



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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## Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Boy Scout /  
Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 New Article  
/Updated  
Information

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This weekend at the Trainers EDGE training we got into a discussion about “letting Scouts fail to learn”. About half of the room agreed with the idea and the other half agreed that the Scout needs to learn but using the term ‘fail’ did not sit well with them.

I think it’s semantics, but the goal is to get the Scout to learn. In Scouting we call it Guided Discovery. Allowing the Scout to learn by making mistakes, problem solving, and executing solutions to the situation. The adult leader is there to maintain safety, offer advice, and keep the Scout heading in the right direction. The leader does that in a subtle way, not doing the task, making the decision, or being up front. The leader is there to keep the Scout ‘in bounds’ so to speak. The Scout knows he has a safety net.

So how does this “Guided Discovery” concept work or get put into action. It is not about letting a Scout hang in the wind. It is not about allowing failure to occur just for the sake of letting a Scout fail. No, Guided Discovery happens when we ask questions. This implies that the leader is engaged fully in this process. Now that does not require the leader to hover and maintain an arm’s reach distance. It simply forces the issue through leading questions to assist in the Scout finding the answer.

Problem solving and role-playing can play a big part in guided discovery. Many times, I ask a simple question, what do you think? Not what do you think is right. rather, what are you thinking? Most of the time this question provokes enough thought and produces a clearer picture of the desired outcome. Problem solving and role-playing can spark thought and allow the Scout (s) to see possible outcomes both good and bad and allow the decision-making process to happen. This is not lofty and can happen at every level.

Using the Start, Stop, and Continue assessment tool in the middle of a task is also a great way to discover solutions and assist in decision-making. The leader can act as a referee in some cases and step in with well placed questions that may get the group thinking about alternative solutions.

The goal to allow the Scout to make decisions and learn. Through Guided Discovery, we teach, coach, train and mentor the Scout to better understanding of skills, leadership, and self-reliance.

## District News

District Website: [www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek](http://www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek)

### District Court of Honor



It's that time of year again - the Goose Creek District Annual Court of Honor is just around the corner! We would like to extend an invitation to all Goose Creek Packs, Troops, Posts, and Crews to join us on Wednesday, May 24, from 7:30pm - 9:00pm in the cafeteria at Belmont Ridge Middle School. This year's event will feature a number of special award recipients, including the District Award of Merit, Unit Volunteer of the Year Awards, Eagle Scout Class of 2022, OA Vigil Honorees and the District Key 3 Awardees.

[Goose Creek District Annual Court of Honor Invite](#) (PDF)



### Webelos-o-ree 2023



Save the date for GCD's Webelos-O-Ree from September 30th to October 1st at Camp Snyder! All Bear and Webelos scouts are welcome to this annual scouting festival where Scouts BSA troops demonstrate their skills and encourage Cubs to join a troop. Cubs can expect to participate in shooting sports, build fires, learn knots, practice first aid skills, enjoy good food and much more! The Webelos-O-Ree promises to fill several Arrow of Light requirements, so plan ahead for your Webelos and Bears.. This is a camping event, but options are available for those who only want to spend the day with us.

Scouts BSA troops looking to volunteer please contact Joe Kotch and Charles Thornton at [joe.kotch11@gmail.com](mailto:joe.kotch11@gmail.com) and [scouterchalis@gmail.com](mailto:scouterchalis@gmail.com) respectively.

### Program Launch



Goose Creek's Program Launch is an annual showcase of scouting programs, resources, activities, and information from Goose Creek scouters, our Council, and exhibitors from outside of scouting. Together, they all offer your unit great ideas and resources to help provide your scouts a great scouting program!

**When:** Wednesday, May 10 in place of the normal Roundtable, 7:30 pm

**Where:** the cafeteria at the Belmont Ridge Middle School.

#### Isn't Program Launch Just Another Roundtable?

No. Even though Program Launch takes place on Roundtable night. There are no chairs for you to sit in (unless your get worn out from all the excitement). There are no speakers or announcements.

#### Who Should Come to Program Launch?

Every unit should have at least one leader at Program Launch. But don't stop there! Scoutmasters and Venturing Advisors, bring your Senior Patrol Leaders and Crew Officers! Assistant Scoutmasters and Den Leaders should attend too! The more leaders that attend, the more you'll be able to bounce ideas around.



## Cub Scout Day Camp/Twilight Camp 2023



**Calling all parents and leaders!** Get ready to give your scouts an unforgettable adventure at Goose Creek District's Day (June 12-16) and Twilight (June 12-15) Camps. This year, Camp Snyder is hosting an extra-special program featuring incredible guests and activities that your scouts will love! Explore The Ship, go on a treasure hunt in the Big Dig, and battle it out in our huge gaga-ball arena. Join us for a week of non-stop fun that your scouts won't want to miss!

**Registration is now open**, so don't wait to secure your spot. Register here: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-70599>. For any inquiries, please contact Shannon Klee at [goosecreekcubcamp@gmail.com](mailto:goosecreekcubcamp@gmail.com).

