA	Venturing Officers Association

I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical.

~ Thomas Jefferson (b. April 13, 1743)



New Market Multi-District Camporee OA Service Corps Opportunities

The Order of the Arrow has been asked to be a very visible presence at the event. We ask that all Arrowmen wear their sash, when they have their uniform shirt on. We have specifically been asked to organize and staff the Opening Ceremony and the Saturday night campfire.

I think from a planning perspective both of these events are taking shape pretty well. However, we will need people to help staff several positions:

1. We will need people to help set up the ceremony site on Friday
2. Each District is being asked to provide 5 Arrowmen to represent the District in the opening ceremony. Two will be "guides", one will carry the American flag, One will carry the District flag and one will report.
3. We will need about 20 Scouts to form the Honor guard to raise 7 state flags and the American flag
4. We will need some photographers to take pictures all day Saturday so we can put a slide show together for the campfire on Saturday night.
5. We will need people Saturday afternoon to help set up the campfire area: sound, lights, torches, and stage n to fires.
6. The campfire program is evolving, however a couple of presentations from VMI may not be able to happen; if you have a talented person or group to do a skit or lead a song or cheer, please send them our way to audition.
7. Other support duties as required.

Please send Scouts interested in helping to the Leader/SPL Crackerbarrel on Friday evening. We will get them assigned to duties with instructions on the next steps.

If Arrowmen are going with their unit, they should register, pay and eat with their unit; if they are supporting their District Staff they can register, [pay and eat with them. If they wish to register with the HQ. staff (cost is \$20), and they need to email Mr. Merchant (merchantj@verizon.net) for additional instructions. All Scouts and adults need a completed, signed BSA physical form Parts A and B (Permission slip and Medical history) and the publicity release form. We will find a job for anyone interested in participating in the OA service Corps.



Patriot District Facebook Site

Are you on Facebook? If you are one of the many, did you know that Patriot District has its own Facebook Page? We post about upcoming events, share photos, interesting articles, and more. We are open to your participation and feedback. If you would like to contribute, just like us on Facebook and message us. In fact, you might be interested in several Facebook Pages. If you visit them often, they will start to show up in your news feed, which is a great way to make sure you stay informed. Here is a short list you might be interested in:

- Patriot District - <https://www.facebook.com/PatriotDistrict>
- National Capital Area Council - <https://www.facebook.com/NCACBSA>
- Cub Scouts - <https://www.facebook.com/officialcubscouts>
- Scouting Magazine - <https://www.facebook.com/scoutingmagazine>
- Boy's Life - <https://www.facebook.com/boyslife>

Does your unit have a Facebook page? Please share it with us and we will list in our District Website and feature it on our Facebook page.



Spring 2015 Camporee

New Market Battlefield
New Market, Virginia
April 17 – 19, 2015



As of March 29, 2015

The New Market Battlefield Camporee is only three weeks away. Scouts from Patriot District will join other scouts to form a two thousand person camporee. Prince George District just dropped out of the camporee thus opening a few slots for any troop that has not registered but would like to attend. The following troops and crews from Patriot District have registered for the New Market Battlefield Spring 2015 Camporee; Troops 50, 114, 260, 698, 1131, 1346, 1347, 1412, 1524, 1525, 1533, 1535, 1818, 1865, 1965, 1966, and crews 114 and 698. Units registered online at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/event/newmarket>. If there are any additions or subtractions to this list contact Joe Casey at jmccasey@verizon.net. He will answer every e-mail and his phone number is (703) 455-9050. Units need to pay for the camporee online. The cost of the camporee is twenty dollars (\$20) per participant that are camping. There is no charge for people that are just visiting for a day. Staff members and OA members that are paying with the headquarters need to pay Joe Casey or Bill Dexter. Headquarter staff members make checks out to NCAC for twenty dollars.

