



Goose Creek District Newsletter



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Newsletter Key:

 Cub Scout Interest

 Boy Scout /
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 For Everyone

 New Article
/Updated
Information



from Scoutmaster Jerry, <http://thescoutmasterminute.net/2015/11/22/reflection-2/>

Reflection

If you play a game that has a desired outcome or purpose it is important that you first know what that purpose is and then have some way of knowing if you achieved the results you were looking for.

By and large that is the reason we have an Eagle Scout Board of Review. We can assess and determine through the interview with the Scout whether or not the program is delivering the promise of Scouting and achieving its goals of helping make young people of character, good citizens, that are physically fit. Along with all of that, do they make ethical choices and does it look like they will do the same in the future?

Reflection is an important part of everything that we do in Scouting. It allows us to take a look back and see if we achieved the outcomes we want in playing our game.

Reflection comes in many forms, we can do it as a group or take time in silent reflection. But no activity is complete until the reflection is done.

This last weekend our Troop went camping. First winter camp out of the year and we went caving on Saturday exploring the largest Lava tube cave in the US. It is adventurous and challenging and our Scouts love to test themselves. As with most outings or activities a theme develops throughout the weekend. This weekend the theme quickly became "Rising to the Challenge". Overcoming hardship, attitudes, and things that make you uncomfortable were some of the behaviors that we noticed in our Scouts as they went through the weekend.

For some of the Scouts it was the first time they would camp in sub freezing temperatures. For some it was their first time in a cave. For others it was a leadership challenge as they learned that as a leader there were Scouts that depended on them to just get through the weekend. Cold weather, challenging experiences, and doing something new and difficult.

These young men learned and practiced great leadership. I was pleased to watch as members of the Patrol Leaders Council made their way through camp checking on the younger Scouts. Instructing them on how to get through the night. Reassuring younger Scouts that they will be ok and that if they do what they are taught, they will be warmer in the morning and will be able to have a better experience in winter camping.

I walked through camp Saturday night around 10:30 and found gear properly stored, tents pitched with all the tie outs in place and the sounds of tired happy Scouts sitting in their tents, the gentle glow of a headlamp lighting the green nylon of a tent fly.

Sunday morning leadership was once again challenged as cold fingers attempted to pack even colder nylon tents and sleeping bags. Our departure time was supposed to be 9:00 AM. We missed it by 20 minutes, but the reason was acceptable to me. The Troop was in Patrol lines taking a few minutes to share a few things they learned over the weekend. Patrol leaders talking with their patrols about the challenges they faced over the weekend and how they all rose to the challenge. Before we loaded up I shared with them my pride in them and how they are great young men. I shared with them the fact that they needed to reflect on the weekend and see just how much they learned about skills, their attitude, and how they grew because of the experience. The final question that I asked them to reflect on was this, Is there any place you would rather be?

When we got back to the hall and parents started arriving to pick up their Scouts, many of the Scouts came to me and shared the answer to that last question. Each and every one of them say "NO WHERE ELSE".

So reflecting back on this weekend I would say Promise Delivered and Program solid.

It is important to reflect. You may not always get the answer you want, that is your opportunity to learn and grow doing better next time. If things are going well... keep it that way! Don't let it slip.

Make sure that reflection time is a part of your program. Have the Scouts take time to reflect and have serious reflection on how they are doing in the Scouting program. It is a game with a purpose, without reflection, you will not know if that purpose is being met.

District News

District Website: www.NCACBSA.org/GooseCreek



Freeze-o-ree 2023



Once again it is nearing the time of the year for the Goose Creek District Freeze-O-ree. This year the event will be held the weekend of February 10-12, 2023 at Camp William B. Snyder.

Scouts should ALWAYS be prepared, and this year is no different - the Freeze-O-ree camp has been overrun by a zombie hoard, and Scouts will have to use their scouting skills to help defend against the invasion, survive in a post-apocalyptic world and start to rebuild. After a Saturday full of fun, there will be a campfire where awards will be given out to the patrols who got the most points during the day, as well as to winners of special competitions. Campfire skits that use the Invasion theme earn bonus recognition.