We need Scouts BSA/Venturers and adults to help make this year's camps a success! Volunteering at camp is a fantastic opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of young campers and be a part of a wonderful community. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering for one or both camps, please complete this form: <https://rb.gy/9op6>.

We can't wait to see you and your Cubs at camp!



## Shooting Sports Corner



Last month's Camporee was huge success with over 100 Scouts enjoying shooting bow and arrows and throwing tomahawks. Many thanks to the rangemasters who supervised the ranges. Their expertise and attention to range safety resulted in zero safety incidents and lots of shooting sports fun. Let's keep this up!

We need rangemasters to supervise our ranges at our Day/Night Summer Camp at Camp Snyder. Rangemaster training is being offered on two dates in the coming 2 months: One session is on May 6, and the other is on June 3. The training courses are from 9am-5pm. (need to attend just one). Here is the registration link: [National Capital Area Council - Cub Scout Day Camp Range Master Training 2023 \(scoutingevent.com\)](https://scoutingevent.com)

GCD has a Shooting Sports information form if you are interested in serving Goose Creek in BB-guns, Archery, Tomahawks and Slingshots. Here is the [link](#).

Please keep in mind that BSA registration and current YPT certification are required to serve on our ranges.

## Goals and Glory: Loudoun United's 2nd Annual Scout Night!



Get ready for an unforgettable experience, Goose Creek District Scouts and families! Our 2nd Annual Loudoun United FC Scout Night is just around the corner on May 6th, and we have some exclusive discounted tickets just for you. Visit our special promotional link at <https://fevo.me/goosecreekscouts> to secure your spot at this fantastic event. Join fellow scouts for an exciting soccer match, halftime parade, and post-match Q&A with the team. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to celebrate scouting and soccer together!

For questions, contact Terry Kolb, [terry.kolb@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:terry.kolb@goosecreekdistrict.org).



## Friends of Scouting



As of April 24, 2023, we are at \$14,247.00, in Friends of Scouting gifts. This time last year we were at \$7,311.00. We have doubled! CONGRATULATIONS Goose Creek!

We are not done yet! Our goal is to have 100% Unit Participation. We have 67 Units. 23 Units have scheduled an FOS Presentation, we are at a 34.33% in participation. 44 more Units are to schedule a FOS Presentation for us to reach our 100% goal! If your Unit does not have a FOS Presentation on the calendar, let's get a date scheduled. We need to be higher than 34.33% in participation.

*What does a Friends of Scouting investment provide?* Your gift impacts the lives of Loudoun County youth.

*Will my gift stay in our District?* Yes, your investment will stay in Goose Creek District. You can even choose a Unit for your gift to go directly towards.

*How much does each Scout annually cost by receiving a year of quality programs?* \$240.00.

*Can a company become a Scouting Sponsor by contributing to FOS?* Absolutely! And, we will share the company's name and logo to say thank you. Please email me: [Melainie.leitert@scouting.org](mailto:Melainie.leitert@scouting.org) for further details.

*Will the company I work for match my charitable gift?* They could! Please, be sure to enter your company's name and the system will find whether your workplace has a program. If so, you'll double your impact!

*May I pledge an amount and pay in increments?* Absolutely!

*What does my gift specifically provide to the youth of Goose Creek District?*

- Local programs and activities throughout Loudoun County
- Camp scholarships, uniforms and registration fees for youths who otherwise could not participate
- Scout service center that coordinate Scouting activities and provide customer service to members
- Insurance coverage to protect volunteers, chartered organizations, staff members and properties
- Camp equipment: tents, cooking equipment, camp vehicles, building repairs, canoes, equipment replacement and repair, and general upkeep of council camps to keep facilities available for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events
- Professional staff who counsel, guide, and inspire volunteer leadership
- Volunteer and staff training
- A council website to keep everyone informed
- Reference publications and resources
- Opportunities to attend summer camp and high-adventure events
- Advancement programs where Scouts are recognized for learning and achievement of goals they set
- Each Eagle Scout receives the black velvet kit containing the prestigious Eagle medal on a ribbon, an Eagle Scout pin, an Eagle Scout embroidered emblem and three pins: for Mom, Dad and Mentor, a \$50.00 purchase that Units do not have to budget for
- Distribution and development of literature and training-materials

- Leadership training for young people who will become future community leaders

*How will my gift specifically impact the youth of Goose Creek District?*

- Scouts develop foundational values and strong morals.
- Scouting activities teach countless core values that build character.
- Scouting creates many opportunities to experience our natural world!
- Friendships are forged through shared experiences.
- Learning skills to become capable and dependable by continually learning and overcoming challenges.
- Scouts learn they are capable of accomplishing anything they set their mind to.
- They can trust that within themselves lies the strength and skills to overcome obstacles. With competence comes confidence!
- Scouts have hands-on experiences in a safe, risk-free environment, which helps leadership skills to flourish!
- Learning how to “Be Prepared” by distinguishing goals, creating checklists and learning time management.
- Scouting also teaches something much deeper: an understanding and trust in oneself.

