



# The Patriot Press



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## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual District Recognition Event



### Award of Merit



Floyd Baker



Steve Polchek



Greg Warner

### Silver Beaver

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a Council Level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the Council.

Steve Smith and Bill Snowden were recognized as Patriot District recipients of the Silver Beaver Award, a tremendous achievement.



## **2015 Patriot District Officers**

District Chairman	Jack Campbell
District Executive	Kyle Molldene
District Commissioner	Jae Engelbrecht
Deputy Chair	Aasgeir Gangsaas
Vice Chair – Program	Bill Snowden
Vice Chair – Membership	John Stewart
Vice Chair – Finance	Todd Sweet
Vice Chair – Communications	Doug Hess

### **Advancement**

**Chair:** Kristin Chioma

- Merit Badge Dean: Dave Astle
- Eagle Board: Kristin Chioma
- Deputy Eagle Board: Lee Cass

### **Health and Safety**

**Chair:** Catherine Gangsaas

### **Activities & Civic Service**

**Chair:** Mark Greer

- **Pinewood Derby:** Pete Griffiths
- **Scouting for Food:** Jean and Brian Boyle & Mark Green
- **Camporees:** Bill Dexter
- **STEM Coordinator:** Robert Cohn

### **Webelos to Scout Transition**

**Chair:** Ken Gaul

### **Join Scouting Night Coordinator**

**Chair:** John Stewart

### **Friends of Scouting**

**Scouter Campaign** Jack Campbell  
**Family Campaign Packs:** Floyd Baker  
**Family Campaign Troops/Crews:** Bill Snowden

### **Communications**

- **Patriot Press Editor** Joe Osborne
- **Webmaster** Rashid Abdullah
- **Media Liaison** Vacant
- **Eagle Scout Association** Todd Sweet

### **Commissioner Staff**

**District Commissioner** Jae Engelbrecht  
**Dep Dist Commissioner** Lee Cass  
**Asst Dist Commissioner** Janet Ramos  
**Asst Dist Commissioner** Robt Cohn

### **Venturing Roundtable**

**Commissioner** Sam Sharp  
**Asst. RT Commissioner** Kristin Chioma

### **Camping and Outdoors**

**Chair:** John Merchant

- Day Camp: Dave Huber
- Camp Promotion: Catherine Gangsaas
- High Adventure: Jack Campbell
- International: Phil Sternberg

### **Training**

**Chair:** Kirk Marsh

- Cub Scout Leader Specific: Rashid Abdullah
- Boy Scout Leader Specific: Terry Meehan
- Venturing Leader Training: Kristin Chioma
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills: Phil Sternberg

### **Faith Relations**

- **Catholic Relations** Lee Cass
- **Protestant Relations** Gary Klinger
- **Jewish Relations** Cynthia Yellen
- **Hindu Relations** Sanjay Gupta
- **Islamic Relations** Rashid Abdullah

### **Friends of Scouting**

**Special Community Campaign** Aasgeir Gangsaas  
**Annual Golf Tournament** Steve Smith  
**Popcorn Kernal** Kim Sandino

### **Order of the Arrow**

- **Chapter Advisor** Kristin Chioma
- **Chapter Chief** Asher Smith

### **Cub Scout Roundtable**

**Commissioner** Greg Wagner  
Andy Mayfield                      Melissa Greene  
Andy Chavez                      Janine Mergler  
Mike Reep                      Mike Stomkey

### **Boy Scout Roundtable**

**Commissioner** Steve Smith  
Steve Polchek                      Dave Sharp



### **From the District Chairman:**

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District,

Get ready for Summer Camp!

As a Scout or Scouter, whether you are going to Goshin or another Summer Camp, remember to Be Prepared. First, don't forget to file a Trip Plan with the Council if you are leaving the Council area. Then, if you're going off on a High Adventure trek to Philmont or Northern Tier with your Troop, stand by for fun.

Last week, Patriot District had their annual adult Awards Event. There were three District Awards of Merit presented for service to the District. When you see them, be sure and congratulate our well-deserving members, Joe Polcheck, Greg Wagner, and Floyd Baker. They have contributed a significant amount of time supporting our Youth and your units. Each of them has made a contribution of their talent to the work that we do for the youth of our District. To those who came out, please thank Aasgeir Gangsaas for building the Awards Ceremony and acting as Master of Ceremonies. Also, special recognition should be given to Kristin Chioma, who did a significant amount of administrative work, including the reservations.