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.

We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's Freeze-O-ree. If you have any questions, please contact the Goose Creek Freeze-O-ree Coordinators at FreezeORee@goosecreekdistrict.org, or Chapter Adviser Rich Pender, rich.pender@goosecreekdistrict.org.

Registration is open at: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-56636>



Spring Camporee



The 2023 Goose Creek District Spring Camporee will occur at Camp Highroad, Middleburg VA, from Friday, April 14th to Sunday, April 16th, 2023. The Camporee Patrol Challenge theme is, "Outdoor Adventure Challenge." Scouts will earn up to 10 points at each Patrol Challenge station, plus 10 points for patrol flags & yell and 10 more for skit performances at campfire.

The Camporee consists of two major events followed by evening campfire. The first is a Patrol Challenge of six events, held in the morning and again in the afternoon on Saturday. Patrols will compete and earn points at each Challenge station. The second is an Adventure Choice period, also held in morning/afternoon sessions, for Scouts to be able to explore challenging "High Adventure" program activities that interest them. Each Unit will have assigned periods, one session in the morning and the other session in the afternoon, so that all participants have equal opportunity for full participation.

Evening campfire will include skits and songs performed by the patrols.

This event is designed for Scouts BSA Troops and Venturing Crews.



Loudoun School Calendar 2023-2024



The Loudoun County School Board has adopted the following student calendar for the 2023-24 school year.

August 24: First Day of School
 September 1: Student Holiday
 September 4: Holiday (Labor Day)
 September 25: Holiday (Yom Kippur)
 October 9: Holiday (Indigenous Peoples' Day)
 October 27: End of Grading Period
 October 30-31: Student Holiday
 November 7: Student Holiday
 November 13: Holiday (Diwali)
 November 22-24: Thanksgiving Break
 December 21-29: Winter Break
 December 25-26: Holiday (Christmas)
 January 1: Holiday (New Year's Day)
 January 15: Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
 January 19: End of Grading Period
 January 22: Student Holiday
 February 9: Holiday (Lunar New Year)
 February 19: Holiday (Presidents' Day)
 March 5: Student Holiday
 March 25-29: Spring Break
 April 4: End of Grading Period
 April 5: Student Holiday
 April 10: Holiday (Eid al Fitr)
 May 27: Holiday (Memorial Day)
 June 14: Last Day of School/End of Grading Period



Shooting Sports Corner



Goose Creek District is entering the 2023 Scouting Year down two certified Rangemasters as both have left Scouting. Please consider getting certified Rangemaster training so we can bolster our Rangemaster Corp to properly supervise our Shooting Sports events. Rangemaster training dates are in the planning stages for 2023.

GCD has 2 Shooting Sports events coming up in the next few months, our Freeze-o-ree in February and Camp-o-ree in April 2023. We will need GCD Troop support at both events so Scoutmasters, please consider volunteering your Scouts to help with these events.

NRA Firearm and Safety training scheduled for the month of January 2023:

- NRA Instructor Rifle Shooting Course Herndon, VA 1/27/2023
[Click for details](#)
- NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course Frederick, MD 1/14/2023
[Click for details](#)
- NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course Charles Town, WV 1/28/2023
[Click for details](#)

If interested in serving in GCD Shooting Sports, send your name, years of experience and unit # to: John Witek, GCD Shooting Sports Chair,
john.witek@goosecreekdistrict.org to be added to the GCD Shooting Sports



Bear and Webelos – Save the Date for Webelos-o-ree 2023



The date for the 2023 Webelos-o-ree has been set: Sept 30 – Oct 1. It will be held at Camp Snyder and will be open to all those who are currently Bear Scouts (who will be Webelos by then) and 1st year Webelos.

While this is listed as a camping event there are registration options available for those that just want to come out for the day. The stations will be run by our own Scouts BSA troops so the Webelos will get plenty of examples of what it would be like to join a troop.