All of these factors prepare Scouts for continued success in life!

And, all Goose Creek District youth deserve to receive the BEST in Scouting Programs!

That is where you come in, and you play a vital role. To make a donation to Friends of Scouting, please go to <https://rb.gy/hpsmei>



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

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

## Camporee Supplies



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

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

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





## Commissioner's Corner – Planning for Success



Planning is key to the success of any Scouting program and ensuring positive and memorable experiences for our youth. Now that we are in spring and nearing the end of the school year, it is a great time to check if your unit is meeting its goals and objectives for 2023. Gather your Unit Key 3 and Committee to review the following:

**Unit goals and objectives** – use the 2023 Journey to Excellence Scorecard or worksheet to define the goals for your unit in the key areas of planning and budget, membership, program, and leadership.

**Budget and funding needs** – establish a unit budget to understand and manage your unit operations. Determine fundraising goals to ensure an affordable Scouting program for your Scouts and their families. Participate in the Council annual popcorn sales or other approved fundraising program.

**Calendar of events** – Develop an annual calendar of Scouting events and outdoor activities for your unit. Does it include participating in District and Council sponsored events to enable your Scouts to participate in activities such as shooting sports, climbing or scout skills challenges. You should plan not only for the upcoming summer but also for the upcoming year. Remember many summer camps and high adventure programs require planning at least a year in advance.

**Membership and recruiting plan** – have you assigned a Membership Chair or designated individual who is responsible for the monitoring, processing, and approval of online applications. Does your unit have a plan and strategy for year-round recruitment. Contact either your District Executive or the Goose Creek Membership Committee for assistance in planning a successful fall recruitment campaign.

**Leadership succession plan** – families and Scouts come and go every year. Does your unit actively identify, recruit, and train new adult volunteers to be ready to step into key leadership roles before vacancies occur in your unit.

Contact your Unit Commissioner for assistance and access to the many planning tools and resources available from [www.Scouting.org](http://www.Scouting.org), NCAC and the Goose Creek District Committee.



### Murphy's Laws of Camping:

- Feet expand when removed from hiking boots. The same law applies to tents and tent bags, clothing and backpacks, and sleeping bags and stuff sacks.
- Backpack strap widths decrease with the distance hiked. To compensate, the weight of the backpack increases.
- 95% of a backpack's contents could have been left at home. The 5% left at home will be needed.



## Cheerful Service Chatter™

Chapter News for our Arrowmen  
Lodge Website: [www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA](http://www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA)

### OA Chatter



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

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

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

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

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

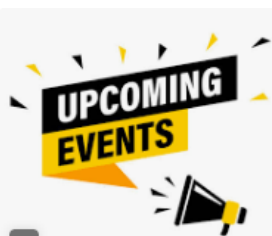
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### Coming Events



Our Goose Creek induction weekend is coming up, May 5-7 at the Izaak Walton League property in Leesburg. Elected candidates and current Arrowmen are invited to participate in our most important annual event. Register here:

<https://scoutingevent.com/082-66379>. Registration closes at midnight on Wednesday, May 3. If an alternative to the May 5-7 event is needed, please go to the Lodge website to discover other weekend induction events:

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

At our first Chapter meeting after the induction, we'll be holding a new member welcome party, with a massive trivia/ice-breaker game, with Lodge and Chapter swag as prizes, and plenty of pizza and snacks. New and long-time Arrowmen are encouraged to attend. May 10, 7:30 PM at the Belmont Ridge Middle School cafeteria.

All OA members are invited to attend the Section E-10 Conclave, a fellowship event with Arrowmen from three regional Lodges. This event is May 19-21 at Rodney Scout Reservation. Newly inducted Arrowmen benefit from a greatly discounted registration rate: <https://section10.oa-bsa.org/conclave/>

Save the Date - June 3rd. The Amangamek-Wipit Lodge offers annual leadership training for all Arrowmen. The training is both helpful for prospective Chapter and Lodge officers as well as offering leadership tips Arrowmen can bring back to their home units. This year's Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC) will be held at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Stafford VA on June 3rd. Watch the Wipit470.org web site for info once registration opens in May.

## “Onward and Upward” On the Advancement Trail



### New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

**Sebastian Dobrynski** – Troop 572

**Brandon Wendte** – Troop 1941



### Life-to-Eagle Seminar



The next L2E Seminar is tentatively scheduled for.

**Date:** 3rd Saturday in either July or August (vacation-dependent)

**Time:** 10:00 – 2:00

**Place:** <a Loudoun County Public Library ‘near you’>

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](mailto:MSVA_Tenor@yahoo.com); or 703-850-6679.