Adult Training needs some emphasis at the unit level. It's not just for expeditions!!! Each unit needs trained adult leadership, and it is part of the Journey to Excellence criteria. If you have training needs, please contact our Training Chair, Kirk Marsh. ([kirk.d.march@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.d.march@gmail.com)).

Please share our Patriot Press with at least one other Scouter or Scout Family this month. Then send the e-mail address to Doug Hess, so they will be permanently on the distribution list. If you know a Scouter in the District that is not getting Patriot Press, please send their name to Joe Osborne ([joe.osborne@cox.net](mailto:joe.osborne@cox.net)) or Doug Hess ([dbhess1@verizon.net](mailto:dbhess1@verizon.net))

This month's Patriot Press describes all the many opportunities for advancement, service and growth. Read it from cover to cover.

Our Cub Scout Day Camp is scheduled for July 14-19 and there are a few slots left. Check on line and register for one of the more enjoyable events for Cubs in the entire Council.

Also, start planning your unit program for the Fall! The Council Calendar is in final stages, and the District Calendar is on the street. Get ready for the Camporees, BSLST/IOLS, Scouting For Food, and Popcorn.

Did I mention Popcorn???? Name your Popcorn Kernel quickly, and have them contact Kim Sandino early. It's critical to having a successful sale. As last year, the prizes are worth the effort. Last year, the Council gave out thousands of dollars' worth of iPads, iPods, and other exciting gifts. Now is the time!!!

It's not too late to make a contribution for Friends of Scouting. Have you made the commitment? Reach out to any one of the Committee members if you have not. Call your friends, too.

Thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement.

Have a GREAT Scouting Summer!!!

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



### **From the Commissioner**

Congratulations to all of the Award Recipients recognized last month at our Patriot District Annual Recognition Event. We are blessed with many great volunteer leaders who serve our units and youth.

Summer, at least the heat, has arrived. It's time to do more things outside. Troops and Crews are already scheduled for summer camp and High Adventures. Packs can look for fun and easy family activities and earn the Summertime Pack Award. Consider things families plan to do already and declare them a Pack event. Things like a pool party, a picnic, a kite flying morning, miniature golf, Frisbee golf, or a campfire could work. Not every family or every Den will be available, but families that can participate will have a grand time. Den's that have 50% of their members join the fun are also eligible for a Den ribbon. Summertime activities are a good way to keep the new Tigers and their families you recruited in the Spring engaged. See the award form at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33748.pdf>

BSA has updated two important guides – *The Guide to Advancement* and *The Guide to Safe Scouting*. Both are available at the Scout Shop. Both are also online and in pdf format. Advancement is at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf> and Safe Scouting is at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx>. It's a good idea to use the website for Safe Scouting because it can be updated quarterly online, and you will be sure of using the latest information.

Have you checked out Scoutingwire? BSA acquired a mobile app that makes a Scout's record transparent to parents, leaders, and youth. You can try it out for 30 days for free. Several Patriot units are already using it and are pleased that its user friendly and visual. A Cub can see icons for all of his bling! Parents can see what specifically is standing in the way of their son's Eagle. Check it out. at <http://scoutingwire.org/scouting-goes-mobile-with-scoutbook/>

Our Scout year is half over. Now is a good time to ask yourselves how you are doing on your Journey to Excellence goals. Patriot units led the Council in 2014, and you can do it again in 2015. JTE can help us make sure we're delivering a complete Scouting program to our youth.

*Jae Engelbrecht, Patriot District Commissioner*  
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## **Patriot District Events**

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

### **June 2015**

- 5-7 OA Lodge Spring Fellowship at Camp Snyder
- 6 CSLST (one-day complete session)
- 7 CSLST (one-day complete session)
- 9 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 OA Chapter Banquet
- 11 Roundtable
- 23 PD Committee Meeting
- 29-Jul 3 Cub Scout Day Camp

### **July 2015**

- No Patriot Press
- No Roundtable (see you in August)
- 1-3 Cub Scout Day Camp continues
- 12-17 IMPEESA (NYLT)
- 26-31 IMPEESA (NYLT)

### **August 2015**

- TBD OA Chapter Meeting
- 2 Patriot Press Deadline – August
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 12 JSN training & distribution of materials
- 13 Roundtable
- 15 First popcorn distribution
- 25 PD Committee Meeting
- 28-30 Powder Horn (1st weekend)
- 30 Patriot Press Deadline – September