Friends of Scouting



The annual Friends of Scouting giving campaign helps ensure that the National Capital Area Council can continue to provide quality programs for our youth. This campaign provides approximately 15 percent of the council's annual budget. What does your investment in Friends of Scouting provide?

- Local programs and activities throughout the council
- Camp scholarships, uniforms and registration fees for youths who otherwise could not participate
- Scout service center that coordinates Scouting activities and provide customer service to members
- Accident and liability insurance to protect both youth and adult members
- Camps and facilities available for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events
- Opportunities to attend summer camp and high-adventure events
- Advancement programs where Scouts are recognized for learning and achievement of goals they set
- Distribution and development of literature and training-materials
- Leadership training for young people who will become future community leaders

To make a donation to Friends of Scouting, please go to <https://rb.gy/hpsmei>



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

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



Camporee Supplies



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

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

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



Cheerful Service Chatter”

Chapter News for our Arrowmen
Lodge Website: www.ncacbsa.org/group/OA

OA Chatter



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

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

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

An email was sent to all unit leaders in November 1st with links to requirements for qualifying candidates, and details about how to schedule elections or presentations.

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

William Stehn, Chapter Chief (chapterchief@goosecreekdistrict.org)

Colin Sparrow, Vice Chief - Elections (OAElections@goosecreekdistrict.org)

Mike Sierra, Elections Adviser (OAElections@goosecreekdistrict.org)

Rich Pender, Chapter Adviser (Rich.Pender@goosecreekdistrict.org)

“Onward and Upward” On the Advancement Trail



New Eagles



Congratulations to Goose Creek’s newest Eagles:

Jacob Briskman – Troop 966

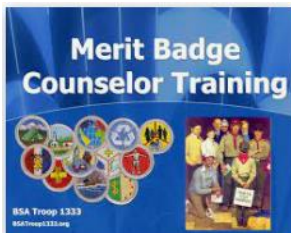
Matthew Christman – Troop 1550

Ethan Cox – Troop 982

Jordan Galleher – Troop 966

Jonathan Kirkwood – Troop 712

MANDATORY Merit Badge Counselor Training



Reminder - All Merit Badge Counselors are required by NCAC to complete the online BSA training for MBCs, available at the training part of my.scouting.org. If you haven't completed this training by year-end 2022, your MBC status will not be renewed for 2023. It's important info, but actually only takes about 30 minutes of your time to complete. Please check your training records - if you've completed live MBC training (course D76) or done the four virtual modules (SCO_471, 472, 474 and 486), you should be all set. If you're not sure you've completed the training, you can check your my.scouting.org training profile, or send Rich Pender your name and BSA ID (meritbadgedean@goosecreekdistrict.org), and he can check the District training records.

As of December 30, 150 Goose Creek MBCs still need to complete this training, or their status as MBCs will not be renewed



Life-to-Eagle Seminar



The next L2E Seminar is tentatively scheduled for.

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2023

Time: 10:00 – 2:00

Place: Rust Library (Mtg Rm B), Leesburg

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.

Hiking Merit Badge Requirements Update



Several requirement changes have been approved to the Hiking merit badge. These will become effective on January 1, 2023.

Requirement 2

Requirement 2 has been expanded into three parts, to allow Scouts to thoroughly demonstrate an understanding of the importance of good hiking practices and etiquette. It now includes more emphasis on Leave No Trace and the Outdoor Code, which are core principles of Scouting and should be introduced and reviewed when beginning to work on this merit badge:

2. *Do the following:*

- a. *Explain and, where possible, show the points of good hiking practices including proper outdoor ethics, hiking safety in the daytime and at night, courtesy to others, choice of footwear, and proper care of feet and footwear.*
- b. *Read aloud or recite the Leave No Trace guidelines, and discuss why each is important while hiking.*
- c. *Read aloud or recite the Outdoor Code, and give examples of how to follow it on a hike.*

Requirement 4

After reviewing feedback from the field and discussions from both merit badge counselors and professional organization representatives, requirements 4 and 5 were merged and updated. The new requirement has Scouts complete four 10-mile hikes and one 20-mile hike, as opposed to the previous one 5-mile, three 10-mile, and one 15-mile hike. It has also been written for clarity.