### Potential Eagle Projects



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

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

- Building a shed for storage
- Building a donation drop off bin for weekend donations
- Building a compost bin
- Build chunky shelving for food pantry
- Build bin for spoiled food to go to the farm
- Paint a Mural
- Plant bushes/trees along fence for privacy

**St. James Episcopal**, in Leesburg, is in need of a railing, beside the sidewalk, coming from the Nave to the Parking lot, to assist our elderly & handicap parishioners. Contact Raymond “Ray” Longo, [cptry333@msn.com](mailto:cptry333@msn.com)





## Updated YPT Requirement for Merit Badge Sessions



BSA has recently updated YPT requirements for merit badge sessions. If one Scout is working with a Merit Badge Counselor, YPT compliance may be achieved by having one of the Scout's parents present (unchanged). However, if more than one Scout is involved, YPT requires that both adults be registered adult volunteers (this is a new, strengthened requirement).



## National Capital Area Council Policy on Group Merit Badge Instruction



The NCAC Advancement & Recognition Committee has adopted a new policy clarifying when Council or District permission is required for merit badge classes or event that involve Scouts from multiple units. Please review the policy and let District Advancement Chair Alan Steiner know if you have any questions.

This policy shall apply to all Group Merit Badge Instruction events occurring within the geographic boundaries of the NCAC and employing NCAC registered and approved Merit Badge Counselors. All merit badge instruction within the Council must comply with BSA Youth Protection, the Guide to Safe Scouting and the Guide to Advancement.

- A troop, crew or ship can use group instruction of merit badges within their unit without seeking approval from the council or district.
- Citizenship in Society merit badge counselors may accept Scouts from outside their unit without obtaining district approval if doing so will promote discussion. Consideration should be given to having participating Scouts within 2 years of age.
- With the exception of units sponsored by NCAC, units with the same chartering organization may offer group merit badge instruction solely to the members of the linked units. Units sponsored by NCAC will need to seek district or council approval to offer group merit badge instruction to youth outside their unit.
- If a unit decides to sponsor a merit badge event featuring multiple merit badges and solicits Scouts from outside their unit to participate, or an individual counselor solicits scouts from multiple units, or the district sponsors such an event, they must get district advancement committee approval to conduct the event. This affords the district advancement committee the opportunity to ensure compliance with the Guide To Advancement guidance on group instruction.
- Council level groups such as Aquatics, Shooting Sports, any religious committee, and STEM must get approval from either the Council Advancement Chair, Council Merit Badge Dean, or NCAC Advancement Committee Staff Advisor.
- Outside organizations to the BSA must always receive council approval from one of the aforementioned positions.
- To expedite council/district advancement committee approval of an event, sponsoring organizations should submit, at a minimum, the information described in Appendix A (next article in newsletter) 30 days prior to the event. Districts, with the approval of their Key Three, may request additional information if they choose.



## Appendix A - Group Merit Badge Instruction Plan



The following policy regarding merit badge group instruction is established by the council advancement and recognition committee.

1. Provide the names of participating counselors along with the badges they propose to counsel to the district merit badge dean. This allows the district to ensure the counselors are currently registered, approved to counsel the badge they propose to counsel and have current Youth Protection Training.
2. Describe how the sponsoring organization will comply with the Guide to Advancement, BSA Youth Protection and the Guide to Safe Scouting. If there will be Co-ed classes, the sponsor should describe how it will comply with BSA requirements in this area.
3. Group Merit Badge events providing Aquatics or Shooting Sports merit badges must explain how the event will deal with safety concerns related to these activities.
4. Confirm the sponsoring organization informed Scouts, parents, and leaders that an event with limited time frequently results in a partial merit badge.
5. The sponsoring organization must tell scouts, parents and leaders how to report concerns about merit badge counseling issues.

## Council / National News

Council Website: [www.NCACBSA.org](http://www.NCACBSA.org)

### Special Needs Scouting



Since its founding, BSA has promoted full participation of members with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. Providing the Scouting program to those with disabilities means having an ongoing process to educate unit leaders and parents how to adapt their methods and how to create a healthy, safe, empathetic environment for all Scouts, both with and without special needs.

The NCAC Committee for Special Needs Scouting has been charged with the communication and dissemination of information and updates to BSA policies, and to provide support to unit leaders and families with members with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities.

For additional information and guidance regarding the Special Needs Scouting program, consult the following resources:

- New Inclusion Toolbox at <https://ablescouts.org>
- Abilities Digest Newsletter
- [\*BSA's Guide to Advancement\*](#)
- Monthly Special Needs Scouting Office hours open to parents and unit leaders. Office hours will be 7-8:30pm and held on Apr 4, Jun 6, Aug 1, Oct 3, and Dec 5. The Meeting ID is 826 3765 9138 and the Passcode 513043.
- District Executive or the Goose Creek Special Needs Scouting Coordinator

Note: Information at [www.Scouting.org](http://www.Scouting.org) and NCAC website regarding supporting Special Needs and Scouts with disabilities is being updated. Please consult the Inclusion Toolbox for the most current information and guidance.



## Council Pinewood Derby



Race your car in a **Council Pinewood Derby Championship** race on May 20, 2023!

The Championship race welcomes: winners of a NCAC District championship from 2023. Didn't place in a district race, but want to compete in the Council Championship? Great! We have a track for you too! Select your choice of race upon registration.

