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BCOLS Paycheck

Below is an email sent from a local Scouter to the training staff for a Back Country Leadership Skills (BCOLS) course. This Scouter recently led a crew hiking at Philmont and experienced an unusually severe weather incident. This is a very compelling story in itself and testimony to the value and importance of our adult leader training programs.

As you lead your unit youth through summer camping and high adventure excursions ask yourself if you have done your best to "Be Prepared."

On another level, this email gives appropriate homage to our trainers – Scouters who, like us, came to Scouting with diverse skillsets and limited outdoors knowledge, but who have gone the extra step to grow their knowledge then to teach and share their expertise and experience with the rest of us. The pay for our volunteer trainers is knowing that they've helped you provide a better and richer Scouting program for our youth. Next time you see one of your past instructors, let them know how they've helped you. Better yet, give serious consideration to joining them in passing along skills and insights that prepare the next adult leaders who follow us.--DJH; VC, Comms, PD

Subject: A Sincere Thank You for your Dedication to Training Others and details about my Philmont Trek.

Julia, Dominick and Cliti-

I wanted to send you a note to thank you for your dedication and time to train others, specifically the BCOLS course last Spring. I believe some of the course work that you and the rest of staff presented enabled me to safely complete our Philmont trek in the midst of some pretty harrowing days on the trail, as well as assist other campers and staff in time of substantial crisis.



I assume you have heard the news that a 13 year old scout scout, Alden Brock from Troop 380 in Sacramento CA, lost his life at Philmont in the early morning hours of 27 June in a flash flood. The crew from Troop 380 and my crew, 624-L-03, of Troop 2970 in Ashburn VA, were both 624 Expeditions, arriving at Philmont on 24 June. Both crews inserted at Six Mile gate on 25 June, and began their treks hiking in the North Ponil Canyon. On 26 June, both crews were at the Indian Writings staff camp for program. Troop 380 stayed and camped at Indian Writings and my crew hiked alone (we had no sister crew) North to Cottonwood Trail Canyon about 2 miles North of Indian Writings.

The first wave of the storms associated with the flooding hit us at 11:00 pm. The second wave hit around 3:30 AM on 27 June We had some flooding in our campsite at Cottonwood, but obviously nothing like Troop 380 experienced South of us at Indian Writings.

Being in the backcountry with no signal or communication connectivity, we did not know the scope of the storm(s) that we had just endured. We spent about an hour during each phase of the storm in the lightning position in our tents, but had no idea how the rest of the ranch was impacted.

In the morning, we continued on our itinerary plan, hiking back to the North Ponil Canyon and heading about two miles North to a staffed camp called Metcalf Station with a program theme of railroading in the 1860s. At the intersection of Cottonwood Trail Canyon and the North Ponil Canyon (where the flash flood did the most damage), we witnessed firsthand the flood's destructive force. The canyon's vegetation was destroyed, flood debris were everywhere, and we could see where the North Ponil Creek which we had crossed the day before, had swelled from a three foot wide, one foot deep stream, to over a 300 foot wide path of destruction, and erosion evidence that had cut the creek's banks over 20 feet high.

We came across a debris field so large that it would prohibit support vehicles to access the camp, and noted the UTM coordinates on our map to advise the Himont staff. Prior to BCOLS Land Navigation Segment, I had never heard of UTM before.

As we continued North, in addition to flood debris, we began seeing human belongings such as shoes and hiking gear, and parts of the railroad from Metcalfe Station - railroad ties and rails.

Upon our arrival at Metcalf Station, we were notified that the majority of the Metcalf Station staff and crews that were at Metcalf overnight were stranded on the West side of the North Ponil Creek, which was still a very rapid moving 20 foot wide and waist deep river. One of the staff tents had been washed away during the flood, but the occupant had jumped to safety. We found the narrowest section of the river, and used a plank, logs, and several railroad ties that we found in the debris field and used a line with a Monkey Bridge anchoring system to build a safe crossing to unite all of the staff and Philmont campers.

