



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Scout BSA /
Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 New Article
/Updated
Information



By Michael Tances Jr., Scoutmaster, <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/09/17/one-scoutmasters-thoughts-will-inspire/>

Why We Do This: One Scoutmaster's Thoughts

After spending a week at Summer Camp, sleeping in a tent and enduring all types of weather, here are a few things I observed:

I saw 16- to 17-year-old Scouts take a shy, quiet Scout who was new to our troop under their wings and make sure he felt welcome.

I saw a Scout that had never been "Up North" tube and canoe down the Rifle River, laughing and in awe of everything he was seeing.

I saw a young lady Venturer, new to the Scouting program, take to it like a duck to water, and it was amazing how she could get the other Venturers to work with her.

I saw young boys who have never been away from home making breakfast for 25 people and smiling while we guided them through it.

I saw young Scouts playing an actual board game — no controller needed — imagine that for a second!

I saw Scouts sit through hours of rain and not complain.

I saw young Scouts who thought they could do it all by themselves figure out that it's better to work as a team.

I saw a Scout who was in tears last year when he couldn't make it three feet up the climbing tower climb like he'd been doing it for years while the troop cheered him on — a moment I will never forget.

I saw a young Scout whose feet could barely touch the water when he was in his tube never give up in the relay race, even though he didn't make it more than 10 feet from shore. His troop rallied around him, praising him from not giving up.

I saw Scouts who didn't understand why they were asked to do things (but did them anyway) stand tall when their troop's number was called to stand and receive their Honor Troop Award — some of them may have even pumped up their chests a bit!

Through it all, I saw nothing but smiles, and that, folks, is why we do it! When it's all said and done, it's not about me or the other adult leaders in camp.

It's about the Scouts, and I'm proud to be their Scoutmaster.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Scouting for Food Results



The 2023 Scouting for Food drive, our scouts achieved a remarkable feat by collecting 56,300 lbs. of food, surpassing last year's collection and significantly aiding 15 local food pantries in Loudoun County. This commendable effort involved 800 scouts from 52 units and 500 adult volunteers, reaching over 50,000 homes. The drive not only supported vital community services but also fostered civic responsibility and community service among our youth. Looking ahead to 2024, we aim to increase our impact and invite the community to participate in the Scouting for Food event. Residents can contribute by volunteering, donating, or promoting the event. Additionally, we encourage ongoing support for our local pantries throughout the year. For more information or to get involved in the 2024 event, please contact Scout4Food@goosecreekdistrict.org, Seth Fowler, Goose Creek District 2024 Scouting for Food Coordinator.

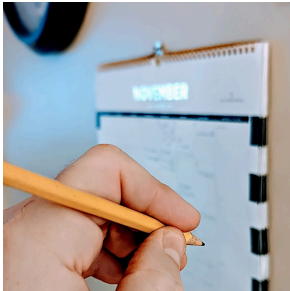
REPORTING BY PANTRY

Pantry | Unit | Total lbs

Backpack Buddies | Pack 1483, Troop 1154 | 3,608
 BetterALife | Troop 969 | 1600
 BetterALife | Pack 704 | 1080.9
 Catholic Charities | Pack 997 | 1651
 Catholic Charities | Troop 572 | 2339
 Dulles South | Pack 1500, Troop 2970B & Troop 2970G | 2810
 Dulles South | Pack 2013 | 2029
 Dulles South | Troop 2012 and Pack 2010 | 2116
 Dulles South | Troop 1430 B, Troop 1148 G, Crew 1430, Pack 1148 | 1451
 Faith Chapel (Lucketts VA) | Troop 1910B | 402
 Fueled | Pack 1154 | 2143
 Fueled | Troop 58 | 145
 LINK | Pack 1576 | 1,017.20
 LINK | Pack 905 | 1,320.60
 LINK | Troop 966 | 1,840.10
 LINK | Troop 761 | 17.1
 LINK | Pack 1666 | 573
 LINK | Pack 1158 | 1,148.60
 LINK | Troop 2022, Pack 2019 | 759.9
 Loudoun Hunger | Pack 311 | 778
 Loudoun Hunger | Pack 965 | 2635
 Loudoun Hunger | Pack 982 | 1218
 Loudoun Hunger | Pack 998 | 2238
 Loudoun Hunger | Troop 1159 | 545
 Loudoun Hunger | Troop 982 | 1705
 Loudoun Hunger | Troop 998 | 509
 Mobile Hope | Pack 1483, Troop 1154 | 3019
 Mobile Hope | Pack 1484 | 2157
 Round Hill (UMC) | Pack 961 | 901
 Seven Loaves | Pack 910 | 1400
 ToL (Central) | Pack 1151 | 2,688
 ToL (Central) | Troop 997 (Boy) | Pantry Intake
 ToL (Purcellville) | Pack 961 | 545
 ToL (Purcellville) | Pack 39 | 1,469
 ToL (Purcellville) | Pack 1162 | 675
 ToL (Purcellville) | Troop 2011 | 1423
 ToL (Purcellville) | Pack 962 | 191
 ToL (Sterling) | Troop 950 | 1046
 Western Loudoun Food Pantry | Pack 962 | 3,124



