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## Patriot District Pinewood Derby

It's Cub Scout Pinewood Derby season again, and most Cub Scout Packs in the Patriot District have once again been busy preparing their cars, holding their individual racing and show events, and getting ready for the annual District Pinewood Derby. The District extravaganza for 2015 will be held on Saturday, March 7, at Living Savior Lutheran Church located at 5500 Ox Rd (Route 123) in Fairfax Station.

Each Pack in the Patriot District is invited to register one Cub Scout in each of five rank categories, and in one of two event categories, that will enable their participation in either the Speed or Show competitions. Thus, up to 10 Cub Scouts per pack are invited and permitted to participate. The District Pinewood Derby is not an open event and all participants must be pre-registered by their Pack Committee. The registration fee for each participating Cub Scout is \$9.00. A document containing the rules for 2015 and providing much additional information has recently been distributed to Pack leaders. The rules for 2015 are essentially unchanged from last year. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Griffiths, District Pinewood Derby chair, at (571) 424-0022, [CommitteeChair.Pack1101@gmail.com](mailto:CommitteeChair.Pack1101@gmail.com); or Bill Snowden, District Vice Chair for Program Impact, at (703) 623-4369, [bsnowden419@me.com](mailto:bsnowden419@me.com). Information regarding this event can also be found on the Patriot District website: <http://www.ncacbsa.org/PatriotPinewoodDerby>

Registration and competition times for each of the six event (Rank) categories are given in the table below. All participating Cub Scouts should plan to arrive early enough to get registered within the period specified for their rank. Registration lines will close promptly at the time indicated in order to help ensure that the overall competition schedule for the day can be maintained.

Rank/Den	Registration	Speed/Show Competition
<b>** Setup **</b>	<b>8:00am to 9:30am</b>	<b>n/a</b>
<b>Tigers</b>	<b>9:00 am to 9:50 am</b>	<b>10:00 am to 10:30 am</b>
<b>Bears</b>	<b>10:00 am to 10:50 am</b>	<b>11:00 am to 11:30 am</b>
<b>Wolves</b>	<b>11:00 am to 11:50 am</b>	<b>12:00 pm to 12:30 pm</b>
<b>Webelos</b>	<b>12:00 pm to 12:50 pm</b>	<b>1:00 pm to 1:30 pm</b>
<b>Arrow of Light</b>	<b>1:00 pm to 1:50 pm</b>	<b>2:00 pm to 2:30 pm</b>
<b>** Clean-up / Wrap **</b>	<b>3:00 pm until Finished</b>	<b>n/a</b>

Andy Chaves (Pack 1101) and Joe Margraf (Troop 1346) will again be serving as Masters of Ceremony for this year's event. We look forward to good sportsmanship and a fun time for all participating Scouts, their families and friends

*Bill Snowden*



**From the District Chairman:**

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Wow! It's February and Freezing! Brrr! I was just outside and really thought about how many troops could be out camping in this cold weather. Stay safe, and use your best skills.

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

The Friends of Scouting campaign is kicking off, so talk to the Finance committee and the FOS team if your troop has not 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 Distinguished Spirit Award. Hurry, and send them to me or Aasegir Gangsaas.

Our Spring Camporee is just around the corner, and it's gonna be HUGE!!! The theme is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil War. Come out with your troop, and call Bill Dexter if you can volunteer for the staff.

Rechartering is here! There were about 6 oddities that just had to be hand-entered, but everyone else is registered. Thanks to the District Commissioners for this great work.

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

**I always ask you to Share Scouting!** Please share this Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter or Scout Family this month. Then send the e-mail address to Doug Hess, so 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.

Get ready for Spring!!!! It's right around the corner...

Yours in Scouting, Jack

*Jack Campbell, District Chairman*  
[wjcampbell1@verizon.net](mailto:wjcampbell1@verizon.net)



***Boys can see adventure in a dirty old duck puddle, and if the Scoutmaster is a boys' man he can see it, too.***

***~ Lord Baden Powell (b. February 22, 1857)***



### From the Commissioner

Congratulations to all of the units who achieved goals in the Journey to Excellence (JTE). As of this date, over 80% of our units attained Bronze, Silver or Gold and most were Gold. That means leaders are working hard to provide a fun, robust and well-rounded program to help our youth develop citizenship, character, and fitness that will aid them for life as they make America an even better place.

Because of additional dedication and work by many, your National Capital Area Council is a Gold Council and your Patriot District is a Gold District! We're proud of our contribution to the Council's success. I especially want to that the nearly forty Commissioners in Patriot's Commissioner Corps for the impact they have had locally and beyond.