The scouts on the far bank are crews and staff members waiting to cross the bridge with exception of myself (checking the anchor for the line) and my son Brandon in the "13" shirt. Justin Hughes (Troop 2970) is crossing the far bridge with his hand on the line, and Mike Hughes (T2970 Committee Member) is in the foreground. T2970 ASM Dave Shockley is taking the photo.

After completion of the bridge to unify the staff and crews at the program station, our crew worked for about six hours removing flood debris from the program station area before we were cleared to hike on to our destination for the day - another 10 miles.

The specific sections from BCOLS that had an impact on my decisions during the crisis were:

- Trek Safely and Weather Safety
- Land Navigation and Tools
- Campsite Set Up
- Risk Management



Again, I sincerely appreciate the time and effort that the training staff at NCAC put into to the development of BCOLS. The curriculum helped me make decisions that saved our lives, or helped save the lives of others.

Sincerely,
Shawn



From the District Chairman:

Scouts and Scouters of Patriot District, Welcome back!

For those of you who have been watching the news, information on the new Adult Membership Standards is attached. This is now BSA-wide and Council Policy. We'll be glad to answer what questions we can, and get you in touch with those at NCAC who know more than we do. The flexibility that comes with this policy will cause many questions as we all get settled in to deliver our Fall program.

I hope Summer Camp and our High Adventure Bases were great this Summer! We've got a lot going on this Fall, and you're a part of it. So....

Our Golf Tournament is Coming Up! See the note inside to see how much the Golf Team has been working to raise a few more dollars for Scouting.

We will present a Good Scouter Award this Fall. More information inside...

Get ready for Fall Camporee! Inside, there are details on the Fall Patriot District Camporee, which has been in the works for a few months.

Start working towards Rechartering! There will be a few changes this year, so get with your Commissioners and be ready.

Scouting for Food is just around the corner! The first and second weekends in November are the drop-off and pick-up are on the schedule for Scouting for Food. Be Prepared!

Did I mention Popcorn???? The kickoff is upon us! Find that Popcorn Kernel quickly. It's critical to having a successful sale. As last year, the prizes are worth the effort. Last year, the Council gave out thousands of dollars' worth of iPads, iPods, and other exciting gifts. Now is the time!!!

Prepare for advancement and the Courts of Honor! Let the District Chair know if you are having a CoH and send the results to the Patriot Press. This month's Patriot Press describes all the many opportunities for advancement, service and growth. Read it from cover to cover.

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

Thank you for what you do for our Scouting movement.

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

And thank you for your support to our program.

Yours in Scouting.

Jack Campbell, District Chairman
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From the Commissioner

Welcome back from Day Camp, Summer Camp, and High Adventure. Keeping the outing in Scouting is a key way we retain our youth.

Good time to be Planning. In August and September, many are planning for the new Scout year. Three keys to success are worth remembering. First, add two fun adventures to the plan that will be new to your Scouts. Variety is important to retaining the excitement of Scouting for both the youth and adults. Second, attend a District event like a camporee or the Pine Wood Derby (whether you are a winner or not). Having youth appreciate that they are part of a large movement, a world-wide movement sparks the imagination. Third, take a look at your Journey to Excellence goals. Only months remain to achieve your goals and it's time to take a snapshot of your progress. More importantly, JTE is designed to strengthen your unit and your program. This planning period is a good time to check if you are putting all the possible fun, adventure, and growth into your program. An exciting program is the magic that best supports our mission of preparing our youth for tomorrow.