4. *Take four 10-mile hikes and one 20-mile hike, each on a different day, and each of continuous miles. Prepare a written hike plan before each hike and share it with your merit badge counselor or a designee for approval before starting the hike. Include map routes, a clothing and equipment list, and a list of items for a trail lunch. You may stop for as many short rest periods as needed, as well as one meal, during each hike, but not for an extended period such as overnight.*

Requirement 5

Requirement 6 became requirement 5 and replaced the word “reflection” with “report” as some Scouts may be unclear about what is meant by a “reflection”, but are more likely to know what is expected in a report. Additionally, it clarifies what should be included for each hike, not just a final report of all.

5. *After each of the hikes (or during each hike if on one continuous “trek”) in requirement 4, write a short report on your hike. For each hike, give the date and description (or map) of the route covered, the weather, any interesting things you saw, and any challenges you had and how you overcame them. It may include something you learned about yourself, about the outdoors, or about others you were hiking with. Share this with your merit badge counselor.*

We Need More District Eagle Representatives



Goose Creek District currently only has five District Eagle Representatives (DER), three of whom are in the Sterling area. We need more, especially in South Riding, Ashburn, and western Loudoun.

What does a DER do?

- Provides the final approval for Eagle Scout Project Proposals. The DER ensures that the project meets the standards for an Eagle Project and more importantly, talks to the Scout about the planning and leadership requirements of the project. The DER will also go over with the Scout about the entire Eagle process, from requirements still needed to filling in the Eagle Scout Rank Application and what to expect at the Eagle Board of Review.
- Represents the Council at an Eagle Board of Review.

What does it take to be a DER?

There are no set requirements to be a DER but people interested usually have several years of experience with a troop as either a Scoutmaster, ASM, or committee member. We also ask that they attend one of our Life to Eagle Training seminars, which goes over the minutiae of the Eagle process that they will have to be familiar with, and to sit down with the District Advancement Chair for a short, philosophical discussion of the process.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in becoming a DER please contact the District Advancement Chair, Alan Steiner, AlanSteiner15@gmail.com

Council / National News

Council Website: www.NCACBSA.org

The Akela Chess Classic Cub Scout Tournament



Take on the fun and challenge of playing chess! The Akela Chess Classic is a five-round chess tournament open to all Cub Scouts from Lions through Arrow of Light. Tournament play is in two brackets: Lions/Tigers/Wolves and Bears/Webelos/Arrow of Light.

When: February 4, check in at 8:30 AM. Rounds are at 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM and 2 PM. Awards at 3:30 PM.

Where: Marriott Scout Service Center, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

Fees: The cost is \$25.00 per Scout.

Awards: Each participating Scout receives a custom tournament patch and year rocker. Trophies/medals will be awarded to first, second, and third place by rank for each of the Cub Scout ranks. Multiple awards will be issued for ties.

Registration: Registration is open at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-chess>, registration ends midnight Jan 27.



Join Goshen Camp Staff



Every year, the Goshen Scout Reservation camps employ close to 250 highly motivated individuals to participate in the experience of a lifetime. If you are 14 years of age or older by this summer, you could be a part of something huge!

Job Requirements

We are seeking enthusiastic people who enjoy the outdoors. Prior experience with the Boy Scouts of America is not required. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older to work at Camp Ross, and the Scouts BSA Resident Camps, and 16 years of age or older to work at Lenhok'sin High Adventure. We are also seeking those 18 years or older for leadership and other positions. Are you 14 years of age? Be a Counselor-in-Training at Ross or one of the three Scouts BSA camps.

Amenities

Room, board, and laundry facilities are provided for all staff members.