### Schedule

10:00 checkin  
 11 - 1 Council PWD Championship races  
 1:30 - 2:00 Awards Ceremony

Who can attend? Cub Scouts, older youth, friends and family --- join us!

Registration Fee: \$20/youth or adult to be in the Council PWD. The registration fee includes racing and competing for design awards; and a really cool award (plaque or trophy) depending on how fast your car is/its' design! :)

### Who is eligible?

- Ranking Cub Scout winners of 2023 District Pinewood Derby races (1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners)
- Cub Scouts who might not have ranked at a District Race but wish to race in the General Championship/Outlaw Race
- Older youth or adults who want to race in the General Championship/Outlaw Race

Anyone who wants to enter a car in the design competition



## Sporting Clays Tournament



Join us for the 2nd **Annual Sporting Clays Tournament** on Friday, September 15, 2023 at the Prince George's County Trap and Skeet Center. Registration includes 50 clays course with 12 gauge shells, participant shell bag, lunch, and raffle. Trophies will be awarded for the Top Team and Top Overall Marksman.

Friday, September 15, 2023, \*Rain Date: September 16th

Registration: 9:00am

Stations Open: 10:00am, Lunch: 12:00pm

Prince George's County Trap & Skeet Center, 10400 Good Luck Rd. Glen Dale, MD. 20769

Participants should bring: Eye & ear protection, 12 gauge shotgun capable of loading two shells.

\*A limited number of shotguns are available to rent.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5,000- Gold Sponsor</li> <li>• \$3,000- Silver Sponsor</li> <li>• \$1,500 Team</li> <li>• \$600 Twosome</li> <li>• \$275 Individual</li> </ul> | <p>Advertisements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$600 Full page program ad</li> <li>• \$300 Half page program ad</li> </ul> |
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## V3 HIKE-O-REE 2023



The 32nd Annual V3 (originally named for Venturing, Varsity, and Venture) Hike-o-ree will be held October 28-30, 2023, at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA. Registration is limited to trail capacities of the fifteen trails. The Hike-o-ree is open to all Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scouts BSA Troops. Units must form trail crews consisting of no more than 12 members, including at least two adults. If a unit has more than 12 simply form another crew (with proper adult leadership). The minimum age to participate is 13.

BSA units will need to comply with the Guide to Safe Scouting, etc., and meet the safety requirements therein. All BSA Scouts and Scouters that hike must bring a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, parts A, and B, and meet the weight limits on part C.

Trail crews will be assigned a hike based on the preferences indicated in their registration. All hikes are approximately ten miles in length and range in difficulty from moderate (1500 foot change in elevation) to super strenuous (2600 foot change in elevation). Other Hike-o-ree activities include a Friday night opening rally, a Saturday night High Adventure Rally, and a service project on Sunday morning. Crews receive their Hike-o-ree t-shirts Saturday night.

The Hike-o-ree is intended to be an introduction to backpacking and shakedown. Therefore, camping at the 4-H Center is BACKPACKING style using ONLY backpacking equipment. Bring ONLY what you can carry in your backpack. Come prepared to cook outdoors; bring a trail tarp. Do not bring chuck boxes, coolers, Dutch ovens, propane tanks, camp lanterns, etc.!!

**Registration** on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS begins on August 1, 2023, on the BSA National Capital Area Council website.

Unit deposit is required to reserve a particular hike not later than October 7, 2023. After you register for a hike and pay your deposit, you will be sent a confirmation email with the leader's package and detailed information about the hike you have selected.

Because of the lead-time required to produce the t-shirts, the final date to provide shirt numbers and sizes (S, M, L, XL, 2XL) is October 14. No additional orders can be taken after that date. Submit payment and final shirt orders online on BSA National Capital Area Council website.

The cost of the Hike-o-ree is \$30.00 per participant.

For additional information contact:

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Dominick Caridi, (703) 625-4196, [dscscouting@aol.com](mailto:dscscouting@aol.com)

## Acoustic Music Camp



Got an ear for string music? Or maybe you can barely carry a tune, but want to learn how to play?

Beginners and advanced players alike are invited to the Summit Bechtel Reserve this August for Acoustic Music Camp. The weeklong event will focus on instruments like the banjo, guitar, fiddle, mandolin and bass. Attendees will get to enjoy classroom lessons, improv sessions and nightly jams with talented instructors.

Instrument class sizes are limited, so register soon through the [Acoustic Music Camp page](#). The camp is open to everyone, so you don't have to be registered in Scouting to attend.

### Let's jam

You will get first-class instruction at the music camp, slated for Aug. 6-11. The music instructors will feature 2018 Banjo Player of the Year Ned Luberecki; Grand Ole Opry regular and flatpicking guitarist Tim May; Musical Heritage Center of Middle Tennessee owner and fiddler Gretchen Priest; Bluegrass Heritage Foundation president and bassist Alan Tompkins; and Acoustic Music Camp founder and guitarist Gerald Jones.