Exciting Update on Our 2024 Summer Day Camp Dates!



We have an important update regarding our 2024 Summer Day & Twilight Camp! To provide our Cub Scouts with the best possible experience, we've made a change to the previously announced camp dates. **Mark your calendars for the new dates: June 24-28, 2024.**

While we can't reveal the exact location just yet, we're thrilled to share that we are finalizing details on a brand-new venue within Loudoun County. This location is not only beautiful but also conveniently situated for many of our units. We are eager to unveil this fantastic site and are confident it will enhance our Scouts' summer adventure.

Stay tuned for the big announcement in the coming weeks, where we'll share all the details about this exciting new location for our Summer Day Camp. We appreciate your understanding and can't wait to provide a memorable and enriching experience for our Scouts this summer!



2024 Goose Creek District Pinewood Derby Championship!



This district-wide event, proudly hosted by Pack 1154, will rev up at Sanders Corner Elementary School in Ashburn, VA, on March 8-9, 2024.

Mark your calendars, as registration kicks off on January 5 and closes at noon on March 8. Remember, no walk-in registrations will be accepted.

This derby is a thrilling opportunity for all scouts within the Goose Creek District, along with their friends and families, to showcase their fastest and most creatively designed cars.

Each registration is \$13, which includes a special 2023 Goose Creek Derby Patch and a chance to win in our derby prize drawing with new sponsors and prizes for 2024. The event also features an exciting STEM demonstration and an Outlaw race. With over 20 special design awards and various speed categories, there's something for everyone! Support the event through our concessions, and consider volunteering to help make this a successful community event.

For complete rules, updates, and additional information, check out <https://pack1154.org/goosecreekpinewood>. For specific inquiries, please contact Event Manager Rob Winter at goosecreekderby@pack1154.org.

Spring Camporee Announcement!



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

Freeze-o-Ree 2024



When: January 26-28, 2024

Where: Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket VA

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

REGISTRATION

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

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

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

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

HEALTH/SAFETY

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

PROGRAM

Saturday's program at the Freeze-o-Ree will include events of Competition and Skill for Scouts between Patrols representing Scouts from the participating Units. Each event at the Freeze-o-Ree will be based on the Patrol's ability to work together as a team, their general Scout skills and their Scout Spirit. Those who gather the most points during the day will reap handsome Awards at the evening festivities. The annual Chili Cookoff returns for 2023 - every Patrol should bring their best. Adults can participate in a separate category, with chili to feed the hardest Yeti!

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

LOL



A Scoutmaster was surprised to see one of his Scouts had brought an umbrella to summer camp.

He asked, "Why did you bring an umbrella to camp?"

The Scout answered, "Did you ever have a mother?"



Shooting Sports Corner



Greetings GCD Scouters! We're coming up on the end of the Calendar year and that means holiday giving. If you're planning to give your Scout a firearm this Holiday season whether it is a Red Rider BB-gun or a higher caliber firearm, GCD Shooting Sports committee encourages matching the correct ammunition with the firearm. The proper way to do this is read the stamped ammunition information on the firearm barrel for correct ammunition to safely discharge. Proper ammunition fit is very important for firearm safety.