Seasonal Positions

Positions 21+ Health Lodge Director, Aquatics Director, Shooting Sports Director, Shotgun Director, COPE and Climbing Director

18+ Area and Outpost Directors, First Aider, Range Safety Officer, Archery Director

16+ Lifeguards

15+ Program Staff and Area Instructors

14+ Counselor in Training (CIT)

Summer 2023 Schedule

Staff must be able to work from Saturday, June 17 - Tuesday, August 1, 2023 (August 8, 2023 for Camp Ross Staff).

Interviews begin January 2023. Apply before January 20, 2023 to get a January interview slot!

Learn more and apply at www.gotogoshen.org/staff



Goshen Spring Service Weekends



Staff Alumni Service Weekend: April 28-30, 2023

Run by the Goshen Staff Alumni Association, this service weekend is open to staff alumni from any Goshen camp and their friends and family, ages 18 and up. Meet other staff alumni new and old, spend some time at Goshen, and help us prepare for the next season of summer camp.

Info & Registration: www.gotogoshen.org/gsaasw

Volunteer Work Weekend: May 12-14, 2023

Open to members of the scouting community – youth and adults. Units and volunteers are invited to assist in camp beautification! Participants should bring their own tents.

Info & Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/082-65026>

The Akela Chess Classic Scouts BSA Tournament



Take on the fun and challenge of playing chess! The Akela Chess Classic is a five-round chess tournament open to all Scouts BSA, Venturers, and Sea Scouts from age 10 to 20. Tournament play is in three brackets: age 10-12, age 13-15, and age 16 and up.

When: February 11, check in at 8:30 AM. Rounds are at 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM and 2 PM. Awards at 3:30 PM.

Where: Marriott Scout Service Center, 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

Fees: The cost is \$25.00 per Scout.

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Registration: Registration is open at <https://scoutingevent.com/082-ChessClassic>, registration ends midnight Feb 6.



Join Snyder Camp Staff



Have you ever thought about working at Camp? If you are wondering how to spend your summer; consider a job at Camp Snyder.

New Experiences

Camp counselors learn to do many things during the summer. All staff will receive First Aid/CPR certification. You could take archery or BB instructor training. Whatever job you have, we can guarantee you'll have a lot of new experiences!

New Mindset

Camp has a profound effect on everyone who works here. You'll be more confident in your abilities, more open with communication, and perhaps have a new sense of purpose. Camp can open you up to who you are as a person, and you'll be surprised at how happy that will make you.

Communication

A huge part of camp is realizing how vital communication skills are! Camp teaches you many ways to communicate. You'll be communicating with campers, camp leadership, leaders, and parents.

Live and Work in the Great Outdoors

What comes to mind when you think about counselor accommodations at summer camp? I bet its NOTHING like ours! Our Camp staff stay in air-conditioned cabins with a kitchen, have access to 24/7 laundry, and have one guaranteed day off a week.

For more information on positions available, dates, and how to apply go to [Snyder Staff Flyer](#)

Scout Sunday, Scout Shabbat, and Scout Jumuah



Scouts try their best to live by the 12 points of the Scout Law seven days a week, 365 days a year. But each February, around the time of the BSA's birthday, we ask our Scouts to pause and pay extra attention to the Scout Law's finishing touch: reverent.

Through the celebrations known as Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath and Scout Jumuah, Scouts take a moment to reflect on their faith. Every unit can celebrate Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath and/or Scout Jumuah as they choose. But the occasions are especially important for Scout units supported by faith-based chartered organizations.



In those units, the celebrations offer a great opportunity to give back in a public way. That could mean wearing the full field uniform to worship services, where the worship leader presents religious awards to Scouts and Scouters. It could mean participating in the service by distributing programs, greeting guests, or leading a song or prayer. Or it could mean a daylong pack, troop, ship or crew service project that benefits the religious organization.

When is Scout Sunday 2023?