### **Legend**

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



*“Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be”*

*~ Calvin Coolidge (b. July 4, 1872)*





## Calling all Arrow of Life (AoL) Scouts and their Parents/Guardians!

**WHAT:** Patriot District "Road to Scouting" (Webelos to Boy Scout Transition)

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 12, 2015 1:00 – 2:30 pm

**WHERE:** Church of the Good Shepherd

9350 Braddock Rd. Burke, VA 22015

**WHY:** Learn what Boy Scouting is all about! Meet area Troops and Boy Scouts! Arrow of Light Scouts are almost ready to graduate from Cub Scouting. Boy Scouting is the next fantastic step on the Scouting trail. Come learn about the fun of Boy Scouting, how it's different from Cub Scouting, and how to go about finding a Troop that is a good fit for each boy.

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**QUESTIONS:** John Stewart, [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil), Ken Gaul, [kgaul@verizon.net](mailto:kgaul@verizon.net)



## We need *YOUR* Troop!

Help recruit your Troop's next generation of Boy Scouts from the Patriot District's Cub Scout Packs!

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**WHEN:** Saturday, September 12, 1:00 – 2:30 pm (setups begin at 12:30 pm)

**WHERE:** Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Rd. Burke, VA 22015

**WHY:** In the fall Webelos II/Arrow of Light Scouts begin the process of searching for Troops to join. This is a chance for your Troop to get early exposure to area Webelos, advertise your upcoming recruiting events, and give our Webelos a sense of the adventure that awaits them in Boy Scouting! Bring a display of what you do! Bring written materials to hand out! Bring an activity. **BRING BOY SCOUTS TO TALK TO WEBELOS!**

Reserve your space? Questions?

**CONTACT:** John Stewart, [john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil](mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil), Ken Gaul, [kgaul@verizon.net](mailto:kgaul@verizon.net)



## **Patriot Awards Event**

Thank you all for supporting and volunteering for BSA Patriot District. The Patriot Awards Event was yummy. We had lots of hot and cold finger foods, variety of meats for sandwiches, veggie variety of hot and cold, fruit, pies, cake and ice cream treats.

Thank you to all that helped clean up at the end (WOW), and a big thank you to Gary Klinger who always helps with the church date, set up and prep and to John Merchant for lending a helping kitchen hand and for the supply support we received from Patrick Ring. No way is this a one person set up. My hat is off in thanks for all you do for our Boy Scouts. They will remember you.

*Cynthia Yellen*



## **Order of the Arrow**

### **Banquet**

You are invited to the end of year banquet. It will be at Church of the Good Shepherd on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

We will be eating Chipotle and the cost is \$13. Cake and drinks will be provided too. Come meet our new officers for 2015-2016

- Chief – Kevin Poussard
- VC Ceremonies – Matt Lonam
- VC Elections – Matt Cohn
- VC Activities and Service – William Wallace
- VC TOARs – Ted Hamacher
- VC Communications – Asher Smith

Uniform: Field uniform with sash

Theme: 100 years of service

Please RSVP to the following link by June 8<sup>th</sup>. <http://evite.me/ttxj8eS3rT>

### **Arrow Tour**

Camp Snyder, Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. (counts as 100 year activity)

*Kristin Chioma*



## **BSA acquires Scoutbook**

The BSA announces it has acquired Scoutbook, the revolutionary web app that makes tracking advancement easier, faster and more fun. That means more time for you and your Scouts to enjoy those life-changing experiences they can't get anywhere but Scouting.

Imagine updating your Boy Scouts' progress toward a rank or a merit badge with a couple of taps or clicks. Or letting Scouts input and provide proof for their own advancement progress. Or seeing at a glance which adventures your Cub Scouts lack for the next rank. Or knowing which of your unit leaders still need to complete BSA training. Or getting an automatically generated shopping list to make your trip to the Scout Shop a breeze. Or never again wondering whether you're using the most up-to-date BSA requirements.

Wayne Brock, the BSA's Chief Scout Executive, says that Scoutbook will help the Boy Scouts of America better connect with today's connected youth.

"Kids today are always on the go, and their communication habits and preferences reflect it," he says. "More than 75 percent of U.S. children now have access to a smartphone or tablet — a statistic that points toward a significant opportunity for BSA, and one our organization proudly has seized upon. Scoutbook is our latest approach to delivering a more digital experience that is both fun and meaningful for our members."