Proper firearm storage is another topic that is important during Holiday season. Please be sure your firearms are securely locked in a cabinet or gun locker. Please do not leave a firearm lying about the house where a guest can get a hold of it and hurt themselves or someone else. GCD needs to have a safe and fun Holiday season.

Finally, as a New Year resolution, please keep your firearm certifications current so GCD can have properly certified rangemasters supervising our shooting sport events.

That's all for now, Have a great and safe Holiday season!

District Uniform Closet



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

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

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

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

Onward and Upward"

On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek's newest Eagles:

Brandon Amdahl – Troop 966

Grayson Bradley – Troop 39

Alexander Capell – Crew 1430

Varun Cheedalla – Troop 761

Samuel Kay – Troop 1430

Zubair Mahedavi – Troop 786

Vithuran Rathakrishnan – Troop 970

Jonathan Stine – Troop 1159

Umair Syed – Troop 786

Robert Talbot – Troop 962



Cub Scout Program Changes Announced



It's official! The Cub Scout program will be updated for the 2024-25 program year. Over the past several years the National Cub Scouting Committee has identified four areas to improve the Cub Scout program to ensure that it is fun, simple, and easy. These updates are based on feedback from over 23,000 parents and Cub Scout leaders through various surveys and data.

The four areas of improvement are the Bobcat badge, Cub Scout Adventures, Webelos, and Cub Scout Awards.

Bobcat will no longer be a badge that is earned once when a Cub Scout joins. It will become a required Adventure for each rank and earned each year. The requirements for the Bobcat Adventure are different for each grade to make them age-appropriate.

Cub Scout Adventures have been improved to make it easier to deliver the program to multi-rank dens or as a Pack. To earn each rank in Cub Scouting will require a Cub Scout to earn the six required Adventures and two elective Adventures. Required Adventures reflect the aims and focus areas of the BSA. The number of elective Adventures increases.

Webelos and Arrow of Light will be separated. Webelos becomes the 4th-grade program in Cub Scouting. Arrow of Light becomes a stand-alone badge of rank for 5th graders and will no longer be associated with Webelos. Arrow of Light will be the program that prepares Cub Scouts to join Scouts BSA.

Cub Scouts Awards will be reimagined as Cub Scout Adventures. Topics like camping, STEM, and range and target sports will remain and are reimagined into elective Adventures that can be used towards earning a badge of rank.

The changes will take effect officially on June 1, 2024.

There are a lot of details that will be shared in future episodes of [Cub Chat Live!](#) Make sure to check out the episodes. Cub Chat Live! is a weekly Facebook Live show that streams live every Friday at 2 p.m. Central. Episodes are recorded and are now available as a podcast.

- 12/1/2023 – Rank Advancements and Bobcat
- 1/12/2024 – New and Improved Adventures
- 2/2/2024 – Webelos and Arrow of Light
- 3/1/2024 – Handbooks and Leader Resources
- 4/5/2024 – Den and Pack Meetings
- 5/10/2024 – Top 10 Most Common Questions
- 6/7/2024 – Safety Integration

BSA has a [Cub Scout Program Updates FAQ 11-16-23](#) posted. This will probably be revised as questions come in. Of particular note is the one that relates to our current 4th graders.

Q: What do we do with current 4th graders who are Webelos?

A: Current 4th grade Webelos should focus only on Webelos required Adventures and not start any work on Arrow of Light. It is suggested that they focus on the elective Adventures that will not be available to them next year as an Arrow of Light. Those elective Adventures are Aquanaut, Art Explosion, Aware and Care, Built It, Earth Rocks!, and Modular Design.



2024 Woodwork Merit Badge Sessions



This course is open to all registered Scout Youth. Scouts will need to attend both a classroom session and a shop time session.

Classroom Session: Participants will have the opportunity to complete Woodworking Merit Badge requirements 1, 2, 3b & 7. To view the schedule and description of the 2024 Woodwork Merit Badge Classroom Sessions, please [Click Here](#)

Shoptime Session: Supervised shop time for Scouts to work on Woodwork Merit Badge project requirements 4, 5 & 6. Scouts must have completed the Woodwork Merit Badge Classroom Session before attending. To view the schedule and description of the 2024 Woodwork Merit Badge Shop Time Sessions, please [Click Here](#)

Questions: If you have any questions about project requirements, project plans or materials, please send us an email MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com. Youth must copy a parent on all email communications.