Troops also need to decide if they want to participate as Union or Confederate units. Troops can split their scouts with part of the unit participating on both sides. Units desiring to order from the Virginia Museum of the Civil War Store at New Market Battlefield must place their order immediately. The museum on the battlefield sells many items that can enhance scouts understanding of the battle and the Civil War. The staff is prepared to support troops/units for the camporee. We recommend Troops pre-order items for use at the camporee. The museum store can ship them to your home address or have them available for pick up upon your arrival. The store has several hundred items for sale to include four that pertain directly to the camporee. They are Confederate and Union Kepi military hats and two books. The store stocks two books directly supporting the battle and the Bushong farm. *Valley Thunder, the Battle of New Market and the Opening of the Shenandoah Valley Campaign, May 1864*, written by Charles R. Knight, is considered the best account of the battle – its ISBN is 978-1-932714-80-7. *Mother Bushong's Sponge Cake and other 19th Century Recipes from the Bushong Family and Farm* authored by Stacey R. Nadeau contains several recipes cooked on the farm that can also be prepared by scouts over a gas camp stove or in a Dutch oven. Its ISBN is 978-0-615-96166-8. Both books will support a strong understanding of the battle and the farm it was fought on. The POC at the store is Tammy M. Oden. Her phone numbers are toll free (866) 515-1864, office (540) 740-3101 and fax (540) 740-3033. Her e-mail is odentm@vmi.edu. Her address is Virginia Museum of the Civil War, 8895 George Collins Drive, PO Box 1864, New Market Virginia 22844. Prices for the kepis are cotton – one size fits all, \$5.95 and for wool with different sizes, \$10.50. The price for the book, *Thunder Valley*, is \$29.95. A limited number of copies signed by the author are available at no extra charge. The price for the cook book is \$14.95 and copies signed by the author are available.

The camporee will be held on the New Market Battlefield in New Market, Virginia on April 17 – 19, 2015. Scouts will be the participants in the re-enactment of the battle, participating as either Union or Confederate soldiers. The camporee director is William T. Dexter at wtdexterjr@gmail.com. His phone number is (703) 978-2632.

Bill Dexter, wtdexterjr@gmail.com



Order of the Arrow

Starting in July, 2014, registered members in good standing with the BSA, their local council and their Order of the Arrow lodge will be able to commemorate our organization's centennial by working to complete the Arrowman Service Award. This award, which some are referring to as "the sash patch," will be recognized as one of the few patches that have ever been approved by the national Order of the Arrow committee to be worn on an OA sash.

The purpose of the Arrowman Service Award (ASA) is to encourage Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, increase their level of service to their local unit and council, and participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of the OA. The award will have three categories of criteria with various requirements that Arrowmen can complete. These include components on personal growth, service to Scouting, and participation in the centennial celebration.

Get the form at <http://www.oa-bsa.org/pages/content/centennial-update-2014-07-3>

Turn in completed forms to Kristin Chioma chioma@msn.com

Upcoming events:

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| Apr 17-19 | District camporee New Market Battlefield |
| Apr 24-26 | Spring Ordeal Verdun Adventure Bound |
| May 8 | Chapter meeting 6 pm St. Stephen's |
| May 15-17 | Conclave at Camp Rodney in MD (a centennial event) |
| May 23-26 | H.O.S.T. trail |
| June 6-8 | Lodge Spring Fellowship at Camp Snyder (a centennial event) |
| June 10 | Chapter Banquet |
| July 27 | Arrow Tour at Camp Snyder (a centennial event) |

To get the latest information please join our email group patriot-oa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Check out our web site for information:

http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=114016&id=250074 and join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/803282496406037/>

Kristin Chioma



If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters.

~ Colin Powell (b. April 5, 1937)

Advancement and Awards Notes

Did you know that the Hornaday Award is not just for older scouts? Any unit can earn the award.

William T. Hornaday Unit Award

A Hornaday unit certificate, No. 21-110, is awarded to a pack, troop, team, or crew of five or more Scouts, for a unique, substantial conservation project. At least 60 percent of registered unit members must participate. . These units may be nominated, or they may apply to their BSA local council for recognition.

So the next time your unit is doing a conservation project it may qualify you for a Hornaday Award. It is one of the least earned awards in all of scouting.

The new Cub Scouts program is almost here. Books will be in the Scout Stores by May 1. The program starts June 1. You can read all about how to prepare at scouting.org/program updates

If you have questions please come to round table in April to get them answered.



Take Flight!!!

Patriot District Summer Day Camp 2015

Who can attend?	All registered Cub Scouts (rising 1 st graders, new Tigers, may attend but a parent must accompany him the full week)	
When is it?	Monday, 29 June to Friday, 3 July	(8:30 am until 3:20 pm)
Where is it?	Gesher Jewish Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Court, Fairfax, VA 22030 (off Shirley Gate Road)	
What activities?	The Patriot District Day Camp Staff are pleased to offer another week of outdoor fun: shooting BB guns, making Arts and Craft projects, shooting arrows, playing athletic games, shooting wrist rockets, learning about nature, and many other activities.	
What to bring?	Wear the Camp T-shirt (included in registration fee) and swim trunks each day, close toed shoes, bring a bag lunch, lightweight carry bag, towel.	
What is the cost?	Early registration = \$175 (on or before April 18) Regular fee = \$195 (April 17 – May 15), Late registration = \$215 (After May 15) Camperships are available – please see the NCAC website for details.	
Parent Participation	<u>Each Pack must provide 1 adult (known as a Den Walker) per 5 Cub Scouts.</u> A Tiger Cub Partner cannot count towards the 5 to 1 ratio for the Pack. All adults must take the Youth Protection Training at www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx	
Registration	<u>Your Pack Coordinator</u> will gather all registration information and fees and will register everyone from the Pack online when the registration site is available on the Council web site (http://ncacbsa.org/). Register early as we tend to sell out early!	