Jones, who has been playing music for almost 50 years, has hosted similar camps around the country for more than two decades.

At this camp, attendees will learn different musical styles and techniques. Moreover, it'll be a great time to not only enhance your musical skills but also make new friends and hang out with fellow music lovers.

### The hills are alive...with fun

This year's music camp will be set in the beautiful, lush West Virginia wilderness. But you won't have to rough it at the Summit. Attendees can choose to stay on the property with the all-inclusive options at the bunkhouses, glamping tents or Yamagata lodging. You can also go with the base registration, which includes meals and the music program but not lodging.

While you're at the Summit, you can sign up for one of three different adventure packages to enjoy on one afternoon. Activities in the packages include zip lining, rock-climbing, BMX and skateboarding, virtual shooting, hatchet and knife throwing, fishing, stand-up paddleboarding and kayaking.

For more on the Acoustic Music Camp, including registration, you can check out the camp's page.





## High Adventure Crew Vacancies



Still interested in a High Adventure trek in 2023? At this time of year, existing crews may find themselves short of participants due to medical or family issues, or scheduling conflicts may arise. These crews welcome additional members to help mitigate trip costs and meet minimum crew sizes.

Vacancies Listings: The NCAC High Adventure Committee maintains a [HA Vacancies List](#) (with instructions on how to sign up) for crews with openings or individuals looking to sign on with an existing crew.

Finally, here is a table with vacancies listings online for each of the National HA Bases:

High Adventure Base	Vacancies Webpage
Philmont	<a href="https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/register/">https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/register/</a>
Northern Tier (summer)	<a href="https://www.ntier.org/provisional-scout-connections/">https://www.ntier.org/provisional-scout-connections/</a>
Northern Tier (Okpik)	<a href="https://www.ntier.org/expeditions/winter-adventures/winter-individual-programs/">https://www.ntier.org/expeditions/winter-adventures/winter-individual-programs/</a>
Sea Base	<a href="https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/scout-connections/">https://www.bsaseabase.org/scouts/scout-connections/</a>
Summit	<a href="https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/scoutconnections/">https://www.summitbsa.org/registration/scoutconnections/</a>

## 2023 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key:  Available  Almost Full  Full

Camp		Week					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>Bowman</b> (Patrol Cooking)	Full	Available	Available	Available	Available	Closed
	<b>Marriott</b> (Patrol Cooking & Heater Stack)	Full	Available	Available	Available	Available	Closed
	<b>Olmsted</b> (BS Dining Hall)	Full	Full	Full	Available	Available	Closed
	<b>Lenhok'sin High Adventure</b>	Almost Full	Full	Available	Available	Available	Closed
	<b>Ross</b> (Dining Hall)	Full	Available	Almost Full	Available	Available	Available

Week 1 – 6/25 to 7/1

Week 2 – 7/2 to 7/8

Week 3 – 7/9 to 7/15

Week 4 – 7/16 to 7/22

Week 5 – 7/23 to 7/29

Week 6 – 7/30 to 8/5

Fees:

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

All units will receive two free adult leaders!

Registration: [www.gotogoshen.org/registration/](http://www.gotogoshen.org/registration/)

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

### Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



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

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

- Session 1: June 26-30
- Session 2: July 10-14

On Time Registration (up to May 13)	\$250 – Scout, \$55 – Adult
Late Registration (after May 13)	\$270 – Scout, \$60 - Adult

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

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

### Scouts BSA Merit Badge Week at Camp Snyder



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

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

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

When: July 16 - 22

On Time Resident Scout Registration (up to May 14)	\$485
On Time Day Scout Registration:	\$385
On Time Adult Registration	\$265
Late Resident Scout Registration (after May 14)	\$505
Late Day Scout Registration:	\$405

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

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

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

## Cub Scout Weekend Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



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

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

Session 1: June 22-25

Session 2: June 29 – July 2

Session 3: July 6-9

Session 4: July 13-16

On Time Registration (up to May 13)

\$255 – Scout, \$105 – Adult

Late Registration (after May 13)

\$255 – Scout, \$130 - Adult

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

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

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

## CLIMBOREE 2023



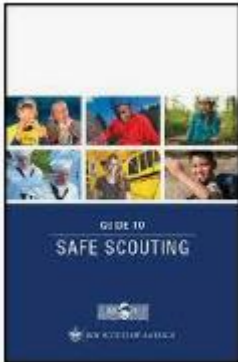
The National Capital Area Council and Mountaineer Area Council will host the Climboree 2023 at Camp Mountaineer near Morgantown, WV on the long holiday weekend from October 6 to October 9, 2023.

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

\$30 per participant for a weekend of tent camping and adventure. Additional fees for shooting and cooking programs. We will not provide meals.

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

## Scouting Safely and the Guide to Safe Scouting



Spring and Summer are here and many of our Troops, Packs and Crews are back to doing outdoor activities and camping. This time of year, is a great opportunity for our unit leaders to review and refamiliarize themselves with the BSA policies and guidelines for Scouting Safely and age-appropriate activities.