These are exciting times in Scouting as Packs show and race their new cars in the Pinewood Derby and celebrate at the Blue and Gold event. It's also exciting that many boys are completing their Arrow of Light and crossing over into a Troop. Here are two tips to make sure the cross over process is smooth. First, the Pack needs to submit the Arrow of Light award in Internet Advancement as soon as possible. Only the Pack can submit Cub Scout advancements including AOL; the Troop cannot! Second, any Scout joining a new unit needs to complete a new Youth Application. We want Scouts to register in the Troop as soon as possible so that they can advance in Boy Scouts. So the sequence is important: 1. Record AOL and 2. Complete a new Boy Scout application.

As a reminder, Commissioners want to help get all of your youth and adult applications processed effectively. So turn in all applications to your Commissioner: Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, or me. We'll do an initial quality control check and be prepared to follow up for you if there are any complications. We'll get all applications to Council through our District Executive.

You should see some good training opportunities coming this year. The great training event happening this month is the University of Scouting at Hayfield Secondary School

7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA, Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-5:00. Please encourage all your adults to attend. The training is not just for uniformed leaders. And the catalog reveals many different courses and tracks to enjoy. Check it out: [www.ncacbsa.org/uos](http://www.ncacbsa.org/uos). I hope I'll see you there.

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***The man who will get up will be helped up; and the man who will not get up will be allowed to stay down.***

*~ Frederick Douglas (b. February, 1808)*



**Patriot District Events**

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

**February 2015**

- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – February
- 7 Life to Eagle Seminar
- 8 Scout Sunday
- 10 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Scout Sabbath
- 24 PD Committee Meeting
- 28 University of Scouting

**March 2015**

- 1 Patriot Press Deadline – March
- 7 District Pinewood Derby
- 7 BSLST
- 10 District Commissioners Mtg.
- 12 Roundtable
- 14 Commissioner College
- 20-22 Wood Badge Part 1 of 2
- 21 NE Region Area 6 Key Leader Workshop
- 21-22 Wilderness First Aid (Camp Big Mac)
- 24 PD Committee Mtg.
- 27 OA Chapter Meeting
- 30 Patriot Press Deadline – April

**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

**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



## Spring 2015 Camporee

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



As of December 1, 2014

**Scoutmasters and other unit leaders, final registration for scout units planning to attend the Spring 2015 Camporee is taking place. Registration will finish by February 10, 2015.** Units do not have to make a final commitment or pay until March 2015. Early registration is needed because this is a multi-district camporee and is limited to two thousand participants. Units will register online at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/event/newmarket>. If you have any questions about registration contact Joe Casey at [jmccasey@verizon.net](mailto:jmccasey@verizon.net). He will answer every e-mail and his phone number is (703) 455-9050. The cost of the camporee is twenty dollars (\$20) per participant. The camporee also is open to Venture Crews, Explorer Posts Sea Scouts and Webelos. Spaces at the camporee will be awarded on a first come – first served basis. Venture and Explorer participants will be given leadership positions as commanders and staffs at the brigade and regimental levels. Order of the Arrow (OA) members will show case their membership and run the Opening Ceremony and the Camporee Campfire.

The camporee will be held on the New Market Battlefield in New Market, Virginia on April 17 – 19, 2015. Join 2,000 Scouts and Scouters as we re-enact the Civil War battle of New Market, Virginia. Scouts will be the participants in the re-enactment of the battle, participating as either Union or Confederate soldiers. During the camporee scouts will:

1. Camp on the battlefield
2. Re-enact the Battle
3. Participate in a Civil War “Grand Review” where each troop will be announced and parade in front of the reviewing stand.
4. Visit the battlefield museum
5. Tour the Bushong farmhouse and supporting buildings
6. Walk the battlefield
7. Train as a Civil War soldier

Additionally, Scouts will attend a camporee opening ceremony and a fantastic evening campfire put on by the Order of the Arrow. Scouts will have a chance to attend an outdoor church service with several hundred other scouts. There will be Protestant, Catholic and Jewish services. On Friday evening, there will be a Camporee Staff, Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster Cracker Barrel.

The camporee director is William T. Dexter at [wtdexterjr@gmail.com](mailto:wtdexterjr@gmail.com). His phone number is (703) 978-2632.