Scout Sunday 2023 is Feb. 5, 2022, according to the BSA's Calendar of Religious Observances, which stipulates that Scout Sunday should fall on the Sunday before the BSA's birthday on Feb. 8. But units and chartered organizations are free to schedule Scout Sunday on any Sunday in February. According to the BSA's official guidelines, a local church can "celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation."

You can buy the Scout Sunday 2023 patch, at [ScoutShop.org](https://www.scoutshop.org).

When is Scout Shabbat 2023?

Scout Shabbat 2023 is Feb. 10, 2023, according to the BSA's Calendar of Religious Observances and the National Jewish Committee on Scouting. Scout Shabbat (also called Scout Sabbath) is the Jewish observance of the significance of religion in Scouting. It begins at sundown on Friday, and continues into the next day.

Though the National Jewish Committee on Scouting has designated Feb. 10 as Scout Sabbath for 2023, some councils or units will celebrate the occasion on other days. Be sure to check with your council or local Jewish Committee on Scouting to verify the date.

When is Scout Jumuah 2023?

Scout Jumuah 2023 is Feb. 10, 2023, but units may adjust this date to best meet their needs. Scout Jumuah (sometimes stylized as Scout Jumu'ah) is the Islamic observance of the significance of religion in Scouting. It lasts from sundown on Thursday, Feb. 9, to sundown on Friday, Feb. 10. Scout Jumuah offers a chance to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting within the Muslim community.







2023 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 – 6/25 to 7/1
Week 2 – 7/2 to 7/8

Week 3 – 7/9 to 7/15
Week 4 – 7/16 to 7/22

Week 5 – 7/23 to 7/29
Week 6 – 7/30 to 8/5

Fees:

If paid by April 14: Youth \$455, Adults \$225
After April 14: Youth \$485, Adults \$265

- 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.

Cub Scout Day Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



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

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

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

Early Bird Registration (up to Apr 15): \$230 – Scout, \$50 – Adult
On Time Registration (up to May 13) \$250 – Scout, \$55 – Adult
Late Registration (after May 13) \$270 – Scout, \$60 – Adult

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

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

Cub Scout Weekend Resident Camp at Camp Snyder, Haymarket VA



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

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

Session 1: June 22-25

Session 2: June 29 – July 2

Session 3: July 6-9

Session 4: July 13-16

Early Bird Registration (up to Apr 15):	\$235 – Scout, \$80 – Adult
On Time Registration (up to May 13)	\$255 – Scout, \$105 – Adult
Late Registration (after May 13)	\$255 – Scout, \$130 - Adult

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

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

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

Michael's Woodshop



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

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

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



Lenhok'sin High Adventure



WHO CAN GO?

Youth participants must be 13 years of age by September 1, 2023.

LENHOK'SIN TRAIL TREK

Choose from a selection of outposts and scenic views to create your very own trek. Spend four nights on the trail and have a chance to earn awards, including the challenging Moore Five Peaks Award.

LENHOK'SIN TRAIL OUTPOSTS

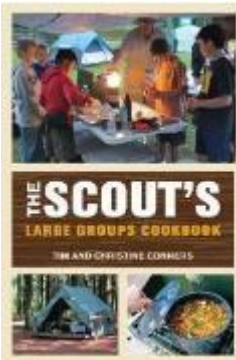
Take on adventure, travel through time, and experience the backcountry of western Virginia. Explore the past and learn frontier skills at our historical outposts. Visit the 1910s Appalachian blacksmithing forge at Foxfire and make your own steel creation. Shoot black powder rifles and barter at the 1830s Mountain Man encampment. Shoot archery and throw daggers at the Wood's Edge 9th century homestead. Navigate Lake Merriweather in kayaks and stand-up paddle boards at Aquatics, and test your wilderness first aid skills at Search and Rescue. Soar through the air and grow as a team at the COPE Course. Go Caving in a natural limestone cave and explore new depths. Can't get enough wilderness? Do one or more Primitive nights and see how far you can explore! Will you get to all five peaks?