NCAC has changed the way applications are processed. The change has already made application processing quicker and more transparent. The NCAC Registrar and Registration Office are gone. Since mid-July, a Member Data Shared Services team at the National BSA Service Center has been processing our applications. This change has probably been invisible to you; your application processing does not change. Here's the simple flow. The unit leader and parent sign the youth application. The new member signs the disclosure form and application and the Chair and COR sign and approve the adult application with attached YPT certificate. All applications should be submitted to your Commissioner. Commissioners review applications to catch any missing information and submit them to the District Commissioner or his Deputy. Commissioners give the reviewed applications to the District Executive. The DE works with Council Finance to collect fees and obtain a receipt. Next is the change. The DE scans the applications, disclosure forms, YPT, and finance receipt into a scanner that National provided which is inside the encrypted BSA network. The Shared Services team enters the data which they promise to be in my.Scouting within 72 hours. Our experience is that it's in my.Scouting Membership Manager the next day. If the application is defective for any reason, the team emails the DE and District Commissioner. That's the transparency improvement. We can usually fix the problem by the next day. The Council Scout Executive gets weekly reports on application processing and current defects.

Now is the time to prep for Re-Chartering. First, submit all applications immediately. Don't let youth or adults engage in Scouting without being properly registered. Second, check your YPT aging report in my.Scouting Training Manager in August and September. Ask any adult whose YPT will expire before 31 March to retake the training now. If you take these two steps, rechartering will be a breeze. The Member Data Shared Services team will be processing our re-Charter packages. If registrations and YPT are already in the system, the 5 steps of internet re-Chartering are quick and your Membership Chair/processor only needs to get the Charter Application signed and collect a unit check before turn in. The window for Internet Re-Chartering opens on 1 October. Completed packages should be turned into your Unit Commissioner NLT 8 November.

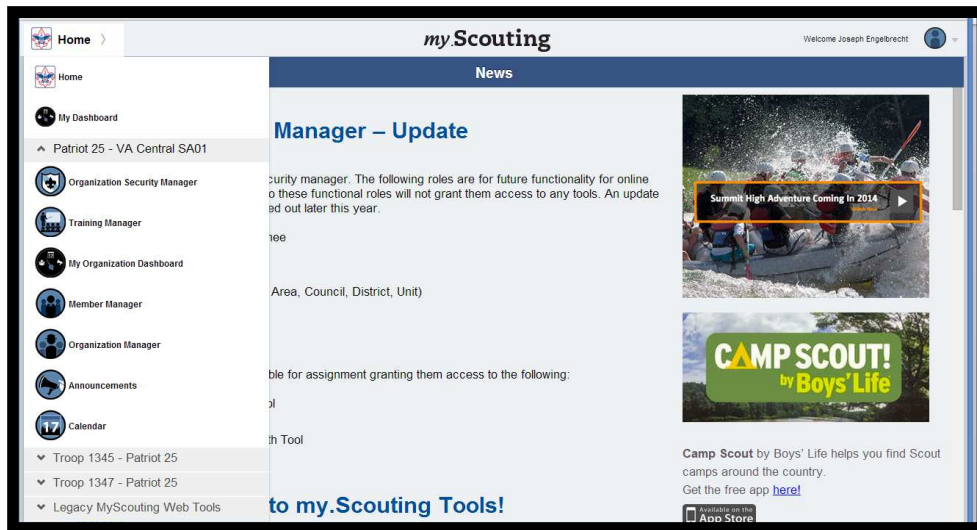
Come to our Training. Patriot District will conduct training on My.Scouting tools at 7:30PM at Roundtable on 13 August for unit Key 3's (leader, CC, and COR) and all interested Scouters. Your

membership and training chairs should attend this training. The tools allow the Key 3 to designate 3 others who have full access to the tools as well as designate some functional roles. We will finish in time to attend your normal Roundtable breakout. Next month we'll offer training on re-chartering at the 7:30 start of Roundtable as well. Join us for both and we'll make re-chartering smooth.

Jae Engelbrecht, Patriot District Commissioner
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my.Scouting Tools Update & Refresher Training



Join Patriot District Scouters (Cubs, Boy Scouts, Varsity and Ventures) for a demonstration and training on the new my.Scouting Tools. Unit Key 3 (Leader, Chair, and Chartered Organization Representative) have full access to the tools to manage unit information. The Key 3 can now designate 3 others (Plus 3) to use the tool to support the unit. Unit Key 3, Membership Chair and Training Chair should attend.