**“Put the boys in and may God forgive me for the order.”** With those words, Confederate Major General and former United States’ Vice President John C. Breckinridge directed the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) Cadets deploy for battle at New Market. The Union Army was advancing and a dangerous gap had developed in the center of the Confederate battle line. The cadets surged forward, went around the Bushong farmhouse, plugged the Confederate Army’s line and helped repulse the Federal assault. Some of the cadets were only 15 years old. Next, when the Confederate forces advanced, the cadets surged into the Union line, helping to force the Federal troops to flee. The cadets captured two cannons in their assault. At New Market, 10 cadets were killed and another 47 were wounded out of 257 cadets that had marched northward from school just days earlier. The Battle of New Market was the last Confederate victory in the Shenandoah Valley.

*Bill Dexter, [wtdexterjr@gmail.com](mailto:wtdexterjr@gmail.com)*



**Take Flight!!!**  
**Patriot District**  
**Summer Day Camp 2015**

Who can attend?

All registered Cub Scouts (rising 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

Each Pack must provide 1 adult (known as a Den Walker) per 5 Cub Scouts. A Tiger Cub Partner cannot count towards the 5 to 1 ratio for the Pack. All adults must take the Youth Protection Training available online at: [www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx)

Registration

Your Pack Coordinator 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!

For more information

Parent information meetings will be held once dates and locations have been determined.

**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](mailto:DayCampPatriot@gmail.com)).



*Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with conflict by peaceful means.*

*~Ronald Reagan (b. February 6, 1911)*



## SCOUTING FOR FOOD



We are in need of a coordinator(s) for the 2015 Scouting for Food (SFF) campaign. This is an important annual event where Scouting units from across the NCAC, including the Patriot District, collect food for those in need. The food the Patriot District collects goes directly to the Capital Area Food Bank for distribution to various other food banks and pantries. Historically we have faithfully filled three huge trucks with the food we collect. Our drop off point is in the Safeway parking lot on Burke Centre Parkway. For the 2015 SFF activity, bag distribution will be on Saturday, November 7; bag/food pickup will be on Saturday, November 14. This is a great way to serve the Scouts and local community in our District. You will have lots of help from previous coordinators. Please email or call me if you have any questions or want to volunteer. SFF coordination can easily be shared if there are 2-3 folks who want to take this on. Thank!!

Mark Greer, Patriot, Activities and Civic Service Chair  
[mfgreer@verizon.net](mailto:mfgreer@verizon.net), 703-300-4876



## OA –Order of the Arrow

Welcome to 2015, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow. Many fun events will be going on this year, so make sure you check our webpage

[http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group\\_content\\_view.asp?group=114016&id=250074](http://www.ncacbsa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=114016&id=250074)  
and Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/803282496406037/> for information.

- Feb 13 Chapter meeting 6 pm St. Stephen's United Methodist
- Mar 27 Chapter meeting 6 pm St. Stephen's
- 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
- May 23-26 H.O.S.T. trail
- Jun TBA Chapter Banquet
- July Arrow Tour at Camp Snyder

To join our new email list: [patriot-oa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:patriot-oa-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Kristin Chioma

**This month is a combined Roundtable!**

**Chili cook off and learn about how Boy Scout Insurance works.**



PRIZES

**We want  
YOU  
to attend**



GAMES

**Cub Scout Roundtable**

**When:** Thursday, February 12, 2015

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

**Midway:** 7:30pm – 8 pm

Roundtable: 8pm – 9pm



FUN



FELLOWSHIP

Be a **STAR** Scout  
A Scouter **T**hat **A**ttends **R**oundtable

Greg Wagner

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**Boy Scout Roundtable**

*Not just for Scoutmasters*

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, February 12, 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.

Steve Smith, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner  
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## Training Update

Many training opportunities with the updated training materials.

Each of the basic leader training courses have been updated and are now available. For those who have not yet completed training, this is a great opportunity to learn the best practices in helping our youth. For those who have been trained but it has been a while, this is a great time to update your skills.

The new Cub, Scout, Varsity and Venturing training are being offered at University of Scouting on 28 February at Hayfield high school. <http://www.ncacbsa.org/uos>

Boy Scout leader specific training will be held 7 March.

Charter Organization Representative training will be 11 April.

Cub leader training is being held both 6 and 7 June.

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### SM and ASM Leader Specific Training

Training for all new Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters

Saturday, March 7, 2015.

9:00 am to 1:30 pm (using the new, shorter, 2014 curriculum)  
(sign-in and pre-opening activity begins at 8:45)

Historic St Mary's Church Hall  
5612 Ox Rd Fairfax Station, VA 22039



**Cost:** BRING YOUR OWN snacks, water bottle and bag lunch.

We will work through the traditional lunch hour.

The **goals** of this training session are for each participant to:

- Have the confidence that being a Scoutmaster is a manageable challenge.
- Understand that you have abundant resources available.
- Know that the structure of the BSA ensures you are part of a supportive team delivering the promise of scouting.
- Have a short action plan to apply what you have learned.

