



# Goose Creek District Newsletter



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## Quick Calendar:


- Jan 10 – Roundtable
- Jan 20 – Life to Eagle
- Jan 26-28 – Freeze-o-ree
- Feb 9-11 – Scout Sunday, Sabbath, Jumuah
- Feb 14 – Roundtable
- Feb 24 – Univ. Scouting
- Mar 8-9 – District Pinewood Derby
- Mar 13 - Roundtable

## Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Scout BSA /  
Venturing Interest

 For Everyone

 **New Article  
/Updated  
Information**

## Happy New Year!

As we start a new year full of new and exciting possibilities, it is also a time to reflect and be grateful. I'd like to reflect on the great Scouters that have led our district this past year. Outgoing committee chair, Rob Painter has led our committee with passion and commitment. Through his leadership we have emerged from the Covid years stronger and more determined to confront the challenges that are ahead. Thank you, Rob, for your friendship, leadership and commitment to Scouting. Thomas Price is another Scouter that stepped up with firm desires to strengthen our District, and as outgoing District Commissioner, led our Commissioner Corp with distinction and honor. Thank you as well Tom.

I am grateful for the honor bestowed upon me to lead our District Committee as its next Chair. I'd like to welcome our new District Commissioner, John Blackwell as a member of our District Key 3, which also includes our District Executive, Melainie Leitert. As anyone with a three legged stool knows, each leg is as important as the other, and I look forward to working with both of these outstanding Scouters to keep the Goose Creek stool upright.

I would also like to welcome to our committee Dena McGuiggan, returning in a different role as Programming Chair, and John Hunnicutt, new to our team as Membership Chair. And returning as our Communications Chair, Rob Winter. I look forward to working with you all to strengthen Goose Creek. And lastly, stepping into the huge shoes of our departing Advancement Chair Alan Steiner, will be Bobbie Scales. I thank Alan for his many years of service and wish Bobbie much success. And a big thanks to our outgoing Development Chair, Sue Breen. She will be hard to replace.

As the committee starts to meet in the new year in person for the first time since 2020, we will develop our goals and strategic planning to deliver the best district programs possible, including Camp-O-ree, Webelos-O-ree, and Freeze-O-ree, as well as Pinewood Derby, Klondike Derby, and Bottle Rocket Derby. Add these events to your unit calendars (district calendar is always included in the district newsletter) and plan to attend. They are wonderful opportunities to get outdoors, develop friendships with scouts from across the District and receive all the benefits of the scouting program.

Lastly, I would personally like to invite you to attend our district committee meetings. They take place on the **4th Wednesday of each month in Leesburg starting at 7:30pm**. The location will be the Claude Moore Nonprofit Training Center, located in the building of the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties at 714 East Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176. Consider sending someone from your unit committee to learn about how our district works and to bring back information to your units. Who knows, maybe our next District Chair will walk in one night.

On behalf of our District Key 3, we hope you had a wonderful holiday season and we wish you a happy and healthy new year.

See you at Roundtable! Yours in Scouting,

**Steve Wolfson**

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## District News

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

### Exciting Update on Our 2024 Summer Day Camp Dates!



We have an important update regarding our 2024 Summer Day 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](mailto:goosecreekderby@pack1154.org).



### SAVE THE DATE: District Webelos-O-Ree (SEPT 20-22) @ Camp Snyder



An enriching experience for Webelos and their Scouters, providing a glimpse into the dynamic world of Scouts BSA Troop camping trips. This event is a fantastic opportunity for our Webelos to engage in hands-on activities, witness various Troop methodologies in action, and absorb the essence of Scout training. Additionally, this event is a great chance for Troops to showcase their unique styles and spirit, potentially inspiring Webelos to continue their Scouting journey with them.

## Freeze-o-Ree 2024 (JAN 26-28) @ Camp Snyder



**When:** January 26-28, 2024

**Where:** Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

**A Horde of Yetis** - the famed "Abominable Snowman" - has descended upon our beloved Camp Snyder! A Scout is Friendly, so our mission is to embrace Yeti Mania and welcome them to our camp. We'll achieve this with an impressive display of Scout Skills, Fun, and an incredible Campfire, grand enough to warm even a Yeti's cold heart! Troops embracing the Yeti theme will earn 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 individually (do not include them with the Unit registration). The cost per person is \$22. There will be **NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION** - all participants must register and pay ONLINE.