When: 7:30-7:50 PM, Thursday August 13th

Where: At the Roundtable Midway, St. Stephen's United Methodist Church

Who: Unit Key 3 (Leader, Chair, COR), Membership Chair, Training Chair,
All interested Scouters

What: Learn Tips for using the Tools

Why: To share the load, Hear what's coming, See how Commissioners can help



*Does not such a country, and such defenders of their country,
deserve a song?*

~ Francis Scott Key (b. August 1, 1779)

National BSA policy

All,

Please see the below statement from the National Key Three. This was just announced recently, and is running in the news and online so I wanted you to “Be Prepared!” Please forward any media contacts to me, and watch www.Scoutingnewsroom.org for updates. I will share as well as we learn more.

Here is the statement from National:

During the 2015 Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting in May, Dr. Gates encouraged the Scouting family to reflect on the challenges, primarily regarding adult leadership standards, facing the BSA and potential alternatives for addressing them.

As a result of the rapid changes in society and increasing legal challenges at the federal, state, and local levels, on Friday, July 10, the Boy Scouts of America Executive Committee adopted a resolution amending the adult leadership standards policy. The resolution was unanimously accepted by those present and voting.

This resolution will allow chartered organizations to select adult leaders without regard to sexual orientation, continuing Scouting’s longstanding policy of chartered organizations selecting their leaders. The National Executive Board will meet to ratify this resolution on Monday, July 27.

This change allows Scouting’s members and parents to select local units, chartered to organizations with similar beliefs, that best meet the needs of their families. This change would also respect the right of religious chartered organizations to continue to choose adult leaders whose beliefs are consistent with their own. The 2013 youth membership policy will not be affected and remains unchanged.

Scouting will continue to focus on reaching and serving youth to help them grow into good, strong citizens. By focusing on the goals that unite us, we are able to accomplish incredible things for young people and the communities we serve.

Aaron Chusid Chief Communications Officer

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A boy is Nature's answer to false belief that there is no such thing as perpetual motion.

~ Herbert Hoover (b. August 10, 1874)



Patriot District Events

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

August 2015

- TBD OA Chapter Meeting
- 11 Commissioner Meeting
- 13 JSN training at Roundtable (7 PM)
- 13 my.scouting tools training at Roundtable (7:30)
- 13 Roundtable
- 15 First popcorn distribution
- 25 PD Committee Meeting
- 28-30 Powder Horn (1st weekend)
- 30 Patriot Press Deadline – September

September 2015

- 4 Second popcorn order due
- 8 Commissioner Meeting
- 10 Roundtable
- 10 Recharter training (at Roundtable)
- 11 OA Chapter Meeting
- 11-13 Wood Badge (weekend #1)
- 12 Road to Scouting
- 14 Patriot District Golf Tournament
- 18-20 Powder Horn (2nd weekend)
- 18-20 OA Lodge Fall Fellowship (Goshen)
- 19 Second popcorn distribution
- 19 CSLST (complete session)
- 20 CSLST (complete session)
- 22 PD Committee Meeting
- 26 BCOLS (classroom session)
- 27 Patriot Press Deadline – October

October 2015

- 1 On-line rechartering window opens
- 2 Third popcorn order due
- 2-4 OA Ordeal
- 8 Roundtable
- 9 OA Chapter Meeting
- 10 COR training
- 10-12 Wood Badge (weekend #2)
- 13 Commissioner Meeting
- 16-18 Fall Camporee
- 17 Third popcorn distribution
- 23-25 V3 Hike-o-ree (4-H Center, Front Royal)
- 24 Life-to-Eagle Seminar
- 24-25 BCOLS (overnight)
- 27 PD Committee Meeting

Patriot District Fall Camporee

October 16 – 18, 2015
Verdun – Adventure Bound

As of July 30, 2015

The themes for the Patriot District Fall Camporee are Marksmanship and Outdoor Adventure. Scouts, venture and webelos will have numerous choices to challenge themselves and have fun. The marksmanship events will include; air rifle shooting, an air rifle decathlon, archery, ax throwing, knife throwing and sling shot shooting. Additionally, we will conduct black powder shooting and shotgun/skeet shooting. The outdoor adventure events are fishing, rock wall climbing and dodge ball. The camporee will conduct an extended program on Sunday until 2 PM for units that arrive late Saturday night or Sunday morning. Also, units that want to remain can enjoy extra activities on Sunday.