You are encouraged to visit the Scouting Safely webpage at [www.Scouting.org](http://www.Scouting.org) and review the “Guide to Safe Scouting”, Guidelines for Age-Appropriate Activities, and the FAQs for Prohibited Activities.

We would also like to remind unit leaders of the recent changes in the adult supervision policy (Effective September 1, 2023).

“Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.”

With all this in mind we wish all our units, Scouts, and families a safe, exciting, and fun-filled Spring and Summer outdoor program.

Please contact either your Unit Commissioner or District Commissioner for additional information about Scouting Safely.

## Pack Family Camping



BSA rules for family camping are:

- They are focused on age-appropriate Cub Scout activities
- They are conducted at council-approved locations. For a listing of NCAC approved sites go to the Council website → Camps → Cub Scout Outdoor Guidelines
- If nonmembers (siblings) participate, the event must be structured accordingly to accommodate them. BSA health and safety and Youth Protection policies apply. In most cases, each youth member will be under the supervision of a parent or guardian. In all cases, each youth participant is responsible to a specific adult.
- At least one adult must have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO, No. 34162) to properly understand the importance of program intent, Youth Protection policies, health and safety, site selection, age-appropriate activities, and sufficient adult participation.

## Quiz Yourself on How Well You Know How to Animal-Proof a Campsite



Ask people what they’re most afraid of on a camping trip, and they’re likely to say “bears!” Some are afraid they’ll be eaten alive by one; others are worried that a bear will get into their food. But raccoons, chipmunks and rodents are generally more worrisome camp robbers than bears.

Test yourself with this [quiz](#) to see how much you know about animal-proofing your campsite.

## 2024 High Adventure Base Reservations!



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:john.blackwell@goosecreekdistrict.org) or 301.346.0551

## Michael's Woodshop



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

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

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





## National/International Recognition Days/Weeks/Months Calendar

2023						
MAY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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

- May 1 – [School Principals' Day](#)
- May 2 – [National Teacher Appreciation Day](#)
- May 3 – [National Two Colored Shoes Day](#)
- May 4 – [National Star Wars Day](#)
- May 6 – [National Start Seeing Monarchs \(butterflies\) Day](#)
- May 7 – [National Lemonade Day](#)
- May 8 – [World Red Cross Day](#)
- May 9 – [World Butterscotch Brownie Day](#)
- May 10 – [National Clean Up Your Room Day](#)
- May 11 – [National Eat What You Want Day](#)
- May 12 – [National Limerick Day](#)
- May 13 – [National Miniature Golf Day](#)
- May 15 – [National Chocolate Chip Day](#)
- May 16 – [National Barbecue Day](#)
- May 17 – [National Walnut Day](#)
- May 18 – [International Museum Day](#)
- May 19 – [National Pizza Party Day](#)
- May 20 – [World Bee Day](#)
- May 21 – [National Take Your Parents to the Playground Day](#)
- May 22 – [National Solitaire Day](#)
- May 23 – [National Taffy Day](#)
- May 24 – [National Scavenger Hunt Day](#)
- May 25 – [International Plastic Free Day](#)
- May 26 – [National Paper Airplane Day](#)
- May 27 – [National Cellophane Tape Day](#)
- May 28 – [National Hamburger Day](#)
- May 30 – [National Water a Flower Day](#)
- May 31 – [National Smile Day](#)

## Training Opportunities



### Outdoor Ethics Orientation Course



The course (June 10, 2023) is suitable for scouters and mature scouts. We hope as many units as possible are able to send at least 2 scouts and 1 scouter; this will allow your unit to have youth & adult members qualified to lead Outdoor Ethics at all outdoor events and help your scouts & scouters complete some of the requirements to earn the Outdoor Ethics Award for Scouts or NCAC Outdoor Ethics Award for Cub Scouts.

The course is perfect for your unit's Outdoor Ethics Guide (formerly Leave No Trace Trainer) or scouts who plan to take that leadership role.

By the end of the class, the participants should have:

- Knowledge of Outdoor Ethics
- Knowledge of the Outdoor Code
- Knowledge of how Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly! and The Land Ethic / Stewardship support the Outdoor Code
- Knowledge of Outdoor Ethics Awareness and Action Awards Program
- Knowledge to locate additional Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly! and BSA Outdoor Ethics resources and opportunities for further training

After this course and completion of the on-line Leave No Trace On-Line Awareness course and Tread Lightly! on-line Awareness course, participants should have enough knowledge to

Earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award

Conduct Outdoor Ethics workshops & activities within their respective units

Help scouts & scouters earn their Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award

Register: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-68832>

Cost: \$0

Location: American Legion Post 227, 1305 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613

### My.Scouting.org



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

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



## Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS)



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

BCOLS has three key goals:

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

BCOLS consists of two parts:

- One day-long classroom session
  - Working Together — covers needs and characteristics of the age group; discusses group dynamics and the interpersonal skills needed to build and maintain a high-performance team.
  - Trek Planning and Preparation — covers the detailed preparation and planning that is necessary to a successful Trek and includes risk management, Leave No Trace principles, and discussion and displays of the personal and crew equipment used for Trekking, as well as other Trek tools.
- Two-day weekend outdoor session provides a mix of skill presentations and hands-on practice. Activities include Leave No Trace camping skills, problem solving through initiative games, the use of bear bags/canisters, equipment maintenance, stove maintenance, water treatment, menu planning and trail cooking (and clean-up), terrain awareness, health and safety and personal hygiene issues, hands-on land navigation, and trail meditations.