**REGISTER Online** by Jan 23, 2024: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-77507>

### HEALTH/SAFETY

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

### PROGRAM

Saturday's program at the Freeze-o-Ree will include competitions and skill events for Scouts in Patrols representing participating Units. Each event will test the Patrol's teamwork, general Scout skills, and Scout Spirit. Those accumulating the most points during the day will receive handsome Awards at the evening festivities. The annual Chili Cookoff returns for 2024 - every Patrol should bring their best chili. Adults can participate in a separate category, with chili to satisfy the hardest Yeti!

**For more information**, contact Chapter Chief Andrew Weitzel at [ChapterChief@goosecreekdistrict.org](mailto:ChapterChief@goosecreekdistrict.org) or Chapter Advisor Dan Golding at [dgolding@gmail.com](mailto:dgolding@gmail.com).

## Spring Camporee (APR 12-14) @ Camp Highroad



District Spring Camporee, April 12-14, 2024, at Camp Highroad (Middleburg, VA)

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. The Great Scoutmaster is a notoriously picky eater with a voracious appetite.

The Iron Chefs of GCD are called upon to satisfy the Great Scoutmaster's discerning palette while competing in food themed games. High adventure activities include zip lines, ropes courses, rock climbing and more!

## 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](mailto: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:

**Kyle Armitage** – Troop 982

**Evan D’Antoni** – Troop 572

**Abdelrahim Osman** – Troop 786

**Nathaniel Rommelmeyer** – Troop 39

**Arham Shah** – Troop 786

**Ihsaan Shamim** – Troop 786

**Christopher Sledjeski** – Troop 1941

**Romir Verma** – Troop 1941



### Important Clarification from the Advancement and Recognition Committee



EAGLE SCOUT  
Court of Honor

**Eagle Board of Review and Court of Honor:** Scouts who have completed all Eagle requirements do not need to be registered for 2024 to participate in an Eagle Board of Review or an Eagle Court of Honor.

**Requirement for Earning Eagle Rank:** Scouts still working on Eagle requirements must be registered. This includes those who have just one merit badge or other requirements to complete in 2024, for whom re-registration and fee payment for 2024 are necessary.

For any clarifications or additional questions, please contact Matt Burns, Chair of the Advancement and Recognition Committee at the National Capital Area Council, at [ncac.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:ncac.advancement@gmail.com).

## 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.

- 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 @ Camp Snyder



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](#)

**Shop Time 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](mailto: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.

## ★ Arcola Volunteer Fire Department and Troop 1430 Host Wilderness First Aid Course



The **Arcola Volunteer Fire Department**, in collaboration with Troop 1430, is excited to announce the hosting of an 18-hour Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course. This essential training is a requirement for those planning to attend high adventure bases and is a great opportunity for anyone interested in acquiring vital first aid skills suited for wilderness settings.

The course is open to both adults and Scout youth aged 14 and up. It will be held every Thursday from February 1st to March 21, running from 7:00 to 10:00 PM.

### Course Fees:

- Adults: \$100
- Youth Scouts: \$75

Registration is now open and can be done online at Wilderness First Aid Certification Registration, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wilderness-first-aid-certification-registration-742186749547>

For more information or if you have any queries, please feel free to reach out to [dcecil@arcolavfd.org](mailto:dcecil@arcolavfd.org).

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your first aid skills and be prepared for your next adventure in the wilderness!



## Climbing Instructor Training 2024



The NCAC Climbing Committee is offering a unique opportunity for Scouts (Instructors-In-Training, Age 16) and adults to become skilled climbing instructors. This year, we have scheduled five Climbing Level I Instructor class sections:

1. **April 20-21** at Great Falls Park from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.  
[Location](#) | [Logistics Memo](#)
2. **April 27-28** at Carderock Rec Area from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.  
[Location](#) | [Logistics Memo](#)
3. **June 15-16** at Great Falls Park from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.  
[Location](#) | [Logistics Memo](#)
4. **Sept 7-8** at Great Falls Park from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.  
[Location](#) | [Logistics Memo](#)
5. **Sept 21-22** at Sugarloaf Mountain from 8:15 AM to 5:00 PM.  
[Location](#) | [Logistics Memo](#)

To register, contact the course director at [ncac.climbing@gmail.com](mailto:ncac.climbing@gmail.com). Please note that you should register for and attend only one weekend section. The fee for the course is \$40.