Verdun has an outstanding high ropes challenge course. The events are exciting, unique and spread throughout the trees and fields. The high challenge course includes a traverse *slide-for-life* that carries a scout over 1000 feet through the forest and over a valley. Most events in the high ropes course take place 30 feet in the air using specially constructed apparatus. Venture crews and older scouts in the eighth grade or higher are encouraged to sign up for the High Ropes course. There will be an additional charge for ventures and scouts taking the challenge course.

The fall camporee will feature two other unique programs. The first is the Journalism merit badge. Scouts will not only learn about traditional journalism but will complete several media/IT requirements. All scouts taking the Journalism merit badge will be accredited to the camporee Press Corps and issued a red hat identifying them as members of the press. The eminent business owner, Rich Harrington, is the merit badge counselor. The second program is a STEM mathematical exercise. Scouts will discover “Root”, “Square Root” and “Pi” just as the ancient Egyptians and Greeks did. Donald Katze, a US Merchant Marine Academy graduate, mechanical engineer and noted mathematician will guide our scouts through the discovery process. Scouts need a basic understanding of algebra and geometry to follow this course. A scout that has completed Fairfax County’s School Mathematics 7th grade course with a “B” or better or is taking high school algebra can take this program. For several thousand years students have just memorized these concepts, but during this camporee, scouts have the opportunity to re-discover critical mathematics.

Out of Patriot District units are invited to the camporee if they want to take the high ropes challenge course or participate in the Journalism merit badge or Saturday STEM mathematical program.

The camporee will have the traditional events that bring us together as a district; Opening and Closing ceremonies, Senior Patrol Leader/Scoutmaster Cracker Barrel, outdoor church services, a Saturday night campfire, and the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood Walk.

The camporee will be held from Friday night, October 16 till Sunday October 18, 2015 at Verdun – Adventure Bound, 17044 Adventure Bound Trail, Rixeyville, Virginia 22737, telephone (540) 937-4920. The cost is twenty-five dollars (\$25) per scout, venture, webelos, or adult. There is an additional charge of thirty-five (\$35) for scouts or venture taking the high challenge course. The charge for scouts that are just taking the Saturday STEM mathematical program and are not camping is ten dollars (\$10). There is no charge for adults that are just helping out on Saturday or Sunday and are not camping for the weekend.

It is important that units notify Joe Casey by e-mail or phone by **September 18, 2013** that they plan to attend the camporee. His e-mail is jmccasey@verizon.net and his phone number is (703) 455-9050. Joe Casey will answer every e-mail. Units need to notify Joe of the approximate number of participants. **Troops/Units must notify Joe of the number of Challenge course participants so that facilitators can be hired.** Final camporee registration and payment will take place Friday evening on-site as units arrive.

Troops are requested to volunteer to provide the Camporee Senior Patrol Leader and the Flag Detail for the Opening and Closing ceremonies. The Camporee Senior Patrol Leader is responsible for conducting the Camporee Opening and Closing ceremonies and acting as Master of Ceremonies for the Saturday night

campfire. This is a great opportunity for a senior scout to display his leadership abilities. Also, the camporee is looking for at least two scout buglers or trumpet players. As always, the camporee staff is in need of adult volunteers to support the different events. Volunteers should phone William Dexter, the Camporee Director at (703) 978-2632 or send an e-mail to wtdexterjr@gmail.com.