### **Yes, it'll work on your device**

Scoutbook is an app, but it's a web app. That means you'll be able to use it if you have an iPhone, Android phone, Windows Phone, BlackBerry — or even (*gasp!*) your PC or tablet.

There's nothing to download. You'll just type the URL, [scoutbook.com](http://scoutbook.com), into your browser on a smartphone, tablet or computer. The secure website knows which device you're using, so it'll load in a format that looks great on screens big and small.

Scoutbook lives in the cloud on an encrypted server. That means if your computer crashes or you lose your phone, all that hard work doesn't disappear.

It also means multiple leaders — and the Scouts themselves — can share in the advancement-tracking duties.

Wait, the Scouts themselves? Yes, one of my favorite things about Scoutbook is that Scouts can use it, too. Scouts can fulfill some of the duties of their position of responsibility, upload photos of their work on merit badge requirements or share how much fun they had on the last campout with a video — all from Scoutbook.

Parents can use it to keep an eye on their son or daughter's progress toward ranks and awards.

For more information go to the following link.

<http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/04/08/bsa-acquires-scoutbook/>

*I have always believed that most people are mostly good, most of the time.*

*~Gerald R. Ford (b. July 14, 1913)*





PRIZES

**We want  
YOU  
to attend**



GAMES

### **Cub Scout Roundtable**

**When:** Thursday, June 11, 2015

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

**Midway:** 7:30pm – 8 pm

Roundtable: 8pm – 9pm

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

Greg Wagner

[Wagner89usna@verizon.net](mailto:Wagner89usna@verizon.net), 703-426-2597



FUN



FELLOWSHIP



### **Boy Scout Roundtable**

*Not just for Scoutmasters*

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, June 11, 2015

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

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

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

Steve Smith, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner  
703-323-1016, [smithfamilyzoo@cox.net](mailto:smithfamilyzoo@cox.net)

Dave Sharp – 703-328-2525, [sharpd77@gmail.com](mailto:sharpd77@gmail.com)

Steve Polchek – 703-978-1309, [sapolchek@verizon.net](mailto:sapolchek@verizon.net)



### **Help wanted at the Springfield Scout Store**

Looking for a part time scouting youth 16+ in high school

Able to work Saturdays This is not a summer job, it is year round

If interested stop by the store at Braddock and 495

## Unit Leader Roster

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

## Membership Information

Check out the various membership tools and resources available online at

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

*John Stewart, Vice Chair Membership*



## Wood Badge

### Advanced Leadership Training

For all Adult Leaders in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity and Venturing Programs

### Fall Course Schedule

Sep 11 - 13 & Oct 10 - 12

Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Scoutmaster Jack Culver

**Participation Commitment:** All participants are required to arrive on time Friday (or Thursday for Sunday Friendly Courses) mornings and remain in camp during both 3-day sessions. They must participate in all course activities, events and lessons, camping overnight, until each session's closing. In addition to the two weekend sessions, there are two intersession patrol meetings that must be attended, too. Following the practical experience, each participant commits to complete the application phase over the following 18 months.

**Course Costs:** Total cost for the course is only \$300 and includes training materials, Wood Badge recognition items, food, and camping fees. Pre-registration is required, preferably at least 30 days prior to the start of the course. Participants will be accepted based upon the date the application is received. Courses have been filling up quickly to their maximum; so pre-register early.

**Course Uniform:** For the course, Scouters will need a complete field uniform for the program or position in which they are registered. This should include shirt, pants, or shorts with the appropriate socks and belt. Information on other clothing and equipment needs will be provided to each registered participant prior to the course.

To **Register**, call: **Margee Egan**, Program Specialist at the NCAC Service Center, (301) 214-9197



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

*~ James Madison (b. March 16, 1751)*

## **Boy Scouts, Venture and Explorer Scouts Wanted Korean War Veterans Memorial**

A Verbal Wall of Remembrance Ceremony will be conducted at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the Mall from July 25<sup>th</sup> (1200 – 2000 hours), July 26<sup>th</sup> (0800 – 2000 hours), and July 27<sup>th</sup> (0800 – 1300). The ceremony will include reading the names of 36,574 veterans killed in Korea, concluding with comments from dignitaries/heroes from the United States and the Republic of Korea, wreath presentation and playing of Taps. The event will mark the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of the memorial. Volunteer scout assistance will include meeting veterans and thanking them for their service; escorting dignitaries; passing out brochures; and providing assistance where needed. The volunteer scout opportunities will include learning about the Korean War and the memorial's symbolisms; meeting the Architect of Record and Construction Engineer; and perform community service for merit badge and scout advancement requirements. The scouts need to be mature, wear their full scout uniform, and be able to volunteer for a 2 – 3 hour shift.