This training is an excellent way to help Scouts safely enjoy climbing on natural rock and become a valuable resource for your unit. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enhance your climbing skills and knowledge!

## Life-to-Eagle Seminar (JAN 20) @ Sterling Library



The upcoming Life-to-Eagle (L2E) Seminar is scheduled as follows:

- Date: Saturday, January 20, 2024
- Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Place: **Sterling Library Meeting Room**

This seminar is primarily designed for Life-to-Eagle Advisers & Coordinators, but it is also open to Life Scouts and their parents. The main goal is to provide updates on recent changes and district-level procedures to unit Eagle Advisers. This is crucial for them to keep Life Scouts in their units well-informed.

Life-to-Eagle Advisers or Advancement Chairs who haven't attended a Goose Creek training in the last two years are particularly encouraged to attend.

For any inquiries about the Life-to-Eagle training, please reach out to Brad Scales at [MSVA\\_Tenor@yahoo.com](mailto:MSVA_Tenor@yahoo.com) or call 703-850-6679.

## 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](#).

## Council / National News

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

### Join Our Dynamic Camp Staff This Summer at Camp Goshen



Camp Snyder and Goshen Scout Reservation are hiring nearly 300 motivated individuals for an unforgettable summer experience. Roles primarily involve delivering youth and adult programs, with various operational duties.

**Accommodation is provided:** Snyder staff get weekly days off at home, while Goshen staff reside on-site with town visits.

#### 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](http://www.gotogoshen.org/staff)

Camp Snyder: [www.gotosnyder.org/work](http://www.gotosnyder.org/work)

## 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
	<b>Bowman</b> (Patrol Cooking)						
	<b>Marriott</b> (Patrol Cooking & Heater Stack)						
	<b>Olmsted</b> (BS Dining Hall)						
	<b>Lenhok'sin High Adventure</b>						
	<b>Ross</b> (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/](http://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](http://www.gotogoshen.org) & [www.gotosnyder.org](http://www.gotosnyder.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)

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2023/11/08/lets-discuss-the-bsas-rule-on-registering-all-adults-who-participate-in-overnight-activities/>

## 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](mailto: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

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](http://www.gotogoshen.org) & [www.gotosnyder.org](http://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 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.

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## 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](http://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](http://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>

★ Join the Fun at Awesome Con 2024 with a Special Scout Discount!



Scouts and Scouters, get ready for an adventure at Awesome Con, Washington DC's Comic Con! This family-friendly celebration of geek culture brings together over 70,000 fans with their favorite stars from comics, movies, television, toys, games, and more. Here's what you can look forward to:

- **Science Fair:** Engage in numerous STEM activities.
- **Book Fair:** A haven for authors and book enthusiasts.
- **Awesome Con Jr.:** Tailored for the next generation of fans.
- **Artist Alley:** A space for independent and aspiring artists.
- **Panels:** Discussions on various interesting topics and celebrity talks.
- **Photo & Autograph Sessions:** Meet and greet your favorite stars.
- **Main Hall:** Filled with vendors, exhibitors, cosplay, and even a booth by NCAC!

**Special Scout Discount:** This year, all Scouts and Scouters will receive a \$5 discount. Use the promo code **SCOUTS5** at checkout.

**How to Register:** To purchase badges and see a list of celebrity guests, visit [Awesome Con](#). Venturing Crew 1430 is looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to dive into a world of geek culture at Awesome Con 2024!

★ National/International Recognition Days

**January 2024** 🇺🇸

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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](#)

- Jan 7 – National Bobblehead Day
- Jan 9 – National Static Electricity Day
- Jan 10 – Save the Eagles Day
- Jan 13 – National Sticker Day
- Jan 14 – National Dress Up Your Pet Day
- Jan 15 – National Hat Day
- Jan 16 – National Fig Newton Day
- Jan 17 – National Classy Day
- Jan 18 – National Thesaurus Day
- Jan 19 – National Popcorn Day
- Jan 20 – National Cheese Lover's Day
- Jan 23 – National Pie Day
- Jan 24 – National Compliment Day
- Jan 25 – National Opposite Day
- Jan 26 – National Green Juice Day
- Jan 27 – National Chocolate Cake Day
- Jan 28 – National Kazoo Day
- Jan 29 – National Puzzle Day
- Jan 30 – National Croissant Day



- Jan 31 – National Backward Day

## Training Opportunities

### University of Scouting 2024 - Feb 24, 2024



The University of Scouting offers comprehensive training for all adult Scout leaders, covering various program areas such as Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, STEM, and Online Scouting/Social Media. It's a unique annual event providing a broad spectrum of courses, suitable for both new and experienced leaders.