Join our Staff! All of our staff members are volunteers. Would you like to have your son attend camp for free? All staff members are eligible to have one family member attend camp for free. Contact the Camp Director to learn how you can be a staff member (DayCampPatriot@gmail.com).



PRIZES

**We want
YOU
to attend**



GAMES

Cub Scout Roundtable

When: Thursday, April 9, 2015

Where: Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church
9203 Braddock Road

Midway: 7:30pm – 8 pm

Roundtable: 8pm – 9pm

Be a **STAR** Scout
A **Scouter** That **Attends** Roundtable

Greg Wagner

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FUN



FELLOWSHIP



Boy Scout Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, April 9, 2015

Saint Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke

Midway: 7:30 - Pre-Opening: 7:40 – Roundtable: 8:00 to 9:00

The Roundtable staff looks forward to seeing all of you at the next roundtable.

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The essence of Government is power; and power, lodged as it must be in human hands, will ever be liable to abuse.

~ James Madison (b. March 16, 1751)



First Aid Merit Badge Class - 3 May 2015

Troop 1131 will offer a First Aid merit badge class to scouts. The class will cover Tenderfoot through First Class First Aid requirements as well. Scouts who need these requirement signed off should bring their handbooks. Scouts should also bring a blue card signed by their Scoutmasters. For many scouts, completing the First Aid merit badge, an Eagle required badge, before summer camp will free up time to take another merit badge at camp.

The class starts at 9:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm; scouts need to bring their lunches. Snacks and Drinks will be provided. The cost of the class is \$15.00 for supplies. Parents and other adult leaders are welcome to participate in the class.

For more information, directions to the class, and to register, send a message to Philip Sternberg <phil.sternberg@gmail.com>, or call 703-960-0205 (cell).

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Deadline for copy inclusion in *The Patriot Press* is the Saturday prior to Roundtable. Using MS Word, articles may be emailed to the editor at joe.osborne@cox.net.

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Patriot District

17th Annual Recognition Event

Heavy hors D Oeuvres' and Dessert



Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

We will recognize and honor our Unit and District volunteers at the 17th Annual District Recognition Event on Tuesday, May 26 at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Rd, Burke, VA 22015. We are planning a great evening of food, fellowship and recognition of Patriot District's outstanding volunteers.

Please make your reservations for this significant annual event of the Patriot District. This year's event will be **\$20 per person for all who register before Wednesday, May 14**. To encourage early registration, we will charge \$25 per person for anyone registering after May 14. To make sure we have enough food for all those who register, we will not be able to accept "walk-ins."

Please send the registration form and checks payable to "NCAC- BSA", to Kristin Chioma, 4030 Pickstone Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032. You may also turn in your registration at the May 14th Roundtable.

For questions, contact Kristin Chioma email, chioma@msn.com or (703) 539-6888. If you are able to assist with food prep or setup, please contact Cynthia Yellen at [cnymw@verizon.net](mailto:cnymsw@verizon.net) or (703) 425-6468 (home) or 703-731-3839 (cell), it would be greatly appreciated.

Patriot District 17th Annual Recognition Event Reservation Form

Enclosed is a check (made payable to NCAC-BSA) for _____ reservations at **\$20 per person.**
\$25 after May 14

Name: _____ Add'l Guests' Names: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Unit #: _____ Pack _____ Troop _____ Crew _____

Please give this form and check payable to "NCAC-BSA,"
c/o Kristin Chioma, 4030 Pickstone Dr., Fairfax VA 22032

Old Dominion 5K

Old Dominion District is holding the third annual 5K race and Fun Run-Walk on Saturday, April 11th, 2015 at Burke Lake Park. The course is the certified cross country course used for local meets. The event is open for our Packs, Troops, Crews, Teams, Ships, Posts and family members to participate. Online Registration is open on Old Dominion web-site: http://www.ncacbsa.org/events/event_details.asp?id=473039

Early bird registration is \$20 per person has been extended. Early bird registration was encouraged as it provides us with the counts for the shirts. We have only a few extra shirts; however, we will place an order after the race and arrange delivery. Check-in will begin at 8:00 AM to 8:20 AM; the race starts at 8:30 AM. Race categories include: 10 & under, 11-13, 14-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40 and older. The top 3 will receive a trophy and the top 3 in each category will receive a medal. All participants will receive a t-shirt and special patch.