Patriot District will not conduct an **Introduction to Outdoors Leader Skills (IOLS)** training course at the camporee. The IOLS training course will be conducted on another weekend later in the fall. The director for the IOLS training is Philip Sternberg. He can be reached at phil.sternberg@gmail.com or (703) 960-0205.



**Patriot District Life to Eagle
Seminar & Discussion Roundtable
For Life Scouts and Parents**



Saturday, October 24, 2015

9 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: TBD

Hosted by Bob Brese

Advisor, Venturing Crew 1346

Eagle Scout Program Coordinator and Former Scoutmaster, Troop 1346

And Featuring a Cast of Eagle Scouts and Adults

Ready to Answer All Your Questions!



What are the requirements? What counts as a position of responsibility? Do I HAVE to have the Cooking merit badge? Where do I get a project idea? How do I get my project approved? How long is this going to take? How do I get the money for my project? What is a life purpose statement? How do I fill out the application? What role does the Council play? Where do I get more information? What are letters of reference? Who's on my Board of Review?

RSVP requested - contact Bob Brese at rfbrese@gmail.com.



There can be no great accomplishment without risk

~ Neil Alden Armstrong, Eagle Scout (b. August 5th, 1930)



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

WHAT: Patriot District “Road to Scouting” (Webelos to Boy Scout Transition)

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

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

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

QUESTIONS: John Stewart, john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil, Ken Gaul, kgaul@verizon.net



We need *YOUR* Troop!

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

WHAT: Road to Scouting (Webelos to Boy Scout Transition)

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

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

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

Reserve your space? Questions?

CONTACT: John Stewart, john.r.stewart.civ@mail.mil, Ken Gaul, kgaul@verizon.net



OA schedule 2015-2016

- August ---picnic
- August officer orientation
- August 23 LEC 3 pm HITT building
- September 11 chapter meeting 6:30 pm
Church of the Good Shepherd
- September 18-20 fall fellowship Goshen
- October 2-4 fall ordeal
- October 4 LEC Camp Big Mac
- October 9 chapter meeting
- October 16-18 fall camporee Verdun Adventure bound
- November 13 chapter meeting
- November 14 scouting for food Safeway in Burke
- November NLS/NLATS Alpine, NJ
- November Area leadership training
- December 4 LEC
- December 11 chapter meeting
- January 2 Lodge banquet
- January 8 chapter meeting
- February 5 LEC
- February 12 chapter meeting
- March 11 chapter meeting
- March NLS/NLATS Alpine, NJ
- April 2 LEC
- April 8 chapter meeting
- April NLS PA
- April spring fellowship
- May 13 chapter meeting
- May 20-22 conclave Goshen
- May spring ordeal
- June chapter banquet

Kristin Chioma



Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose

~ Lyndon Johnson (b. August 27, 1908)



PRIZES

**We want
YOU
to attend**



GAMES

Cub Scout Roundtable

When: Thursday, August 13, 2015

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

Midway: 7:30pm – 8 pm

Roundtable: 8pm – 9pm

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



FUN



FELLOWSHIP

Greg Wagner

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Boy Scout Roundtable

Not just for Scoutmasters

Patriot District Boy Scout Roundtable

Thursday, August 13, 2015

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

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

Join our brand new Roundtable Commissioner Randy Witter and find out what we have planned for the new year!

Thank you Steve Smith and Dave Sharp for your years of service. We are all better scouters because of you.

*Randy Witter, Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner
703-323-5220, Randy.Witter@gmail.com*

Steve Polchek – 703-978-1309, sapolchek@verizon.net

Sometimes when people are under stress, they hate to think, and it's the time when they most need to think

~ William Jefferson Clinton (b. August 19, 1946)

Training

As we start another Scouting year, we want to make sure that each Scout has the best experience possible. Having trained leaders is one of the keys to that success. Please add to your calendars:

19 September: Scoutmaster, Cubmaster and Den leader training (times and locations to be finalized)

20 September: Cubmaster and Den leader training (times and locations to be finalized)

10 October: Charter Organization Representative (times and locations to be finalized)

13-14 November: Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (times and locations to be finalized)



Join Scouting Night (JSN) Training

Greetings and Good Day! Please spread the word!