JAMES RIVER CANOE TREK

Looking for something with more water? Paddle 61 miles of the historic Upper James River while you experience over 120 Class I and II rapids and the infamous Balcony Falls.

For more information: <https://www.gotogoshen.org/camps-programs/lenhoksin-high-adventure/>

Book – The Scout's Large Groups Cookbook



Based on the expertise and advice from Scout leaders across the United States, this book is designed specifically to assist the camp chef in planning and cooking for groups of eight to twenty. Over one hundred outstanding, easy-to-prepare recipes form the foundation of this book, whether you're hungry for Italian Bear Bait with Pasta, Prairieland Pizza Stew, or another group-friendly meal. Also included are valuable tips and resources to help build and strengthen basic skills that specifically address the challenges of cooking for large groups of Scouts. Each recipe has been personally tested and approved by the authors and is accompanied by at-a-glance information about cooking method, preparation time, challenge level, and servings. With plenty of great ideas for your camping menu and solid advice to back it up, failure is no longer an option.

Available from Amazon, \$10.60 paperback.

Scouts BSA Merit Badge Week at Camp Snyder



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

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

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

When: July 16 - 22

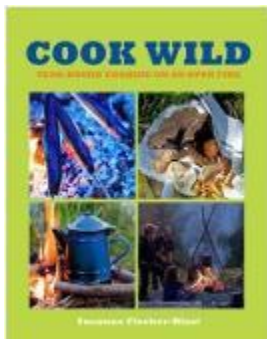
Early Bird Resident Scout Registration (up to Apr 16):	\$455
Early Bird Day Scout Camper Registration:	\$355
Early Bird Adult Registration:	\$225
On Time Resident Scout Registration (up to May 14)	\$485
On Time Day Scout Registration:	\$385
On Time Adult Registration	\$265
Late Resident Scout Registration (after May 14)	\$505
Late Day Scout Registration:	\$405

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

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

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

Book – Cook Wild: Year-Round Cooking on an Open Fire



Everything tastes better in the open air, around a fire. Here are 100 recipes to inspire you to venture outdoors and eat wild all year round. From the simple dishes that sustained our ancestors to feasts fit for modern foodies, the book draws from a rich repertoire of traditional cooking methods and recipes that have been passed down to this day. Whether it's Lebanese flatbread, hot smoked trout, chicken wrapped in clay, or waffles, chocolate bananas and Transylvanian tree cakes, all are simple and don't need special tools. The author has years of experience of cooking outdoors and the recipes, arranged by season, are easy to follow for both beginners and more seasoned campfire chefs.

With clear instructions on selecting wood and making a fire, a range of ovens and cooking methods and even suggestions for wild ingredients to forage, this is a book for anyone who wants to enjoy the thrill of cooking outdoors, with wood smoke, companionship and fresh air to sharpen the appetite.

Available from Amazon, \$19 paperback.



National/International Recognition Days/Weeks/Months Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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

- Jan 2 - [National Science Fiction Day](#)
- Jan 3 - [National Drinking Straw Day](#)
- Jan 4 - [National Spaghetti Day](#)
- Jan 5 - [National Bird Day](#)
- Jan 6 - [National Bean Day](#)
- Jan 7 - [National Bobblehead Day](#)
- Jan 8 - [National Bubble Bath Day](#)
- Jan 9 - [National Static Electricity Day](#)
- Jan 10 - [National Save the Eagles Day](#)
- Jan 11 - [National Milk Day](#)
- Jan 12 - [National Marzipan Day](#)
- Jan 13 - [National Rubber Ducky Day](#)
- Jan 14 - [National Dress Up Your Pet Day](#)
- Jan 15 - [National Bagel Day](#)
- Jan 16 - [National Fig Newton Day](#)
- Jan 18 - [National Winnie the Pooh Day](#)
- Jan 19 - [National Popcorn Day](#)
- Jan 20 - [National Cheese Lover's Day](#)
- Jan 21 - [Squirrel Appreciation Day](#)
- Jan 22 - [National Polka Dot Day](#)
- Jan 23 - [National Pie Day](#)
- Jan 24 - [National Peanut Butter Day](#)
- Jan 25 - [National Opposite Day](#)
- Jan 26 - [National Peanut Brittle Day](#)
- Jan 27 - [National Chocolate Cake Day](#)
- Jan 28 - [National Kazoo Day](#)
- Jan 29 - [National Puzzle Day](#)
- Jan 30 - [National Bubble Wrap Day](#)
- Jan 31 - [National Hot Chocolate Day](#)