Where: Michael's Woodshop. Please see the [Camp Map](#) for the location of the Michael's Woodshop at Camp Snyder.



NESA Scholarships



Beginning Dec. 1, the [National Eagle Scout Association](#) will be accepting applications for multiple scholarships of varying amounts. Applicants must have completed an Eagle Scout board of review before Jan. 24, 2024; must be members of NESA ([click here](#) to join); and must submit their application through the [NESA scholarship portal](#) between Dec. 1, 2023, and Jan. 31, 2024. Full requirements and conditions are listed [here](#).

Other eligibility requirements include:

- Eagle Scouts may apply beginning in their senior year of high school through their junior year in an undergraduate program or by the halfway point of their associate degree program or skilled trade program.
- Recipients may receive a NESA scholarship one time only.
- NESA scholarships are available to Eagle Scouts currently enrolled in or accepted by an accredited educational institution as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours) in a program leading to an academic degree (including associate degrees) or a skilled trade program.
- Cooke four-year scholarship awardees must be enrolled in an accredited four-year college or university as a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours) in a program leading to a bachelor's degree.
- NESA scholarships are not available to students attending any of the U.S. military academies.
- NESA scholarships are not available to graduate students pursuing a master's or doctoral degree.

Last year, 69 Eagle Scouts received a total of \$524,000 from NESA to aid in their educational endeavors. These scholarships are made possible by generous donors and NESA members that help the alumni organization.



Goose Creek District Advancement Committee Changes



The Goose Creek District is proud to share that with the imminent retirement of our esteemed Advancements Chair of many years (Dr. Alan Steiner), we have a new Advancements Chair and some new District Eagle Representatives (DERs) and 'not-so-new' DERs, who might not yet have been noticed. So first things first, some 'introductions'.

The new Advancements Chair is Bobbie Scales and our MB Dean is Brian Gerling.

Her team of DERs includes the following Scouters, ready to serve your needs.

- Nagaraju "Nag" Nookala
- Bobbie Scales (& Adv Ch)
- Brad Scales (& L2E Trainer)
- Kurt Struder
- Ed Thiede
- John Witek
- Steve Wolfson (& District Chairman)

The district Advancements & Recognition Committee (ARC) implements processes that help achieve the BSA advancement program. As members of the district's ARC, DERs are central to many of the steps taken by Life Scouts on their way to Eagle. Major tasks that the DERs perform are.

- a) Advise unit leaders about the Life to Eagle process and the methods for conducting boards of review.
- b) Provide final review and approve Eagle Scout Service Project (ESSP) proposals submitted by Scouts.
- c) Provide (final) review and approval of Eagle Scout Rank Applications (ESRAs) as a representative of NCAC.
- d) Serve as the council/district representative in Eagle Scout Boards of Review (EBoRs).
- e) Participate in the review of Eagle Scout candidate appeals if a unit denies their application for advancement at the board of review.

If you haven't done so lately, check our online page to see the various Goose Creek Committees [here](#) ... or go straight to our district's ARC web page [here](#).

Date Became a Boy Scout on Eagle Application

One of the first fields to fill in on the Eagle Scout Rank Application, and the hardest to remember, is the date the Scout became a Boy Scout. This is the date that the parent signed the application to join the troop, not the day they got the Scout badge. Some troop membership/advancement chairs keep the application on file for as long as the Scout is a member of the unit.

Why is this date important? Because anything the Scout earned before the reported date, and yes Scouts can earn merit badges as soon as they join and before they get their Scout badge, is considered invalid.

Life-to-Eagle Seminar



The next L2E Seminar is tentatively scheduled for.

Date: Sat, January 20, 2024

Time: 10:00 – 2:00

Place: TBD

While primarily targeted for the Life-to-Eagle Advisers & Coordinators at the unit level, these trainings, but are by no means limited to same. Life Scouts and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend as well. The key goal is to get each of the unit Eagle Advisers up to speed on changes to the process, and some of the district-level mechanics of same. That way, they can help share the message to the Life Scouts in their units on a more frequent basis.