Questions: Contact Mike Cooley or Monica Lynch odd5k@oddbsa.org

Sponsorships: If you or your company would be interested in being a sponsor of this event, contact Justin Mawdsley (justin.mawdsley@scouting.org) or Dean Stinson (stinsonbsa@gmail.com).

Directions: Address: 7315 Ox Rd, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. There is no entrance fee for Fairfax County residents. From park entrance to the race starting point:

- Take first left after passing the entrance booth.
- Drive to and park in the parking lot next to the mini golf course and the ice cream shop
- Walk down the road to the field located between the driving range and the railroad tracks, starting line is in the large field next to the road.

Thanks for supporting Scouting!

Monica Lynch Activities and Civic Service Old Dominion District



Troop 1131 Fund Raiser Dinner

When: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Friday, 10 April 2015
Where: Stephen's UMC, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA
Who: Scout Families, Guests and Friends



What: Please join us for a great Spaghetti dinner at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. The dinner is to help raise funds for scouts to use to help pay the cost of activities. Please let us know how many people will attend the dinner by sending a message to the contacts below. We've gotten rave reviews from those who have come to one of our dinners in the past few months. Bring your family and friends – they don't have to be in Scouts.

Cost: The dinner includes spaghetti with/or without meatballs, a salad, rolls, desert and a drink. The cost of a dinner is \$5.00 per person, or \$20.00 for a family of five.

Contact: Carol Harrity-Tun, charrity@cox.net, 703-321-1404
Philip Sternberg, phil.sternberg@gmail.com, 703-960-0205

2015 Eagle Career Day

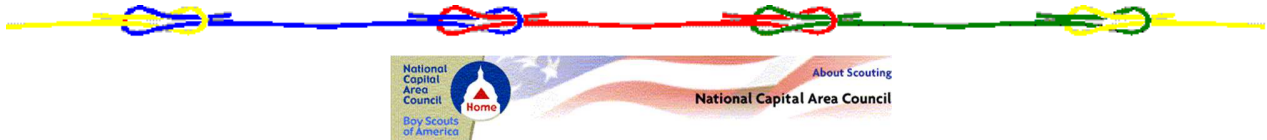


Christian D'Andrea, Keynote Speaker

Save the Date, Saturday, May 30, 2015, 1:30pm - 4pm

Every year, Gathering of Eagles offers young Eagle Scouts the opportunity to be mentored by a professional in an industry or career field they are interested in pursuing. We are pleased to announce this year's Keynote Speaker is Christian D'Andrea; Producer-Director, The Storyfoundry. Mentors from a variety of businesses, social and civic organizations are needed to help familiarize youth with their workplace and industry

Register at: www.NCACBSA.org/ECD



NCAC Court of Honor

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner
7920 Jones Branch Drive
McLean, VA 22102

6:00 PM General Reception & Gathering
7-9 PM Dinner & Program

\$75 per person

Please join us in the 2014 Court of Honor. The 2015 National Capital Area Council Court of Honor will be held on April 30, 2015 at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner. Registration is now "live" and you may register today at www.NCACBSA.org/Courtofhonor.

The Edwin Yarbrough Silver Beaver Class of 2015 includes:

Nancy S. Bentley, Douglas M. Carlson, Raymond M. "Hondo" Davids, Philip Norman Dennis, Thomas C. DiMisa, Deborah Louise Franklin, J Rex Huling, Rizwan O. Jaka, Donald F. Kerr, Carol L. Lepp, Mark E. Longworth, James Bolton MacGillivray, Robin Bruce McAlister, Isabelle Simone Muller, Joseph Gerard Pallone, Son N. Pham, Keel Loy Ross, Cliti Eleta Shafer, Stephen E. Smith, William E. Snowden, Robert William Springman, Dean K. Stinson, III. Looking forward to seeing you there on April 30th!

Thank you.