There's only one way a group of Scouts wants to put out the campfire, and they'll have no way of knowing how bad an idea this is until they actually do it.

Training Opportunities

University of Scouting 2023 – Feb 25, 2023



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, and District Operations), 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 boys and girls to pack administration to planning for 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, District Operations, and Online Scouting/Social Media will be covered as subprograms within the College of General Studies.

All these opportunities are available at the University for learning how to better serve our young people and better work with our fellow leaders.

Fees: \$45 for students and \$30 for instructors taking classes. Walkins will be \$60

Where: Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Rd., Alexandria, Virginia 22315

Click [here](#) for a listing of the 2023 classes and when they will be held. Click [here](#) for the 2022 catalog of classes that gives more detailed information about the classes

Registration closes February 24 at midnight.

My.Scouting.org



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

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

NCAC Camp's OPI: Wilderness First Aid



Presented by the NCAC Camps, the Outdoor Preparedness Initiative (OPI) offers Wilderness First Aid certification with CPR/AED. OPI aims to prepare Scouts 14 and older, Scouters, and outdoor enthusiasts for high adventure activities and other outdoor adventures. Certification is provided through the American Red Cross.

This 2 day course will offer day only instruction Saturday from 7:30 am- 8 pm, and Sunday from 7:30 am – 4 pm. There will not be an overnight stay involved. Participants should bring their own lunch / snacks.

Cost: \$200

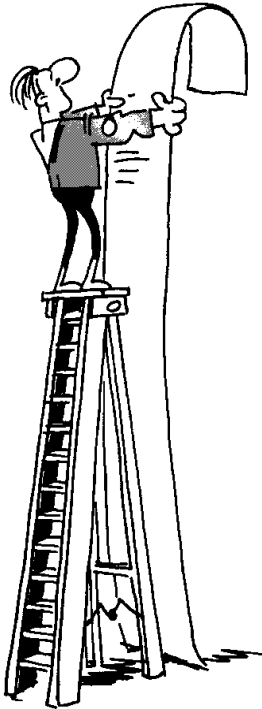
Where: Camp Snyder

Classes:

- Jan 28 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63545>
- Feb 25 - <https://scoutingevent.com/082-63545>



District Calendar



January 2023
 11 Roundtable
 11 OA Chapter Meeting
 12 Commissioner Mtg
 16 MLK Jr. Day
 21 **Life to Eagle Training**
 23-24 School Holidays
 26 District Committee

February 2023
 5 Scout Sunday
 8 Roundtable
 8 OA Chapter Meeting
 9 Commissioner Mtg
 10-12 **Freeze-o-ree**
 10 Scout Jumuah
 10 Scout Shabbat
 20 President's Day
 23 District Committee
 24 Univ. of Scouting

March 2023
 8 Roundtable
 8 OA Chapter Meeting
 9 Commissioner Mtg
 13 Student Holiday
 23 District Committee
 27 Student Holiday

April 2023
 12 Roundtable
 12 OA Chapter Meeting
 13 Commissioner Mtg
 14-16 **Spring Camporee**
 15 **Life to Eagle Training**
 27 District Committee

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

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

July 2023
 4 Fourth of July

August 2023
 9 Roundtable
 9 OA Chapter Meeting
 10 Commissioner Mtg
 19 **Life to Eagle Training**
 24 District Committee

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

October 2023
 11 Roundtable
 11 OA Chapter Meeting
 12 Commissioner Mtg
 21-22 JOTA/JOTI
 26 District Committee

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

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