If you are a Life-to-Eagle Adviser or Advancement Chair for your Unit and have not attended one of these in Goose Creek within the last 2 years, you really should make an attempt to do so.

Any questions about Life-to-Eagle training can be directed to Brad Scales ...
MSVA_Tenor@yahoo.com; or 703-850-6679.

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



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

Deadline for submission: 15 December 2023

Required Items for Application:

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

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

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org



BSA's Rule on Registering All Adults Who Participate in Overnight Activities



Earlier this fall, the BSA updated Scouting's Barriers to Abuse. The updated policy requires adults who spend the night at official BSA events to be registered.

Effective Sept. 1, 2023, all adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be registered as an adult volunteer or an adult program participant.

To look at some of the most commonly asked questions since this rule went into effect go to this *Aaron On Scouting* (BSA's official blog) [article](#).

Join Camp Staff



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

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

Job Requirements

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

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

Camps

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

Dates

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

Camp Snyder: June 15 - August 2, 2024

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

Goshen Scout Reservation: www.gotogoshen.org/staff

Camp Snyder: www.gotosnyder.org/work



Michael's Woodshop is Expanding



Since opening in 2018, Michael's Woodshop has become one of the most popular activity venues at Camp William B. Snyder, offering fun, hands-on activities for all NCAC Scouting youth. Activities in Michael's Woodshop attracted over 1,800 youth participants in 2022 and is expected to exceed that number in 2023. In order to accommodate the increasing demand, Michael's Woodshop has begun the renovation and outfitting of additional space in the STEM Shack. In August, Michael's Woodshop Volunteers teamed up with volunteers supporting Camp Snyder's monthly Sawdust Saturdays to remove a large volume of unneeded "clutter" and removed a partition to ready the space for renovations.

The success of Michael's Woodshop is attributable to the incredible support from the NCAC Scouting community in the form of shop volunteers, tool donations and of course, the time and effort of all the leaders who coordinate shop events for their units. We are excited about the expansion and ongoing support will be critical to our continued success.

Become a Volunteer: Since its inception, Michael's Woodshop has been operated and maintained by a team of dedicated volunteers. We will need additional Shop Volunteers to support the expanded level of activity. Roles are available for adults and youth, from novices to experienced woodworkers. Adult volunteers must be BSA registered with current YPT. Youth volunteers need to be at least 14 years old and must have earned the First Aid and Woodwork merit badges. Please go to "[Join the Woodshop Team](#)" to learn more.

Donate Tools: If you are not able to volunteer, but wish to support the expansion, please consider donating tools or equipment to Michael's Woodshop. To view our current tool needs as well as recent donations, please visit [Support Michael's Woodshop](#).

To learn more about the woodshop, please visit the [Michael's Woodshop Webpage](#) or email questions to the volunteer team at MichaelsWoodshop.CWBS@gmail.com.

Winter Camping Tips and Tricks to Help You Enjoy the Fourth Season



There's nothing like camping in cold weather. The bugs are gone, and campsites that were crowded in summer are largely yours alone. And if there's snow, new adventures beckon: Ski or snowshoe a trail; follow animal tracks; sleep in a snow trench or quinzee hut.

Winter camping is wonderful — that is, if you know what you're doing. The dangers are dehydration, hypothermia and frostbite. Before you set out, read this [Scouting magazine article](#).

Test Your Knowledge of Winter Camping with this Quiz



Try this simple [10 question quiz](#) to see how well you would manage winter camping.

Goshen Camps



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

Camp Olmsted – Scouts BSA / Venturing

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

Camp Bowman – Scouts BSA / Venturing

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

Camp Marriott – Scouts BSA / Venturing

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

Camp Ross – Webelos and AOL Scouts

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



Lenhok’sin High Adventure – Backpacking and Canoe Treks

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

2024 Goshen Summer Camp Availability



Key: Available Almost Full Full

| Camp | | Week | | | | | |
|---|--|------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|  | Bowman (Patrol Cooking) | | | | | | |
| | Marriott (Patrol Cooking & Heater Stack) | | | | | | |
| | Olmsted (BS Dining Hall) | | | | | | |
| | Lenhok'sin High Adventure | | | | | | |
|  | Ross (Dining Hall) | | | | | | |

Week 1 – 6/23 to 6/29

Week 3 – 7/7 to 7/13

Week 5 – 7/21 to 7/27

Week 2 – 6/30 to 7/6

Week 4 – 7/14 to 7/20

Week 6 – 7/28 to 8/3

Fees:

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

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

- All units will receive two free adult leaders!