#### Key offerings include:

- **The College of Cub Scouting:** Courses range from engaging Cub Scout-aged youth to pack management and outdoor activities, emphasizing fun and Scouting objectives.
- **The College of Scouts BSA:** Offers supplemental courses for effective troop and patrol management, including outdoor planning.
- **The College of Adventure Scouting:** Classes focus on Adventure Scouting, High Adventure topics, and resources for Venturing Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Scout Troops.
- **The College of General Studies:** A cross-program platform covering topics like diversity, special needs, technology, STEM Scouts, and Online Scouting/Social Media.

For those unable to attend in person, a ZOOM option is available for select classes in the College of Cub Scouting and the College of Scouts BSA. The fee is \$50 for early registrants, whether students or instructors. Late registrations and walk-ins are \$75. <https://www.ncacbsa.org/the-university-of-scouting/>

### USA Archery Level 1 Training – Camp Snyder



NCAC is conducting a USA Archery Level 1 training on February 24, 2024.

1. Register for the class, <https://scoutingevent.com/082-USAArcherLevel1>
2. Sign up with USA Archery at USA Archery Registration. A \$10 fee is required for range certification.
3. Complete the online component of the class on the USA Archery website.
4. Attend the in-person range training on February 24, 2024, from 9 AM to 1 PM. Please bring your own lunch.

### Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS)



Back Country Outdoor Leader Skills (BCOLS) is an optional training course for adult Scout leaders who have completed their program's required training. BCOLS equips leaders with the skills to safely conduct high-adventure programs in backcountry areas beyond the scope of BSA's infrastructure. The course is regularly updated to include new techniques, gear, and solutions for emerging issues in backcountry Scouting activities.

**MD:** Classroom: Sat 3/2 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Overnight: Sat 04/27, 7:30 am thru Sun 04/28, 2:30 pm **VA:** Classroom: Sat 9/21 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Overnight: Sat 10/19, 7:30 am thru Sun. 10/20, 2:30 pm



## 2024 Outdoor Ethics Courses Announced



Happy New Year to the Goose Creek Scouting community. The new year brings several opportunities for enhancing outdoor ethics skills.

### Upcoming Courses:

- **Hybrid Leave No Trace Level 1, Germantown, MD:** April 8 & 13. Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79191>. | Sept 30 & Oct 5. Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79192>.
- **In-Person Courses, Brandywine, MD:** Jan 27, April 20, Oct 19. Details and registration at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79183>.
- **Online OEO Courses:** Jan 17, Feb 12. Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-79189>.
- **University of Scouting:** Feb 24. Sessions for CUB 220 and BSA/GSC 128. *Registration details to be announced.*
- **Stay Updated:** Subscribe to the NCAC Outdoor Ethics newsletter for updates on best practices, activities, and courses. Subscribe at <https://forms.gle/bWfZwwZduhFXQSvA6>.

For more information, contact Sara Holtz, Chair, NCAC Outdoor Ethics Committee, at [sh12sh34@gmail.com](mailto:sh12sh34@gmail.com).

## My.Scouting.org



The My.Scouting.org portal is an essential tool for registered adults and unit leaders in Scouting. It serves as a gateway to a range of critical functions and information, including access to individual and unit account details, training records, reports, and various metrics. As an adult member of Scouting, it is highly recommended that you have a My.Scouting.org account for the following purposes:

**For Individuals:** a) Update your contact and personal details directly in the BSA national database. b) Complete the mandatory online Youth Protection Training course and print your certification. c) Engage in online BSA training courses essential for understanding the Scouting program and completing the position-specific training required for the “Trained” designation. Additionally, check the NCAC event calendar for more in-person training opportunities, such as BALOO, Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills, BCOLS, and Powder Horn training.