Please contact Mr. Steve Richardson, Old Dominion District ADC for questions and to sign-up at 703-913-0638 or email [ristph@aol.com](mailto:ristph@aol.com). Individual scouts, patrols, troops, crews and posts may participate.

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## **New Guide to Advancement for 2015**

The BSA Guide to Advancement for 2015 is now available at and will be at the Scout Store later this spring or at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

An on-line searchable version is at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement.aspx>.

The significant changes from the 2013 version are described on pages 7 to 9. Among these are incorporation of the recent changes to the Cub Scout and Venturing Programs. Several changes to the Merit Badge Program are described in Section 7, including encouragement for small-scale approaches to merit badge counseling, management of the merit badge counselor process, and a cultural shift to partial completions being acceptable for merit badge instructional events. Section 8 on Boards of Review provides from video-conferencing when necessary and guidance on Venturing Boards of Review – to include Board membership and the need for NCAC verification of the Summit Award application form prior to the Board. Section 9 on the Eagle Scout Rank emphasizes the need to use the Eagle Scout Rank Application form, clarifies fundraising – to include provision for “crowdfunding,” and added guidelines on disputed circumstances.

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## **Tiger Recruiting**



Spring recruitment is well underway and we are recruiting more Tigers into Scouting than ever!

As incentive for new Tigers to join this Spring, NCAC is offering for a limited time, **FREE TIGER HANDBOOKS** for all new Tigers signed up between **June 1st-June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Also being offered is the **2015 TIGER RALLY AWARD!** See attached flyer for details. Don't miss out on these great opportunities!

Please remember to turn in any new youth applications to the District Executive. We want to make sure all Scouts are insured and able to participate in the great activities Scouting offers! For more information please go to [NCACBSA.org](http://NCACBSA.org) or call 301-530-9360

## Scuba Jam

On behalf of the ScubaJam Committee, I wanted to share the below details about ScubaJam. If you have scouts that are scuba certified or are planning to be certified soon, attending ScubaJam will provide a great opportunity to gain extra experience diving.

**When:** 09/04/2015 to 09/07/2015

**Where:** Lake Phoenix, Virginia, 1 Quarry Ln, Rawlings, Virginia 23876

**Contact:** [info@scubajam-va.org](mailto:info@scubajam-va.org)

**Cost:**

- Early Bird Prior to 31 July, Scuba Divers - \$125.00
- Early Bird Prior to 31 July, Non Diver - \$80.00
- Early Bird Prior to 31 July, Dive Pro - \$40.00
- After 1 August, Scuba Divers - \$160.00
- After 1 August, Non Diver - \$90.00
- After 1 August, Dive Pro - \$50.00

Register Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sixth-annual-scubajam-virginia-tickets-14444310321>

**Group Deposit** - \$250.00 A pre-registration deposit of \$250 paid prior to July 31 allows you to add to your group later at early registration pricing.

**What is ScubaJam?** ScubaJam is NON-BSA sponsored event designed to provide a great scuba diving experience for boys and girls, ages 11-20 in a weekend long event based around fun diving activities, land based demonstrations, camping and other social activities for **certified** young divers to share with friends.

ScubaJam is an event for any organized youth groups including BSA Troops and Crews as well as GSUSA, Boys & Girls Clubs and any other organized group. ScubaJam is not specifically sanctioned by BSA or other youth organization. All youth participants walk away from the three day experience with something of value either merchandise and/or scholarships. The ScubaJam event takes place on Labor Day weekend every year with participants arriving on Friday, formal program and activities on Saturday and Sunday. These activities include opportunity to earn the **Scuba Merit Badge**.

All participants must be registered with a participating groups and the group must (1) register themselves and their members with the event, (2) take responsibility for meeting youth protection and control requirements of their respective organizations and (3) must have a dive professional attached to the group to take responsibility for their members diving activities. If you are a small group of less than 6 youth divers or an individual, please contact [info@scubajam-va.org](mailto:info@scubajam-va.org). Our volunteer staff can assist you with joining another small group and if needed, ensure you have a Dive Pro available for a safe diving experience.