Registration: www.gotogoshen.org/registration/

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

NCAC Family Camps



Spring Family Camp at Camp Snyder

April 19-21, 2024

May 10-12, 2024

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

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



2024 NCAC Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



Cub Scout Day Camp is a great means for all Scouts from Tiger through Webelos and their siblings to experience. Each day will begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 4:00 pm with lunch included in the cost of camp.

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

Session 1: June 24 – June 28

Session 2: July 8-12

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

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

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

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

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

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



Michael's Woodshop Pinewood Derby Days



Michael's Woodshop has a well-defined process for Cub Scouts to create their pinewood derby cars. The process begins with a safety briefing and is designed for Cub Scouts to be hands on throughout the process. At the end of their session, Cub Scouts will leave Michael's Woodshop with a paint ready car.

Schedule Your Own Pack or Den Session

We offer Full Pack Sessions (up to 4 hrs./18 to 28 Cub Scouts), 1/2 Pack Sessions (up to 2 hours/10 to 16 Cub Scouts) and Den Sessions (up to 2 1/2 hrs./6 to 10 Cub Scouts – weeknights only).

Open Registration Sessions

Our open registration sessions are designed to provide individual Cub Scouts or small groups with the opportunity to design and build their cars. Cub Scout age siblings are welcome to participate. Sessions will open for registration beginning on September 1. Session dates are subject to change before registration begins.

Individualized Sessions

We are happy to accommodate youth who require more individualized assistance. Please email our volunteers at PinewoodDerby.CWBS@gmail.com for more information.

For more information go to <https://www.gotosnyder.org/year-round-events/woodshop-activities/>

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



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

Sessions run from Friday at 9:00am to Sunday at 9:00am, and feature 2 nights of overnight camping. Meals are provided starting with Friday lunch through Sunday continental breakfast. Thursday night check in for all 3 weekend programs! Come in on Thursday night, get your campsite set up and your swim tests out of the way to make more time for Friday fun!

Session 1: June 20-23

Session 2: June 27-30

Session 3: July 11-14

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

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

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

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

2024 Camp Spring Service Weekends



GOSHEN VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKENDS

May 3 - 5, 2024

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

CAMP SNYDER YEAR-ROUND SAWDUST SATURDAYS

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

GOSHEN STAFF ALUMNI SERVICE WEEKEND

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

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

2024 Scouts BSA Merit Badge Week at Camp Snyder



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

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

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

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

Session 1: July 14 – July 20, 2024

Session 2: July 21 – July 27, 2024

Early Bird Registration (up to Apr 14):

Scout Resident Camper - \$470

Scout Day Camper - \$370

Adult - \$230

On Time Registration (up to May 12)

Scout Resident Camper - \$500

Scout Day Camper - \$400

Adult - \$270

Late Registration (after May 12)

Scout Resident Camper - \$530

Scout Day Camper - \$430

Adult - \$270

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

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

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

2024 NCAC Provisional Camps



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

What is it?

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

Goshen Provisional Camp - At Camp Marriott, Goshen Scout Reservation

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

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

Specialty Week – at Camp Snyder

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

Session 1: July 14 - July 20, 2024

Session 2: July 21 - July 27, 2024

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

2024 NCAC Provisional Treks



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

High Adventure Council Contingents

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

www.ncacbsa.org/high-adventure

Lenhok'sin Provisional RIVER Trek

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

www.gotogoshen.org/lenhoksin

Goshen Order of the Arrow Trail Crew

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

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



National/International Recognition Days

2023

DECEMBER

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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](#)