The HUNT for all new Tiger Scouts within the month of June was a huge success! All new Tiger Scouts that registered between June 1st and June 30th, 2015 received a new Tiger Handbook from one of our local Scout Shop Stores. This year we doubled our Tiger Scout Recruitment with a total of 456 new Tiger Scouts!

We want to send a HUGE THANK YOU to all our District Membership Chairs. In the month of July all our District Membership Chairs or their representatives took the third week to build each Pack their Join Scout Night Box for the Fall 2015 Recruitment! Now each Pack should be able to pick-up their Join Scout Night Materials at their local training. Here is a list of where you can find out more information on Join Scout Night and go to pick up materials:

Fall JSN Training			
City	Date and Time	Location	Host District
Woodbridge, VA	August 10 th @ 7:30pm	Grace Baptist Church 14242 Spriggs Rd	Occoquan
Alexandria, VA	August 12 th @ 7pm	Aldersgate United Methodist Church 1301 Collingwood Rd	Colonial
Burke, VA	August 13 th @ 7pm	St. Stephens UMC 9203 Braddock Rd	Patriot
Springfield, VA	August 13 th @ 6:30pm	Lee High School 6540 Franconia Rd	Old Dominion





Wood Badge

Advanced Leadership Training

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

Fall Course Schedule

Sep 11 - 13 & Oct 10 - 12

Camp William B. Snyder, Haymarket, VA

Scoutmaster Jack Culver

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

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

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

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





New Guide to Advancement for 2015

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

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

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



Unit Leader Roster

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

John Stewart, Vice Chair Membership

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

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Unit's Service Hours and JTE Points

Scouting was founded on the premise of doing a Good Turn daily. Community service is very important in the character-building process and, as Scouts, we have made the commitment to give back to our communities. National BSA has provided a website to make it easy for us to report and keep track of Service Projects we perform in our local communities and council.

Completion of a certain number of service hours is a requirement for your unit's Journey to Excellence score. This website will help to keep track of service projects and hours spent executing them. Setting up your unit's Profile on the Service Hours website is simple. Just follow the three steps shown below!

To sign up, you will need to know your 4-digit Unit Number (use zeros to make up digits if needed. Example: Troop 98 would use Troop 0098) as well as your Unit ID# (This is the same # you use for online advancement). If you don't have this, you can get it from your District Executive.

REPORTING UNIT SERVICE HOURS

Use this National BSA tool to help your unit fulfill the Service Hours requirement for Journey to Excellence. Completing and reporting your service hours helps to support both your community and your local Council!

STEP #1

Visit service hours reporting website:
<https://ServiceHours.Scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

STEP #2

Click on "New Users Click Here" & fill in each field with appropriate information for your Unit.
Be sure to remember your username & password.

STEP #3

Once your information is entered, click "Register".
Now log in and report your Unit's service hours!



For additional help setting up your unit's profile, visit <https://servicehours.scouting.org/includes/files/popHelp.htm> or contact your Unit Service Executive.

For additional information and Service Project examples, visit: http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/Awards/JourneyToExcellence/unit_tips.aspx

From SCOUTWIRE, a weekly news feed on what's new in Scouting.

Myscouting.Org and My.Scouting.Org

Read those two URLs quickly and you might not notice a difference – which may be why a lot of volunteers have questions about the differences between Myscouting.org and my.Scouting.org.

If you're confused about which site houses which resources, never fear. We hear you!

The gist: my.Scouting.org is transitioning to become one easy-to-use spot for volunteer resources. While you may be heading to Myscouting.org regularly right now, expect the site's tools to be migrated to my.Scouting.org in the near future.

Coming to my.Scouting Tools

To reduce some of the uncertainty regarding where to go to access tools you need, significant changes will be made to both the Myscouting.org and my.Scouting Tools sites over the next coming weeks.