**Registration:** E-mail ALL of the following information to Terry Meehan at [YeatsFan@aol.com](mailto:YeatsFan@aol.com)

Your name, mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number

Your Unit (e.g. Troop 1), your position in the unit

Your BSA ID number (found on your membership card or on the unit recharter roster)

Take the next step to being fully . . .



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*How soon we forget history... Government is not reason. Government is not eloquence. It is force. And, like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master*

*~ George Washington (b. February 22, 1732)*



## **The Religious Knot Program**

### **God and Me (Grades 2-3) 2015**

The *God and Me* curriculum is designed to help children become best friends with Jesus and tell their story of “God and Me” together.

#### **Dates and times:**

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00PM

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM-12PM

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00-5:00PM

Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm

**Registration Deadline:** February 9<sup>th</sup>. Please register with Mary Walker at [walkerfamilyva@verizon.net](mailto:walkerfamilyva@verizon.net).

**Cost:** \$20 per student for supplies, certificate and medal

**Place:** Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032, Fellowship Hall

**OPEN:** Any child in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. All are welcome. You do not need to be a member of Lord of Life to participate so bring a friend! (This program satisfies requirements for the Cub Scout Religious Knot and for Girl Scout programs.)

## **The P.R.A.Y. Program**

#### **Curriculum Goals:**

- To provide an opportunity for young people and families to explore their faith together
- To help children realize that God is active in every part of their lives
- To help children know that Jesus is their best friend
- To memorize the Lord’s Prayer

**General Description:** The *God and Me* curriculum is designed to help children become best friends with Jesus and tell their story of “God and Me” together. Children will tell their story of “God and Me” by starting with the creation story. Children will learn that God is their Creator and that God calls them by name, and they will give praise to God. Their story will continue as they learn of God’s love through Jesus. As they tell parallel stories of their own birth and the birth of Jesus, they will proclaim that Jesus was born to be their Savior. Their story will grow as children learn that God wants them to pray. Children will be encouraged to talk and listen to God as they share from their heart. Their story of “God and Me” will wrap up with the parable of the lost sheep. As children learn to lean on God as their Good Shepherd, they will be challenged to reach out and be “good shepherds” to those around them.

*\*The term “Protestant” includes AME, Assembly of God, Baptist, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Church of God, Episcopal, Lutheran, Nazarene, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Reformed, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, Independent Churches and others.*



### Membership Corner

#### Youth Head Counts

Congratulations to the Patriot District for bucking the trend of declining membership. Membership in traditional units grew by 15 during 2014; and Tiger Cubs increased by a whopping 31 during 2014. However, concern remains for an overall decline in membership within the NCAC as shown in Tables A and B below, especially Tiger Cubs, which is the entry point into scouting for a majority of scouts.

**Table A – Total Traditional Unit Youth Head Count (excludes Learning for Life)**

	Dec 31, 2012	Dec 31, 2013	Year to Year Percent Change	Dec 31, 2014	Year to Year Percent Change
Patriot	2,369	2,312	(2.41%)	2,327	.65%
Virginia Central	13,418	13,116	(2.25%)	12,577	(4.11%)
NCAC	51,718	50,155	(3.02%)	47,030	(6.23%)

**Table B – Total Tiger Youth Head Count**

	Dec 31, 2012	Dec 31, 2013	Year to Year Percent Change	Dec 31, 2014	Year to Year Percent Change
Patriot	163	132	(19.02%)	163	23.48%
Virginia Central	772	873	(10.64%)	812	(6.99%)
NCAC Tigers	3,871	3,411	(11.88%)	2,952	(13.46%)

#### Unit Leader Roster

An up to date roster of unit leaders can be found on the Patriot Group Page of the NCAC website. On the main NCAC website, click Districts, then Virginia Central, then Patriot. Then click on the corresponding symbol in the middle of page, eg, Cub Scout. Please keep me informed of any changes.

#### Membership Information

Check out the various membership tools and resources available online at

<http://www.ncacbsa.org/?page=Membership>

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*And having thus chosen our course, without guile, and with pure purpose, let us renew our trust in God, and go forward without fear, and with manly hearts.*

*~Abraham Lincoln (b. February 12, 1809)*

**Troop 1131 Fund Raiser Dinner**



- When:** 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Friday, 13 February 2015
- Where:** Stephen’s UMC, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, VA
- Who:** **All Troop 1131 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, or by signing up at a Troop Meeting.
- 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](mailto:charrity@cox.net), 703-321-1404  
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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](mailto:joe.osborne@cox.net).