- Dec 1 – [National Pie Day](#)
- Dec 2 – [National Mutt Day](#)
- Dec 3 – [National Roof Over Your Head Day](#)
- Dec 4 – [Wildlife Conservation Day](#)
- Dec 5 – [World Soil Day](#)
- Dec 6 – [National Miners Day](#)
- Dec 8 – [National Brownie Day](#)
- Dec 9 – [National Pastry Day](#)
- Dec 10 – [Nobel Prize Day](#)
- Dec 11 – [National Stretching Day](#)
- Dec 12 – [Gingerbread House Day](#)
- Dec 13 – [National Cocoa Day](#)
- Dec 14 – [National Monkey Day](#)
- Dec 15 – [National Cupcake Day](#)
- Dec 16 – [National Chocolate Covered Anything Day](#)
- Dec 17 – [National Maple Syrup Day](#)
- Dec 18 – [National Twin Day](#)
- Dec 19 – [National Hard Candy Day](#)
- Dec 20 – [Mudd Day](#)
- Dec 21 – [Winter Solstice](#)
- Dec 22 – [Forefather's Day](#)
- Dec 23 – [National Roots Day](#)
- Dec 24 – [National Eggnog Day](#)
- Dec 26 – [National Thank You Note Day](#)
- Dec 27 – [National Fruitcake Day](#)
- Dec 28 – [National Card Playing Day](#)
- Dec 29 – [Tick Tock Day](#)
- Dec 30 – [Bacon Day](#)

Wreaths Across America



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

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

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

Training Opportunities



University of Scouting 2024 - Feb 24, 2024



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

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

For those that cannot attend in person, there will be a ZOOM option for six classes each in the College of Cub Scouting and the College of Scouts BSA. See the catalog, when issued, for details on the classes offered by ZOOM. You may not register for both.

Fees: \$50 for students and instructors taking classes. Walk-ins and late registrations will be \$75

We expect the catalog to be available late December and registration to open by January 6.



USA Archery Level 1 Training – Camp Snyder



NCAC is offering USA Archery Level 1 training on February 24, 2024

Steps:

- 1) Register for this class. The class will have a limit of 10 students with a limited wait list.
- 2) Go to <https://usarchery.sport80.com/public/wizard/e/43690> and register with USA Archery (Cost is \$10 to USA archery to cover the range certification)
- 3) Complete the online portion of the class on the USA Archery website
- 4) Attend the in person range training on 2/24/24 from 9AM-1PM (bring your own lunch)

My.Scouting.org



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

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

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

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

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

Wood Badge



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

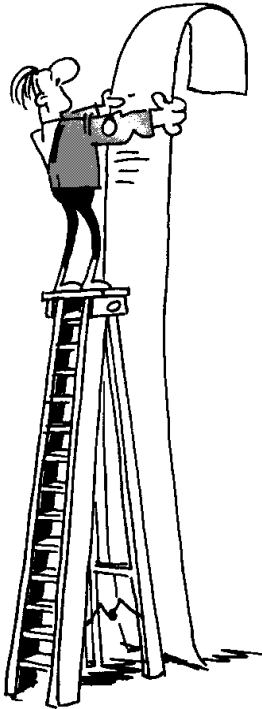
Wood Badge is the highest level of Scout leadership training and provides you with the tools to be a superior leader. The leadership skills taught are for leaders from all Scouting areas including Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing and the district and council. The 1st half of the course utilizes a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

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

2024 Spring Course - April 12-14 and May 4-5

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

District Calendar



December 2023

- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner Mtg

January 2024

- 10 Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Commissioner Mtg
- 15 MLK Jr. Day
- 20 **Life to Eagle Training**
- 22 School Holiday
- 24 District Committee
- 26-28 **Freeze-o-ree**

February 2024

- 9-10 Scout Jumuah
- 9 Scout Shabbat
- 11 Scout Sunday
- 14 Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter Meeting
- 15 Commissioner Mtg
- 19 President's Day
- 24 Univ. of Scouting
- 28 District Committee

March 2024

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

April 2024

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

May 2024

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

June 2024

- 12 Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 13 Commissioner Mtg
- 24-28 **GC Day Camp**
- 24-27 **GC Twilight Camp**
- 26 District Committee

July 2024

- 4 Fourth of July

August 2024

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

September 2024

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

October 2024

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

November 2024

- 1 **OA Election Cycle Begins**
- 2 Scouting for Food (SFF) Notices out
- 9 SFF Food Pickup
- 13 Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Commissioner Mtg
- 27 District Committee