*Daniel C. Hogan | Director of Field Service,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, National Capital Area Council*

Embassy Row Open House



**Help your Scouts learn about other cultures
and be a great global citizen!**

**Saturday, May 2, 2015 - "Around the World Embassy Tour" - 10 am - 4pm –
Massachusetts Avenue**

From Passport DC site: Participants travel the world as they experience the food, art, dance, fashion, music, innovations, and manufactured goods from different countries. More than 50 embassies opened their doors to visitors in 2014, allowing guests to pet alpacas, play with robots, learn indigenous dances, and more! Come see the world through the embassies of missions of our global neighbors. Embassies participating previously include the African Union Mission, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, League of Arab States, Malaysia, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Zambia.

**Saturday, May 9, 2015 - "Shortcut to Europe: European Union Embassies' Open House" -
10 am - 4pm – Massachusetts Avenue**

From Passport DC site: Visitors to the European Union (EU) Delegation and the embassies of the EU member states will enjoy the authentic music, dance, food, film, and art of 28 distinctive nations. Guests may sip tea at the British Embassy or get a henna tattoo in the Turkish Embassy. Previous participants in the embassy open houses include Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, United Kingdom, Austria, Cyprus, Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Slovakia, and Sweden.

Open House" - 10 am - 4pm – Massachusetts Avenue

10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852-3385 - This is just a taste of what's all Spain is about! Dances, music, artisans Artists. Meet the Spaniard Diplomats, where a Venturing Scout is the Queen of the Festival! Meet Scouts from Spain in real time videoconference!

Patches and BSA Passports available at www.NCACBSA.org/YouthAmbassadors



International Spirit Award

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/international/pdf/130-044_WB.pdf

The International Spirit Award is awarded to registered Youth and Adult Leaders that have broadened knowledge of international Scouting and increased appreciation and awareness of different cultures and countries. The patch is worn centered on the right pocket since it is a *temporary* emblem. One way to earn a requirement is to attend The Embassy Row open house in May.

Follow the link for more information. <http://www.culturaltourismdc.org/portal/passport-dc1>

National Capital Area Council, BSA | Patriot District

6th Annual Golf Outing to Support Scouting

4 Person Scramble Benefiting the Boy Scouts of Northern VA

Prince William Golf Course

14631 Vint Hill Rd.

Nokesville, VA 20181

www.NCACBSA.org/PatriotGolf

Monday

September 14, 2015

Registration 8:00 AM

Shotgun Start 9:00 AM

- Longest drive contests
- Closest to the pin challenge
- First and second place foursome
- Prizes and raffles
- Silent auction



**The Honorable
David Bulova**

Honorary Event Co-Chair
Virginia Delegate for
the 37th District



**The Honorable
Pat Herryty**

Honorary Event Co-Chair
Fairfax County
Supervisor,
Springfield District



- ☐ **\$5,000 - Tournament Underwriter**
Includes tournament naming rights, two foursomes, company name and logo on tournament banner, company banner on one hole and in printed materials, recognition at luncheon, special reception with event chairmen and key Scout leadership.
- ☐ **\$2,000 - Tournament Sponsor**
Includes two foursomes, company name and logo on tournament banner, company banner on one hole and in printed materials, recognition at luncheon, special reception with event chairmen and key Scout leadership.
- ☐ **\$1,000 - Cart Sponsor**
Includes one foursome company name and logo in tournament printed materials, recognition at luncheon, special reception with event chairmen and key Scout leadership.
- ☐ **\$500 - Prize Sponsor**
Name recognition at one of the prize competitions: Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin or First Place Foursome, special reception with event chairmen and key Scout leadership.
- ☐ **\$400 - Foursome | \$200 - Twosome | \$100 - Single**
Includes golf, carts, lunch and door prizes.
- ☐ **\$200 - Hole Sponsor**
Company name and logo on tee sign and in printed materials.

Raffle/Silent Auction/Goodie Bag Donations

We welcome any gift certificates, discount coupons or other fun items. Receive recognition as the donor for your donated item.

Name _____
Title _____
Firm _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____
Email _____
Contact Name _____
☐ Bill Me for \$ _____
☐ Check enclosed for \$ _____
(make payable to Boy Scouts of America, memo GP15)
☐ AMEX/VISA/MC/Discover for \$ _____
Name _____
Card Number _____
Exp. Date _____ CID# _____
Golfers: (if club pro, please indicate for insurance purposes)
Name _____ Handicap _____
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Please register your foursome by going to:

www.NCACBSA.org/PatriotGolf

or mail email or fax to:

Sue Hart – 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

Tel: 301-214-9192 | **Fax:** 301-564-3648 | **Susan.Hart@Scouting.org**



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