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## Northern Virginia Scout Shop

Dear Scouts and Scouters:

**It's February at Your Northern Virginia Scout Shop;** here's what's happening

- 1) The 2015 Boy Scouts Requirements book, the authoritative resource for the most current rank, merit badges, and special awards requirements, will be available for purchase at your Scout shop in February.

Along with a few changes to requirements, this year's book features a number of minor clarifying adjustments to language and added footnotes

providing additional information. The approach to positions of responsibility for Lone Scouts has also been expanded to Star and Life Ranks.

There are minor updates to 16 merit badges, and more significant changes to Canoeing, Swimming, and Whitewater.

Two new merit badges are featured as well: Animation; and Signs, Signals, and Codes.

- 2) Make Your Blue and Gold Banquet Memorable Time to Shine and the Recognition Special....! From cupcake towers and tablecloths... to terrific ways to recognize excellence... your source for everything Blue & Gold is here at the Scout Shop. Yes, the Cub Scout event-of-the-year is a party after all, so we've got great-looking celebration coordinates that add the fun and the festive to your banquet hall. Make your planning and prep that much easier, you'll also find a complete selection of recognition supplies at the store, including books, plaques, certificates, leader gifts, and more.
- 3) Scout Sunday is February 8<sup>th</sup> and this is also BSA's birthday this year. The Scout Shop has patches, pins, neckerchiefs, and program covers to help you make the day a memorable one.
- 4) President's Day Americana T-shirts now \$5.99! These great value tees are a fun and fitting tribute to both the USA and BSA. Limited selection of sizes; get yours while they last!
- 5) The World Friendship Fund Campaign: During the period of February 1<sup>st</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>, the National Scout Shops will collect voluntary contributions of Scouts and leaders for the World Friendship Fund. Our goal is to collect a \$1.00 from everyone who visits the scout shop during this two week period. The World Friendship Fund gives the youth members of the BSA an opportunity to help fellow Scouts who are in need of their support. It teaches Scouts that Scouting is global. The World Friendship Fund has provided Scouts from around the world with Scouting literature, uniforms, summer camp equipment, computers, and other Scouting-related supplies. Since the inception of the World Friendship Fund, Scouts and leaders, throughout the USA, have donated more than \$1 million to the World Friendship Fund.
- 6) The Springfield Scout Shop's shopping center will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> to have a new look. Your Scout Shop Will Be Open during the shopping center's construction. We will open normal hours. Please pardon our mess and thank you for your support during the shopping center's remodel.

**National Capital Scout Shop P 301.564.1091; fax 301.564.6028 Hours: M, T, W, F 9am – 5:30pm; Thur 9am – 8pm; Sat 10am-3pm**

**Northern Virginia Scout Shop Springfield, VA P703.321.4836; fax 703.321.4838 Hours M – F 9am -7pm; Sat 10am -5pm**

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## **Baden-Powell**

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, known as B-P, was born in Paddington, London on 22nd February 1857. His father died when B-P was only three years old. In 1876 he went to India as a young army officer and specialized in scouting, map-making and reconnaissance. His success soon led to his training other soldiers. Returning home in 1903 he found that he had become a national hero. He also found that the small handbook he had written for soldiers ("Aids to Scouting") was being used by youth leaders and teachers all over the country to teach observation and woodcraft.

B-P set to work rewriting "Aids to Scouting", this time for a younger audience. In 1907 he held an experimental camp on Brownsea Island in Dorset, to try out his ideas. He brought together 22 boys, some from private schools and some from working class homes, and took them camping under his leadership. This was to be considered the starting point of the Scout Movement. "Scouting for Boys" was published in 1908 in six fortnightly parts

He retired from the army in 1910, at the age of 53, on the advice of King Edward VII who suggested that he could now do more valuable service for his country within the Scout Movement. With all his enthusiasm and energy now directed to the development of Boy Scouting and Girl Guiding, he travelled to all parts of the world, to encourage growth and give inspiration. The first World Scout Jamboree took place at Olympia, London in 1920. At its closing scene B-P was unanimously acclaimed as Chief Scout of the World.

In 1938, suffering from ill-health, B-P returned to Africa, which had meant so much in his life, to live in semi-retirement at Nyeri, Kenya. Even there he found it difficult to curb his energies, and he continued to produce books and sketches. On January 8th, 1941, at 83 years of age, B-P died. He was buried in a simple grave at Nyeri within sight of Mount Kenya. His advice of "try and leave this world a little better than you found it" is as relevant –if not more- today and continues to inspire young people all over the world.

<http://scout.org/bp>