Requirements for attending BCOLS:

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

Both Session Must be Attended to get credit for the Course.

Class Room Session: Saturday September 23, 2023 at Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Road Alexandria, VA 22308

Weekend Session : Saturday October 21 thru Sunday October 22, 2023 at Camp Big Mac 12647 Moss Hollow Road Markham, VA 22643

QUESTIONS?

For information about specific courses, contact Course Coordinator, Shawn Carroll at [Shawn.carroll@yahoo.com](mailto:Shawn.carroll@yahoo.com)

Registration opens May 12: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-70527> .

## What Is a Fully Trained Scout Leader?



The leadership training philosophy of the BSA is to provide all adult leaders with the fundamental information about the aims and methods of the movement and the specifics about their particular role in Scouting. A trained leader is knowledgeable and confident in the role they serve. The knowledge and confidence of a trained leader are quickly sensed by Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA Troop Members, Sea Scouts, Explorers and Venturing Scouts. Trained leaders and are a positive influence on the lives of the scouts they serve.

The Adult Scout Leader training program is designed to meet the needs of leaders by providing learning opportunities related to each of the adult unit positions. The plan allows for both individual online and in-person group training experiences. It also incorporates a recognition program that motivates and rewards those who progress in the leadership training programs of the BSA.

How can I get fully trained to best serve the scouts I work with?

1. Check out the requirements for your position [here](#).
2. Take the [online courses](#).
3. Check out the [NCAC Training Calendar](#) for In-Person courses

## Climbing Instructor Training 2023



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

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

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

## Spring Wilderness First Aid Courses at Camp Snyder



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

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

May 20-21, 2023

Visit [www.ncacbsa.org/opi-wfa](http://www.ncacbsa.org/opi-wfa) to learn more and select your course.

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

## Wood Badge 2023



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

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

Wood Badge consists of two parts:

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

Requirements for attending Wood Badge:

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

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

Cost: \$300

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



★ Aquatics Training



The NCAC Aquatics Committee is promoting two Red Cross Life Guard Classes. Details are available and registration is via the NCAC web site with the Red Cross Instructors being provided by "Campaign-Pay-It-Forward":

Lifeguard Training

Session 1: May 13 & 14 – Brookfield Swim Club, Chantilly, VA

Session 2: May 20 & 21 – Brookfield Swim Club, Chantilly, VA

We are also pleased to confirm our still and open water Canoe classes for May and August. These will be taught by Mark Wray our ACA (American Canoe Association) instructor. These classes prepare adults and older Scouts to lead their Troop's canoe Trips. Merit Badge Deans are encouraged to accept this training as verification that the individual has the knowledge and skills to be a Canoe Merit Badge Counselor. Registration for the May training is nearing its limit.

Paddle Craft Safety

May 20 – Still Water Safety – Class Size 12; 11 paid and registered

May 21 – Moving Water Safety – Class Size 12; 11 paid and registered

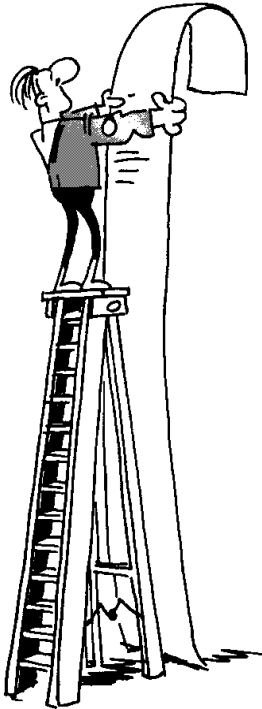
Aug 26 – Still Water Safety – Class Size 12

Aug 27 – Moving Water Safety – Class Size 12

SCUBA training and Merit Badge Completion program will be held later this summer.



# District Calendar



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

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

**July 2023**  
 4 Fourth of July

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

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

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

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

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

**January 2024**  
 10 Roundtable  
 10 OA Chapter Meeting  
 11 Commissioner Mtg  
 15 MLK Jr. Day  
 20 **Life to Eagle Training**  
 22 School Holiday  
 23 District Committee

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

**March 2024**  
 5 Student Holiday  
 13 Roundtable  
 13 OA Chapter Meeting  
 14 Commissioner Mtg  
 25-20 Student Holiday  
 27 District Committee

**April 2024**  
 10 Roundtable  
 10 OA Chapter Meeting  
 11 Commissioner Mtg  
 12-14 **Spring Camporee**  
 20 **Life to Eagle Training**  
 24 District Committee