**For Units:** a) Download the official unit roster as maintained in the BSA national database. b) Monitor and track the completion of Youth Protection Training and position-specific training at the unit level. c) Manage leads from BeAScout.org through the “Invitation Manager” and process online applications using the “Application Manager.”

**Important Note:** Adding individuals to Scoutbook does not constitute official registration in Scouting. Official registration must be completed through the processing of an online application using “Invitation Manager” and “Application

Manager.” For additional information or assistance regarding My.Scouting.org, please contact your District Executive or Unit Commissioner.

## Wood Badge



Wood Badge, established in 1919 by Scouting founder Lord Baden-Powell and introduced in America in 1948, stands as the most advanced leadership training in Scouting. Updated to reflect BSA's current policies and programs, Wood Badge is ideal for leaders across all Scouting areas, including Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and district and council roles.

The course comprises:

**Classroom Learning:** Fundamental leadership concepts taught through a combination of classroom instruction and practical exercises.

**Practical Application:** Outdoor activities and classroom work focused on applying learned skills, culminating in the development of a 'Ticket'—a plan with five goals to apply these skills in a Scouting context.

**Eligibility:** Open to Scouters who have completed basic training for their position and serve in a leadership or support role.

**2024 Spring Course:** April 12-14 and May 4-5. For registration, visit: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/training/wood-badge/>.



## Register Now for the NST-12 Program Conference on April 6, 2024



The National Capital Area Council (NCAC) is pleased to announce the opening of registration for the NST-12 Program Conference, scheduled for April 6, 2024, at Camp Rock Enon, Gore, Virginia.

### Key Highlights:

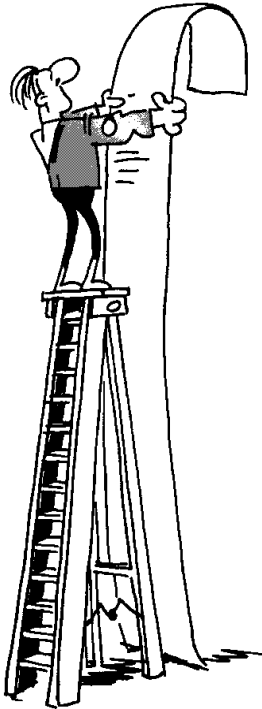
- **Location Advantage:** This year's conference is conveniently located near Winchester, Virginia, making it more accessible than previous years.
- **Value from Past Conferences:** NCAC volunteers have found the conference to be beneficial, particularly sessions dedicated to Advancement.
- **Encouragement for Future Venues:** Your participation this year will support the idea of holding future conferences in nearby locations.

### Conference Details:

- **Program Coverage:** Expect a full day of sessions covering a range of topics, including program updates, advancement, training, outdoor programs, and more.
- **Who Should Attend:** The conference is ideal for anyone working at the district or council level in Scouting.

To register, visit **Camp Rock Enon NST-12 Conference Registration**, <https://www.camprockenon.org/NST12Conference>. For more details, feel free to contact Chris Castillo, Program Lead for National Service Territory 12, at [christopher.w.castillo@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.w.castillo@gmail.com).

# District Calendar



January 2024	
10	Roundtable
10	OA Chapter Meeting
11	Commissioner Mtg
15	MLK Jr. Day
20	<b>Life to Eagle Training</b>
22	School Holiday
24	District Committee
26-28	<b>Freeze-o-ree</b>

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	<b>District Pinewood Derby</b>
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	<b>Spring Camporee</b>
20	<b>Life to Eagle Training</b>
24	District Committee

May 2024	
3-5	<b>OA Induction (Izzak Walton League)</b>
8	<b>Program Launch</b>
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	<b>GC Day Camp</b>
24-27	<b>GC Twilight Camp</b>
26	District Committee

July 2024	
4	Fourth of July

August 2024	
14	Roundtable
14	OA Chapter Meeting
15	Commissioner Mtg
17	<b>Life to Eagle Training</b>
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	<b>OA Election Cycle Begins</b>
2	Scouting for Food (SFF) Notices out
9	SFF Food Pickup
13	Roundtable
13	OA Chapter Meeting
14	Commissioner Mtg
16	<b>Life to Eagle Training</b>
27	District Committee

December 2024	
11	Roundtable
11	OA Chapter Meeting
12	Commissioner Mtg