Starting Thursday, July 16, the following program links will be removed from Myscouting.org's column list and become accessible in my.Scouting Tools under **Legacy Web Tools** in the Home menu list:

- Internet Advancement
- National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course
- Service Hours Reporting

Additionally, we're removing outdated links and resources. More changes are coming, so check back often as we work to make my.Scouting Tools the one place to go for all your needs!

http://scoutingwire.org/whats-the-difference-between-myscouting-org-and-my-scouting-org/?utm_source=Volunteers&utm_campaign=7878b49ba6-Volunteer_Newsletter_18_7_15_157_15_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9777d746fe-7878b49ba6-205118709



NASA

Robinson Eagle Scout at the International Space Station

On July 22, Kjell Lindgren launched into outer space aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket to the International Space Station (ISS), achieving his boyhood ambition and a goal he'd worked toward since before his days at Robinson Secondary School. He launched into outer space aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket to the International Space Station, achieving his boyhood ambition and a goal he'd worked toward since his days at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax County.

After graduating from Robinson at the top of his class, Kjell Lindgren graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in Mandarin Chinese. He followed that with three master's degrees from different schools and a medical degree from the University of Colorado. Dr. Lindgren was selected in June 2009 as one of 14 members of the 20th NASA astronaut class.

<https://www.facebook.com/NASAbsa>



How Scouts Are Making 3-D Prosthetics for Kids and You Can Too

Scouts have embarked on a tech-centric mission of goodwill that can literally reach out and grab you.

By now you've probably heard about 3-D printing and how it's making the unimaginable tangible (also affirming for many: *Star Trek* could indeed predict the future). You may have even read about the Venturers and Scouts who are leading efforts to create 3-D printed hands for children born with partially formed arms.

But do you know how these helping hands, along with the Scouts who create them, are changing the world for kids who are born without limbs? Now, Scouts are part of a worldwide group of volunteers who were initially recruited to the cause in a fittingly 21st Century manner (via YouTube comments – check it out in the video).

The outcome? Prosthetic hands that would have cost thousands of dollars only to be quickly outgrown by kids who need them now cost less than \$50 to make. Through e-Nable <http://enablingthefuture.org/>, kids can get the prosthetics at no cost.

The Boy Scouts of America has a history of encouraging kids to change the world for the better by exploring careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. Both STEM activities in existing programs and the pilot STEM Scouts program challenge children to innovate and serve others.

Congrats to 114 for making it to the national Scoutwire! Scoutingnewstoom.org

Patriot District Facebook Site

Are you on Facebook? If you are one of the many, did you know that Patriot District has its own Facebook Page? We post about upcoming events, share photos, interesting articles, and more. We are open to your participation and feedback. If you would like to contribute, just like us on Facebook and message us. In fact, you might be interested in several Facebook Pages.

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

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



BSA acquires Scoutbook

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

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

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

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

Yes, it'll work on your device

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information go to the following link.

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

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

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

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6th Annual Golf Outing to Support Scouting

4 Person Scramble Benefiting the Boy Scouts of Northern VA

Prince William Golf Course

14631 Vint Hill Rd.
Nokesville, VA 20181
www.NCACBSA.org/PatriotGolf

Monday
September 14, 2015

Registration 8:00 AM

Shotgun Start 9:00 AM

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



The Honorable David Bulova

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



The Honorable Pat Herryty

Honorary Event Co-Chair
Fairfax County Supervisor,
Springfield District



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

Raffle/Silent Auction/Goodie Bag Donations

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

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 Bill Me for \$ _____
 Check enclosed for \$ _____
 (make payable to Boy Scouts of America, memo GP15)
 AMEX/VISA/MC/Discover for \$ _____
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 Exp. Date _____ CID# _____

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

www.NCACBSA.org/PatriotGolf

or mail email or fax to:

Sue Hart – 9190 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814

Tel: 301-214-9192 | Fax: 301-564-3648 | Susan.Hart@Scouting.org



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