**Prerequisites for Participation:**

- Youth must be 11 -20 years of age
- **Hold an Open Water Certification Card** or be under the training supervision of a current and insured Scuba Instructor (Non Divers are welcome to camp and snorkel. Or better yet – get certified before you arrive!); and
- Be registered with a participating BSA Troop or Crew or other youth group.

**Included:**

- Welcome packet with a commemorative T-shirt & event patch
- Entry to Lake Phoenix for the weekend (Friday through Monday)
- 3 nights of camping (Fri-Sun)
- 4 days of diving (Fri- Mon)

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- Unlimited air fills on 1 tank (tank rental not included)

### Activities:

- Treasure Hunt
- SCUBA Merit Badge
- Night Diving
- Scavenger Hunt
- Free Diving
- Manufacturer Demos and Raffle
- Sunday evening BBQ!

Brochure - <https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.scubajam-va.org%2FPDF%2FScubaJamBrochure2015.pdf>

Flyer - [http://www.scubajam-va.org/PDF/ScubaJam\\_Flyer\\_2014.pdf](http://www.scubajam-va.org/PDF/ScubaJam_Flyer_2014.pdf)

Waiver/Release - [https://www.smartwaiver.com/m/m\\_splash.php?splash\\_user\\_id=6155&splash\\_webmode](https://www.smartwaiver.com/m/m_splash.php?splash_user_id=6155&splash_webmode)

ScubaJam 2010 Video - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7fi6atuxHI>

ScubaJam 2011 Video - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nFtI1b\\_HZY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nFtI1b_HZY)

ScubaJam 2012 Video - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEuXPZ\\_zGo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEuXPZ_zGo)

ScubaJam 2013 Video - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=ibVW6tU34vA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=ibVW6tU34vA)

Scuba Merit Badge

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-scuba.aspx>

*Norman Laythe*

*ScubaJam Committee Member*

### *The Patriot Press*, Patriot District National Capital Area Council

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

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Jae Engelbrecht	District Commissioner	<a href="mailto:jae.engelbrecht@gmail.com">jae.engelbrecht@gmail.com</a>
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Bill Snowden	Vice Chair Program	<a href="mailto:william.snowden.ctr@darpa.mil">william.snowden.ctr@darpa.mil</a>
John Stewart	Vice Chair Membership	<a href="mailto:john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil">john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil</a>
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## **Risk Management**

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### **New BSA transportation regulation**

Regarding vehicles used to transport Scouts, effective September 1, 2015, 15-person passenger vans manufactured before 2005 are no longer permitted for use in Scouting activities. 15-person passenger vans manufactured in 2005 or later may be used as long as they have both electronic stability control and seat belts for all occupants. BSA reminds leaders that such vans are not generally the primary vehicle of the intended driver, and driving a fully-loaded van can prove to be challenging if not done with due care. (Bryan on Scouting blog, February 13, 2015)

## **Catastrophic risk and Scouts**

Various commentators characterize mountain biking, horseback riding, climbing, white water rafting, white water kayaking, and scuba as high risk activities. Indeed, mountain biking was the most injury-prone activity at the last National Jamboree. And, there are a number of reported Scout youth and adult deaths due to white water rafting. Such commentators also make the point that custodial groups (such as schools, Scout units, etc.) are sometimes lured into a false sense of security by engaging in such activities based on the fact that commercial outfitters provide such services. It should be remembered that the degree of risk which commercial outfitters ask be assumed by its usual client base may be more appropriate for that client base (older teens and adults) than having such risk assumed by much younger youth of Scout age (who may be less physically and mentally prepared for the same activity). This goes to the heart of Scouting's "age appropriate" guidelines, in that the appropriateness of an activity for a Scout of a particular age should be viewed through the eyes of that Scout, not through the eyes of an adult who may have an adult's view of the magnitude of risk. In other words, just because an activity is offered by a commercial outfitter for certain age groups does not necessarily mean that the activity is appropriate for Scouts or adults, either due to the risk associated with the activity, increased risk due to environmental conditions, the physical or mental maturity of the Scouts, the technical ability (or lack thereof) of adult leaders, etc. Indeed, the minimum age requirement set by an outfitter may be inconsistent with Scouting's guidelines. In summary, while an adult may have the legal ability to acknowledge that their participation in an activity may involve the possibility of catastrophic risk, society does not look favorably on a supervising adult making that decision on behalf of minors (Scouts). Choose your activities carefully, choose carefully and prepare those Scouts that participate in the activity, and be sure that the activity is properly and competently supervised. Safe Scouting to all!



## **Patriot District Facebook Site**

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

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

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



## **BSA and the VFW: Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships**



**Background:** The **mission** of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; serve our veterans, the military, and our communities; and advocate on behalf of all veterans.

The **vision** of the VFW is to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country. The VFW is the Chartering Organization to more than 1,000 Packs, Troops and Crews nationwide.

### **VFW-Sponsored Scholarships**

#### **VFW Wood Badge Scholarship Program**

<http://bsaseabase.org/home/media/relationships/vfwwoodbadgescholarship.aspx>

Through a cooperative effort with the Boy Scouts of America, the VFW national headquarters offers Wood Badge scholarships to assist selected chapter members in acquiring skills that will better equip them to serve the youth of their communities.

**The following youth opportunities must be submitted through a local VFW Post:**

**Scout of the Year** <http://www.vfw.org/Scout>

High school students who are at least 15 years of age; registered, active members of a Boy Scout troop or Venturing crew; have received either the Eagle Scout Award, the Venturing Silver Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award; and have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting, and the community are invited to apply.

**Voice of Democracy** <http://www.vfw.org/VOD/>

The premier youth scholarship program of the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary VFW. It is open to students in ninth through 12th grades and provides more than \$2.5 million annually in awards and scholarships. Created in 1947, it gives students a chance to extol the virtues of democracy and experiment with the technologies of radio broadcasting.

**Patriot's Pen** <http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/>

The VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest is for students in grades 6-8 and challenges them to reflect on American history and their own experiences based on a patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives \$5,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C.

**More Information:** Use the links to get full details about each program, obtain an application, and in some cases review previous winners.



*I don't know what you could say about a day in which you have seen four beautiful sunsets.*

*~ John H Glenn Jr (b. July 18, 1921)*

## **Powder Horn 2015**

### **The High Adventure Skills Resources**

### **Management Course**

*For Older Scouts and Adult Leaders of Boy Scout Troops, Varsity Teams, & Venturing Crews*

Long used by outdoorsman as one of the necessary tools for daily life.

The powder horn carried black powder and was necessary for life.



### **ONE COURSE ---TWO WEEKENDS --- TWO LOCATIONS!!!**

(Participants MUST attend both weekends to complete the course.)

**August 28 – 30**

Camp St. Charles - 15375 Stella Maris Drive Newburg MD

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**September 17 -20, 2015**

Camp William B. Snyder – 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA,

**Course Director: Dominick Caridi**

[ncacpowderhorn2015@gmail.com](mailto:ncacpowderhorn2015@gmail.com)

**703-625-4196**

The fee is \$275 (includes course materials, instruction, meals, lodging, participant t-shirt, and recognition items). Register at <http://www.ncacbsa.org/powderhorn> by July 14, 2015.

Horsemanship session will be followed by an “**optional**” 90-minute trail ride at Marriott Ranch for an additional cost of \$50.00. The optional trail ride is reserved on a first-come basis due to limited space.

You will need to register with your BSA Identification Number. Registration opens Tuesday, March 1, 2015.

**Attention Youth Participants!** When email or phone number is requested enter your parent/guardian's address and number.

Presented by the National Capital Area Council – BSA

## HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES OPEN NOW.

*For units with older Scouts (i.e., 14 and older)*

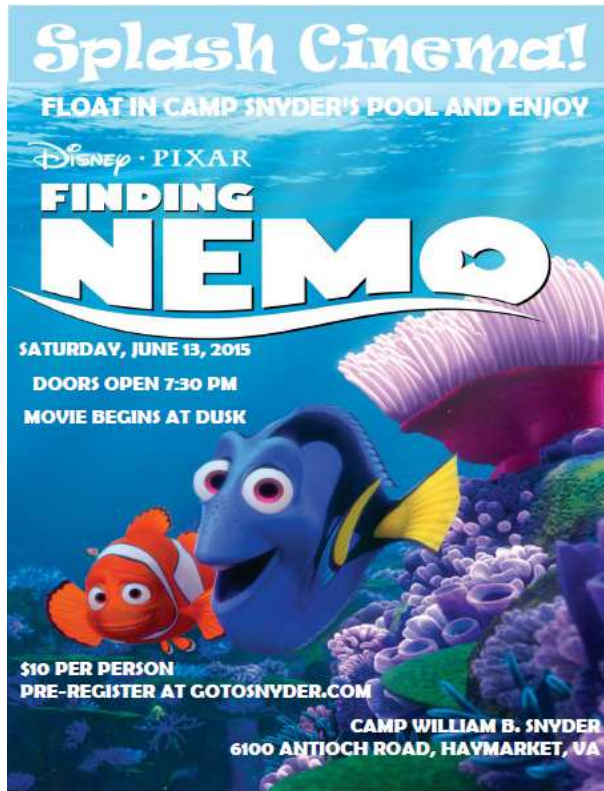
**FLORIDA SEA BASE:** Want to sail on a 40- to 50-foot sailing yacht for a week? Want to learn navigation, fishing and sailing in the Florida Keys? We have openings for just seven more youth and two adults **this summer!** Contact Dana Abrahamsen, Sea Base program liaison ([dabrahamsen@ftc.gov](mailto:dabrahamsen@ftc.gov), 703-280-9782) with questions.

**PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH:** Want to go backpacking in the New Mexico high country on a 12-day backpacking expedition? Experience the thrill of climbing mountains over two miles high! Opportunities are still available for units and provisional participants for **this summer!** Questions? Contact the Philmont program liaison, Ed Graydon ([ed.graydon@verizon.net](mailto:ed.graydon@verizon.net), 703-680-6550).

**NORTHERN TIER:** Want to go canoeing deep in the wilderness of Canada? NCAC is starting provisional treks to Bissett, Manitoba, in **July 2016**. Sign-ups are now being accepted for 12 youth and 4 adults to experience the "Most extreme High Adventure in Scouting." Be a part of NCAC's inaugural provisional treks to Manitoba. Questions? Contact Craig Reichow, Northern Tier program liaison, ([sctmstr@verizon.net](mailto:sctmstr@verizon.net), 703-478-0660),

Space is limited and first-come, first served basis, so sign up now. See the NCAC High Adventure Committee web site for sign-up forms.

### At Camp Snyder



**Splash Cinema!**  
FLOAT IN CAMP SNYDER'S POOL AND ENJOY  
Disney • PIXAR  
**FINDING NEMO**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015  
DOORS OPEN 7:30 PM  
MOVIE BEGINS AT DUSK  
\$10 PER PERSON  
PRE-REGISTER AT [GOTOSNYDER.COM](http://GOTOSNYDER.COM)  
CAMP WILLIAM B. SNYDER  
6100 ANTIOCH ROAD, HAYMARKET, VA



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Camp William B. Snyder

### Cub Scout Resident Camp

Primarily for Cub Scouts entering their Wolf and Bear years,\* Cub Scout Resident (overnight) Camp at Camp Snyder offers a 3-night/2 day weekend program (Thursday night at 6 pm to Sunday morning at 9 am) that introduces Scouts, leaders, and parents to the fun and excitement of Scout camp!

4 Sessions:  
July 9-12  
July 16-19  
July 23-26  
July 30 - August 2

\*Webelos Scouts are welcome at Cub Scout Resident Camp, but the advancement program is geared to younger Scouts. Webelos Scout Camp at Camp Snyder offers a resident camp program specifically for older Scouts.





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# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing to Support Scouting

4 Person Scramble Benefiting the Boy Scouts of Northern VA

## Prince William Golf Course

14631 Vint Hill Rd.

Nokesville, VA 20181

[www.NCACBSA.org/PatriotGolf](http://www.NCACBSA.org/PatriotGolf)

**Monday  
September 14, 2015**

**Registration 8:00 AM**

**Shotgun Start 9:00 AM**

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



**The Honorable  
David Bulova**

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



**The Honorable  
Pat Herryty**

Honorary Event Co-Chair  
Fairfax County  
Supervisor,  
Springfield District



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

### Raffle/Silent Auction/Goodie Bag Donations

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm \_\_\_\_\_  
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Bill Me for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(make payable to Boy Scouts of America, memo GP15)  
☐ AMEX/VISA/MC/Discover for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CID# \_\_\_\_\_

Golfers: (if club pro, please indicate for insurance purposes)  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please register your foursome by going to:**

**[www.NCACBSA.org/PatriotGolf](http://www.NCACBSA.org/PatriotGolf)**

**or mail email or fax to:**

**Sue Hart** – 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

**Tel:** 301-214-9192 | **Fax:** 301-564-3648 | **[Susan.Hart@Scouting.org](mailto:Susan.Hart@Scouting.org)**



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